

S 901

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Community Health Centers program, the National Health Service Corps, and rural health care programs.

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Policy Area: Health

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Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 26, 2007
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Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jun 15, 2007
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Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jul 11, 2007
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 17, 2008
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 2, 2008
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jun 19, 2008
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 19, 2008
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 25, 2008
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 19, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1343	Related bill	Oct 8, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-355.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2008)

Health Care Safety Net Act of 2008 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize appropriations for FY2008-FY2012 for health centers to meet the health care needs of medically underserved populations.

Requires the Comptroller General to study the economic costs and benefits of school-based health centers and their impact on the health of students, including an analysis of: (1) the impact that federal funding could have on the operation of such centers; (2) any cost savings to other federal programs derived from providing health services in such centers; and (3) the impact of such centers in rural or underserved areas.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to submit a report to the relevant congressional committees that describes efforts to expand and accelerate quality improvement activities in community health centers.

Requires the Administrator to establish a mechanism for the dissemination of initiatives, best practices, and other information that may assist health care quality improvement efforts in community health centers.

Directs the Comptroller General to study integrated health system models for the delivery of health care services to medically underserved populations.

(Sec. 3) Reauthorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2012 for: (1) the National Health Service Corps program; and (2) the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program and National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program.

Repeals provisions requiring each center or clinic designated as having a health manpower shortage to demonstrate every six years that it meets the applicable requirements of the definition of a health professional shortage area.

Revises requirements for assigning members of the Corps to a health professional shortage area to require that the Secretary determine that an entity demonstrates willingness to support or facilitate mentorship, professional development, and training opportunities for Corps members.

Requires the Secretary to assist Corps members in establishing and maintaining professional relationships and developmental opportunities.

(Sec. 4) Reauthorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2012 for grants for expanded delivery of health care services in rural areas, for the planning and implementation of integrated health care networks in rural areas, and for the planning and implementation of small health care provider quality improvement activities.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 22, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 21, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6978-6979; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S6978-6979)
- **Jul 21, 2008:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 21, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 21, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** By Senator Kennedy from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 110-274.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Kennedy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 548.
- **Nov 14, 2007:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3207-3208)
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3208)