

## HR 1246

### Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 2, 2009

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

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 31, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1246>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Mar 2, 2009
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2009
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 3, 2009
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 4, 2009
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 31, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 3199	Related bill	Dec 22, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-337.

## Summary (as of Mar 30, 2009)

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

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to expand the newborns and infants hearing loss program to include diagnostic services among the services provided.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to assist in the recruitment, retention, education, and training of qualified personnel and health care providers.

Includes within the purposes of such program: (1) prompt evaluation and diagnosis of children referred from screening programs; (2) appropriate education, audiological, and medical interventions for children identified with hearing loss; (3) developing efficient models to ensure that newborns and infants who are identified with a hearing loss through screening receive follow-up by a qualified health care provider; and (4) ensuring an adequate supply of qualified personnel to meet the screening, evaluation, and early intervention needs of children.

Requires the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), acting through the Director of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, to establish a postdoctoral fellowship program to foster research and development in the area of early hearing detection and intervention.

Amends the definition of "early intervention" to require that families be given the opportunity to obtain the full range of appropriate early intervention services, educational and program placements, and other options for their child from highly qualified providers.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2010-FY2015 for hearing screening programs and research.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4078-4079)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1246.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4078)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4078)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 111-44.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 14.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 2, 2009:** introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.