

HR 2851

Michelle's Law

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2007
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2007
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2007
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 3, 2007
Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-8]	D · GA		Aug 3, 2007
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Aug 3, 2007
Rep. Altmire, Jason [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 1, 2007
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Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2007
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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 2, 2007
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Oct 2, 2007
Rep. Ross, Mike [D-AR-4]	D · AR		Oct 2, 2007
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Oct 2, 2007
Rep. Wynn, Albert Russell [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Oct 2, 2007
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Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Oct 16, 2007
Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Oct 16, 2007
Rep. Etheridge, Bob [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Oct 16, 2007
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Oct 16, 2007
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2007
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2008
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2008
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 10, 2008
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Mar 10, 2008
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 10, 2008
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Melancon, Charlie [D-LA-3]	D · LA		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Shuler, Heath [D-NC-11]	D · NC		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 8, 2008
Rep. Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		Apr 16, 2008

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Rep. Hooley, Darlene [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 16, 2008
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Apr 16, 2008
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Ellsworth, Brad [D-IN-8]	D · IN		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 8, 2008
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 8, 2008
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Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Jun 17, 2008
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Jun 17, 2008
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jun 17, 2008
Rep. Childers, Travis [D-MS-1]	D · MS		Jun 24, 2008
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2008
Rep. Space, Zachary T. [D-OH-18]	D · OH		Jun 24, 2008
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2008
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jul 8, 2008
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Jul 22, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2007
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 9, 2008
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Sep 25, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 3, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 400	Related bill	Jan 25, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Michelle's Law - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit a group health plan from terminating coverage of a dependent child due to a medically necessary leave of absence from, or any other change in enrollment at, a postsecondary education institution that commences while such child is suffering from a serious illness or injury and that causes such child to lose student status for purposes of coverage under the plan, before the earlier of: (1) one year after the first day of the medically necessary leave of absence; or (2) the date on which such coverage would otherwise terminate under the terms of the plan. Requires written certification by the child's treating physician. Directs group health plans to include notice of the terms of this Act with any notice regarding a requirement for certification of student status for coverage under the plan.

Provides that coverage under this Act continues in the manner in which the participant or beneficiary is covered under the plan changes so long as the change of coverage continues to provide coverage of beneficiaries as dependent children.

Applies such requirement to coverage offered in the individual market.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 9, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-381.
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9459)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S9459)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 110-806, Part I.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Committee on Education and Labor discharged.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 522.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7541-7546)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2851.
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7541-7543)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7541-7543)
- **Jul 30, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 16, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 40 - 0.
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Sep 11, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness.
- **Sep 11, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jul 3, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 25, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.