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Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009

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Policy Area: Health

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Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		May 11, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 6, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2009
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Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jul 14, 2009
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Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 26, 2010
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 11, 2010
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 16, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 15, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 577	Identical bill	Apr 1, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2009)

Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to award matching grants to states to complement existing state efforts to: (1) provide comprehensive eye examinations from a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist for children who have been previously identified through a vision screening or eye examination by a licensed health care provider or vision screener as needing such services, who do not otherwise have coverage for vision services, and who are low-income children, with priority given to children who are under the age of nine years; (2) provide treatment or services as necessary to correct identified vision problems; and (3) develop and disseminate to parents, teachers, and health care practitioners educational materials on recognizing signs of visual impairment in children.

Requires the Secretary to develop criteria: (1) governing the operation of the grant program; and (2) for the collection of data related to vision assessment and the utilization of follow-up services.

Requires the Secretary to coordinate the program under this Act with other federal or state programs that provide services to children.

Actions Timeline

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