

S 1858

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2007
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5919	Related bill	May 27, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-237.
110 SCONRES 76	Related bill	Apr 14, 2008: Held at the desk.
110 HR 3825	Identical bill	Apr 8, 2008: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 352.
110 S 634	Related bill	Feb 15, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2083-2085)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 13, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to award grants to eligible entities to: (1) provide screening, counseling, or health care services to newborns and children having or at risk for heritable disorders; (2) provide education and training in newborn screening and congenital, genetic, and metabolic disorders to health care professionals and newborn screening laboratory personnel; (3) develop and deliver educational programs about newborn screening, counseling, testing, follow-up, treatment, and specialty services to parents, families, and patient advocacy and support groups; and (4) establish, maintain, and operate a system to assess and coordinate treatment relating to congenital, genetic, and metabolic disorders.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2012 for grants for demonstration programs to evaluate the effectiveness of screening, counseling, or health care services in reducing the morbidity and mortality caused by heritable disorders in newborns and children.

(Sec. 4) Expands the duties of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children to include: (1) making recommendations that include the heritable disorders for which all newborns should be screened; (2) developing a model decision-matrix for newborn screening expansion; and (3) considering ways to ensure that all states attain the capacity to screen for the recommended conditions. Sets forth deadlines for the Secretary to make a decision on Advisory Committee recommendations.

Requires the Advisory Committee to continue to operate during the five-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary, acting through the Administrator, to establish and maintain a central clearinghouse of current information on newborn screening. Sets forth requirements for such clearinghouse, including: (1) ensuring that the clearinghouse is available on the Internet and is updated at least quarterly; (2) providing links to websites that have expertise in newborn screening; (3) providing information about newborn conditions and screening services available in each state; (4) providing current research on conditions for which newborn screening tests are available; and (5) providing the availability of federal funding for newborn and child screening for heritable disorders.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to provide for: (1) quality assurance for screening laboratories; and (2) appropriate quality control and other performance test materials to evaluate the performance of new screening tools.

Requires the Secretary to establish an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Newborn and Child Screening to make recommendations on: (1) programs to collect, analyze, and make available data on certain heritable disorders; and (2) the establishment of regional centers to conduct applied epidemiological research on effective interventions for preventing poor health outcomes resulting from such disorders and to provide information and education to the public on such effective interventions.

(Sec. 7) Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director of CDC, to develop a national contingency plan for newborn screening in the event of a public health emergency.

Authorizes the Secretary to continue to carry out, coordinate, and expand research in newborn screening (to be known as

the Hunter Kelly Newborn Screening Research Program), including: (1) identifying, developing, and testing the most promising new screening technologies; and (2) experimental treatments and disease management strategies for conditions that can be detected through newborn screening for which treatment is not yet available.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 24, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-204.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** By Senator Kennedy from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 110-280.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Mrs. Capps moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2038-2041)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1858.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2038-2040)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2038-2040)
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 8, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 17, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S15572-15577; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S15572-15574)
- **Dec 13, 2007:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S15574-15576)
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S15574-15576)
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 522.
- **Nov 14, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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