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ABLE Act of 2009

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 26, 2009
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 26, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 26, 2009
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 26, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2009
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Mar 25, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Apr 30, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 1, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Feb 24, 2010
Sen. LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 24, 2010
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 26, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 15, 2010
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 16, 2010
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 21, 2010
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 21, 2010
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 30, 2010
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		May 26, 2010
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 26, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 13, 2010
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2010
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 15, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 26, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1205	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 26, 2009)

Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2009 or the ABLE Act of 2009 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish tax-exempt ABLE accounts for individuals with a disability to pay certain expenses of such individuals, including expenses for education, housing, transportation, employment support, medical care, and certain life necessities. Defines "individual with a disability" as an individual who is eligible to receive certain supplemental security income benefits under the Social Security Act.

Allows individual taxpayers a tax deduction, up to \$2,000 per year, for contributions to an ABLE account. Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to study and report to Congress on the use of ABLE accounts and the effect of the tax deduction for contributions to such accounts.

Requires ABLE accounts to be disregarded in determining eligibility for Medicaid benefits and for purposes of determining eligibility for other means-tested federal programs.

Actions Timeline

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