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National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009

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Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 19, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 21, 2009
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 10, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 15, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 27, 2009

Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 756	Related bill	Mar 31, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek an agreement with the Institute of Medicine to convene a Conference on Pain to: (1) increase the recognition of pain as a significant public health problem in the United States; (2) evaluate the adequacy of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute and chronic pain; (3) identify barriers to appropriate pain care; and (4) establish an agenda to reduce such barriers and significantly improve the state of pain care research, education, and clinical care in the United States. Allows the Secretary to enter into an agreement with another appropriate entity if the Institute of Medicine declines.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue and expand, through the Pain Consortium, an aggressive program of basic and clinical research on the causes of and potential treatments for pain. Requires the Pain Consortium to develop and make recommendations on appropriate pain research initiatives.

Requires the Secretary to establish the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee to: (1) develop a summary of advances in federal pain care research relevant to the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of pain and diseases and disorders associated with pain; and (2) identify critical gaps in basic and clinical research on the symptoms and causes of pain.

Allows the Secretary to provide for education and training to health care professionals in pain care.

Requires the Secretary to establish and implement a national pain care education outreach and awareness campaign to educate consumers, patients, their families, and other caregivers.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3571)
- **Mar 19, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.