

## HR 577

Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 4, 2009
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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2009
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2009
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Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 5, 2009
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 4, 2009
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 1, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 259	Identical bill	<b>Jan 15, 2009:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 23, 2009. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to award matching grants to states to complement existing state efforts to: (1) provide comprehensive eye examinations from a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist to eligible children who have been previously identified through a vision screening or eye examination by a licensed health care provider or vision screener as needing such services, with priority given to children who are under the age of nine years; (2) provide treatment or services as necessary to correct identified vision problems; and (3) develop and disseminate to parents, teachers, and health care practitioners educational materials on recognizing signs of visual impairment in children. Defines "eligible child" as a low-income child who: (1) is not eligible for medical assistance under Medicaid; (2) is not eligible for child health assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), unless such plan does not provide coverage of such examination, treatment, or service; (3) does not have health insurance coverage unless no amount is payable under the coverage for such examination, treatment, or service; and (4) is not receiving assistance under state health compensation program or any other federal or state health benefits program.

Requires the Secretary to develop criteria: (1) governing the operation of the grant program; and (2) for the collection of data related to vision assessment and the utilization of follow-up services.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 1, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4186-4187)
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 17 (Roll no. 170).(text: CR 3/30/2009 H4090-4091)
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- **Mar 31, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4090-4093)
- **Mar 30, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 577.
- **Mar 30, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 111-46.
- **Mar 23, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 16.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 4, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.