

HR 2218

Parental Consent Act of 2009

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. (Jun 4, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jul 20, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 4, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 4, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 30, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Parental Consent Act of 2009 - Prohibits federal funds from being used to establish or implement any universal or mandatory mental health, psychiatric, or socioemotional screening program.

Prohibits federal education funds from being used to pay any local educational agency or other instrument of government that uses the refusal of a parent or legal guardian to provide consent to mental health screening as the basis of a charge of child abuse, child neglect, medical neglect, or education neglect until the agency or instrument demonstrates that it is no longer using such refusal as a basis of such charge.

Defines a screening program under this Act as any mental health screening program in which a set of individuals is automatically screened without regard to whether there was a prior indication of a need for mental health treatment, including: (1) any program of state incentive grants to implement recommendations in the July 2003 report of the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, the State Early Childhood Comprehensive System, grants for TeenScreen, and the Foundations for Learning Grants; and (2) any student mental health screening program that allows mental health screening of individuals under 18 years of age without the express, written, voluntary, informed consent of the parent or legal guardian of the individual involved.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
- **May 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1036)
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor