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Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2009

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (May 5, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 20, 2009
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2009

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1262	Related bill	Jun 15, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
111 HR 2251	Identical bill	May 6, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) reduce a hospital's otherwise applicable resident limit by the number of positions unused for the five most recent cost reporting periods; and (2) require the distribution of additional resulting residency positions to certain other hospitals.

Requires that all the time spent by a resident in outpatient settings be counted towards the determination of full-time equivalency for the purposes of payments for direct graduate (GME) and indirect (IME) medical education costs, without regard to the setting in which the activities are performed, if the hospital continues to incur the costs of the resident's stipends and fringe benefits during the time the resident spends in that setting.

Sets forth rules for counting resident time for didactic and scholarly activities and other activities.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a process for the redistribution of residency slots after a hospital closes.

Actions Timeline

- **May 5, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
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