

## HR 3144

### Healthy Communities Act of 2009

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 10, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Healthy Communities Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make five-year grants to community partnerships for programs to combat obesity. Sets forth eligibility requirements. Provides for an executive council and a steering committee.

Requires a community obesity prevention program to address all the different components of fighting obesity and to include: (1) physical exercise and a physical activity environment; (2) nutritional counseling and nutritional environment activities; (3) education to provide to the community information about the importance of eating healthily and maintaining a balanced diet and of being physically fit and to provide strategies for addressing varying individual capabilities to attain physical fitness; and (4) an evidence-based curriculum using the National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) Ways to Enhance Children's Activity and Nutrition (We Can) program and curriculum to guide the program.

Requires a program to: (1) make use of evidence-based practices, strategies, programs, and policies in designing program guidelines; (2) develop a communications plan that involves the entire community; (3) have both in-school and workplace wellness programs; and (4) identify a Wellness Coordinator. Requires the executive council and the steering committee to: (1) perform an assessment of the obesity problem in each respective community; and (2) work with the Wellness Coordinator to lay out achievable short- and long-term goals for reducing childhood obesity.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) prohibit a community partnership from using the grant to pay for administrative expenses, with exceptions; and (2) give preference in selecting grant recipients to communities with high levels of obesity and related chronic diseases.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 15, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8106)
- **Jul 10, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.