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Vision Preservation Act of 2008

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 3750	Related bill	Oct 4, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Vision Preservation Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to expand and intensify programs to increase awareness of vision problems.

Directs the Secretary to expand and intensify: (1) activities to establish a solid scientific base of knowledge on the prevention, control, and rehabilitation of vision problems and related disabilities; (2) research within CDC on the prevention and management of vision loss; and (3) programs targeted to prevent vision loss, treat eye and vision conditions, and rehabilitate people of all ages who are blind or partially sighted in underserved and minority communities.

Amends title V (Maternal and Child Health Services) of the Social Security Act to authorize appropriations to enable the Secretary to introduce core performance measures on eye health by incorporating vision screening and examination standards into state programs.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to eligible institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations for vision rehabilitation professional development.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9210-9211)
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