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States' Right To Innovate in Health Care Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 24, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2816	Identical bill	Jun 11, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

States' Right To Innovate in Health Care Act of 2009 - Amends the Social Security Act to add a new title XXII (State Comprehensive Health Care and Cost Containment Demonstration Projects).

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a state-based Universal Health Care Coverage Commission to participate in the review of state applications for planning and demonstration grants for the development of a cost-effective delivery system of universal, comprehensive health care with simplified administration.

Authorizes such grants.

Requires a state plan to provide: (1) coverage of all eligible state residents, without regard to employment status, income, health status or preexisting condition, or location of residency within the state; and (2) health benefits that are at least actuarially equivalent to the standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred provider option service benefit plan under the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program.

Allows one or more contiguous states in a geographic region to file a joint application for such grants.

Authorizes Interstate Compacts of states to conduct joint health care programs under a grant.

Actions Timeline

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