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Pregnant Women Support Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Jan 15, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2035	Related bill	Jun 22, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
111 S 1032	Related bill	May 13, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
111 HR 605	Related bill	Apr 23, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

Pregnant Women Support Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to increase public awareness of resources available to pregnant women to carry their pregnancy to term and new parents.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary to make grants for the purchase of ultrasound equipment for examinations of pregnant women.

Prohibits a health insurance issuer offering individual coverage from imposing a preexisting condition exclusion or a waiting period or otherwise discriminating against a woman on the basis that she is pregnant.

Provides for continuation coverage for newborns.

Amends title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act to allow states to extend health care coverage to an unborn child.

Requires health facilities that perform abortions to obtain informed consent from a pregnant woman seeking an abortion.

Provides for the collection and dissemination of information on Down syndrome and other prenatally diagnosed conditions.

Directs the Secretary to provide for: (1) higher education pregnant and parenting student services offices; and (2) programs to work with pregnant or parenting teens to complete high school.

Authorizes grants for services to pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Requires states to require a pregnancy determination for homicide victims.

Requires the Secretary to provide for comprehensive and supportive services for pregnant women, mothers, and children.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC program).

Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to increase the eligibility threshold for food stamps.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

Authorizes grants to provide to eligible mothers education on the health needs of their infants through visits to their homes by registered nurses.

Authorizes grants for collecting and reporting abortion surveillance data.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S620-621)
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