

S 1810

Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]

Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2007
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Mar 31, 2008
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Jun 11, 2008
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 9, 2008
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 9, 2008
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 18, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 24, 2008
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 21, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3112	Related bill	Apr 23, 2008: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act - (Sec. 3) Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through either the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to authorize and oversee certain activities relating to Down syndrome or other prenatally or postnatally diagnosed conditions. Includes among such activities the awarding of grants, contracts or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to: (1) collect, synthesize, and disseminate current evidence-based information relating to such conditions; and (2) coordinate the provision of, and access to, new or existing supportive services for patients receiving a positive diagnosis for such conditions. Includes within such supportive services: (1) the establishment of a resource telephone hotline; (2) the expansion of the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities; (3) the expansion of national and local peer-support programs; (4) the establishment of a national registry, or network of local registries, of families willing to adopt newborns with such conditions; and (5) the establishment of awareness and education programs for health care providers who provide, interpret, or inform parents of the results of prenatal tests for such conditions.

Requires the Secretary to place an emphasis on funding partnerships between health care professional groups and disability advocacy organizations in distributing funds.

Requires a grantee under this Act to make available to health care providers of parents who receive a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis: (1) up-to-date, evidence-based, written information concerning the range of outcomes for individuals living with the diagnosed condition, including physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes; and (2) contact information regarding support services, including information hotlines, resource centers or clearinghouses, national and local peer support groups, and other educational and support programs. Requires information provided to be culturally and linguistically appropriate and to be approved by the Secretary.

Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report to Congress concerning the effectiveness of current health care and family support programs serving as resources for the families of children with disabilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-374.
- **Sep 29, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9918-9920)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1810.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9918)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9918)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9341-9343; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S9341-9342)
- **Sep 23, 2008:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 21, 2008:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 21, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 701.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 18, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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