

## S 450

### Meth Mouth Prevention and Community Recovery Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 13, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2343-2345) (Feb 13, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/450>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

| Cosponsor                         | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]          | D · ND        |      | Feb 13, 2009 |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]          | D · SD        |      | Feb 13, 2009 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]   | D · NY        |      | Feb 13, 2009 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]      | D · MI        |      | Feb 13, 2009 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]           | D · MT        |      | Feb 13, 2009 |
| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]      | D · HI        |      | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]      | R · TN        |      | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]           | D · NE        |      | Mar 3, 2009  |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA        |      | Mar 9, 2009  |
| Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]       | R · GA        |      | Mar 23, 2009 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]        | D · MN        |      | Apr 20, 2009 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]    | D · CO        |      | Apr 13, 2010 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee  | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Feb 14, 2009 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 111 HR 1671 | Related bill | Mar 24, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

Meth Mouth Prevention and Community Recovery Act - Requires the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to make grants to enable public and private nonprofit entities to determine whether educating youth about meth mouth (oral decay that is commonly associated with methamphetamine use) is an effective strategy for preventing or reducing methamphetamine use. Reserves a portion of appropriated funds for Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify the clinical research, health services research, and public health research on associations between substance use disorders, oral health, and the provision of dental care.

Requires the Secretary to study the effect methamphetamine use has on the demand for, and provision of, dental care.

Directs the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support training and offer technical assistance to ensure that dentists and allied dental personnel are prepared to: (1) recognize signs of alcohol or drug addiction; (2) discuss the nature of substance abuse as it relates to their area of expertise; (3) understand how certain dental therapies can affect the relapse potential of substance dependent patients; and (4) help those affected by a substance use disorder find appropriate treatment for their conditions.

Authorizes the Administrator to collaborate with professional accrediting bodies to develop and support substance abuse training courses for oral health professionals.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 13, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2343)
- **Feb 13, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2343-2345)