

## S 324

### Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jan 26, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jan 26, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 26, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 26, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jan 26, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 26, 2009
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 28, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 4, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 29, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 26, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 20	Identical bill	<b>Mar 31, 2009:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Melanie Blocker Stokes Mom's Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act or the Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act - Encourages the Secretary of Health and Human Services to continue: (1) activities on postpartum depression; and (2) research to expand the understanding of the causes of, and treatments for, postpartum conditions.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health may conduct a nationally representative longitudinal study of the relative mental health consequences for women of resolving a pregnancy in various ways.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary to make grants for projects for the establishment, operation, and coordination of effective and cost-efficient systems for the delivery of essential services to individuals with a postpartum condition and their families. Directs the Secretary to ensure that such projects provide education and services with respect to the diagnosis and management of postpartum conditions. Authorizes such projects to include: (1) delivering or enhancing outpatient home-based health and support services; and (2) providing education to new mothers and their families about postpartum conditions to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment. Sets forth grant requirements.

Directs the Secretary to study the benefits of screening for postpartum conditions.

Prohibits the Secretary from utilizing amounts appropriated under this Act to carry out activities or programs that are duplicative of activities or programs that are already being carried out through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

### **Actions Timeline**

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