

HR 605

Pregnant Women Support Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 3, 2009
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 3, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2009
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 20, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2035	Related bill	Jun 22, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
111 S 270	Related bill	Jan 15, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S621-626)

Pregnant Women Support Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to increase public awareness of resources available to pregnant women to carry their pregnancy to term and new parents.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary to make grants for the purchase of ultrasound equipment for examinations of pregnant women.

Prohibits a health insurance issuer offering individual coverage from imposing a preexisting condition exclusion or a waiting period or otherwise discriminating against a woman on the basis that she is pregnant.

Provides for continuation coverage for newborns.

Amends title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program) (SCHIP) of the Social Security Act to allow states to extend health care coverage to an unborn child.

Requires health facilities that perform abortions to obtain informed consent from a pregnant woman seeking an abortion.

Provides for the collection and dissemination of information on Down syndrome and other prenatally diagnosed conditions.

Directs the Secretary to provide for: (1) higher education pregnant and parenting student services offices; and (2) programs to work with pregnant or parenting teens to complete high school.

Authorizes grants for services to pregnant women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. Requires states to require a pregnancy determination for homicide victims.

Requires the Secretary to provide for comprehensive and supportive services for pregnant women, mothers, and children.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase and make refundable the tax credit for adoption expenses.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC program).

Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to increase the eligibility threshold for food stamps.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

Authorizes grants to provide to eligible mothers education on the health needs of their infants through visits to their homes by registered nurses.

Authorizes grants for collecting and reporting abortion surveillance data.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 23, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Jan 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **Jan 16, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture