

## HR 5669

Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (34 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 1, 2008
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Apr 17, 2008
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Apr 17, 2008
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 17, 2008
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Apr 22, 2008
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Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Apr 24, 2008
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Apr 24, 2008
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Apr 24, 2008
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2008
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 1, 2008
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		May 1, 2008
Rep. McCrery, Jim [R-LA-4]	R · LA		May 1, 2008
Rep. Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]	R · OH		May 1, 2008
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		May 1, 2008
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 7, 2008
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		May 8, 2008
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 8, 2008
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 8, 2008
Rep. Young, C. W. Bill [R-FL-10]	R · FL		May 12, 2008
Rep. Bean, Melissa L. [D-IL-8]	D · IL		May 13, 2008
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		May 13, 2008
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 22, 2008
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 22, 2008
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2008
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jun 3, 2008

**Committee Activity**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 23, 2008
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 5, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2932	Related bill	<b>Oct 8, 2008:</b> Became Public Law No: 110-377.

### Summary (as of Jun 4, 2008)

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**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide coordination and assistance for the maintenance of the nationwide toll-free phone number to access poison centers.

Changes the name of poison control centers to poison centers.

Requires the Secretary to carry out and expand upon a national media campaign to educate the public and health care providers about poison prevention and the availability of poison center resources in local communities. Authorizes the Secretary to enter into contracts with a nationally recognized organization for the development and implementation of a nationwide poison prevention and poison center awareness campaign.

Expands the poison center grant program to allow the Secretary to award grants for poison centers to comply with the operational requirements needed to sustain certification. Adds as the purposes for which such grants may be used: (1) to establish and evaluate best practices in the United States for poison prevention, poison center outreach, and emergency and preparedness programs; (2) to develop and implement standard patient management guidelines for commonly encountered toxic exposures; (3) to improve national toxic exposure surveillance; (4) to develop, support, and enhance technology and capabilities of professional organizations in the field of poison control to collect national poisoning, toxic occurrence, and related public health data; and (5) to develop initiatives to foster the enhanced public health utilization of national poison data. Eliminates matching requirements for such grants.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2010-FY2014.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 5, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 110-681.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 426.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Mr. Green, Gene moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4896-4899)
- **Jun 4, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5669.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4936-4937)
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 10 (Roll no. 373).(text: CR H4896-4897)
- **Jun 4, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 10 (Roll no. 373). (text: CR H4896-4897)
- **Jun 4, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 7, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 23, 2008:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 23, 2008:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1943)
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.