

## S 958

### MediKids Health Insurance Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 1, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5023-5027)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5023-5027) (May 1, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/958>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 1, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 1, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 194	Related bill	Jan 14, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Summary** (as of May 1, 2009)

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MediKids Health Insurance Act of 2009 - Amends the Social Security Act to add a new title XXII (Medikids Program), which creates a program to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage, including prescription drugs for all children meeting specified age requirements.

Creates the MediKids Trust Fund.

Expands the duties of the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) impose a MediKids premium for the taxable year, with an exemption for very low-income taxpayers; and (2) create a refundable tax credit providing a catastrophic limit on MediKids cost-sharing expenses.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to propose a gradual schedule of progressive tax changes to fund the Medikids program, as the number of enrollees grows in the out-years.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 1, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5022-5023)
- **May 1, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5023-5027)