

S 646

MEDS Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Coburn, Tom [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		May 11, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 19, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medical Economic Deferment for Students Act or the MEDS Act - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the meaning of economic hardship under the Federal Family Education Loan or Perkins Loan and related loan insurance programs.

Considers borrowers under such programs to be suffering economic hardship if they are working full-time, have a federal educational debt burden equal to at least 20% of their adjusted gross income, and the difference between their adjusted gross income minus such debt burden is less than 220% of the greater of: (1) the annual earnings of an minimum wage earner; or (2) 150% of the poverty line applicable to their family size.

### **Actions Timeline**

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