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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 15, 2011
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Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 14, 2012
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 26, 2012
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 26, 2012
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 26, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 14, 2012
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Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		May 15, 2012
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Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 27, 2012
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Jul 17, 2012
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Aug 1, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 10, 2012
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Sep 10, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2012
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 10, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 19, 2012
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 19, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 20, 2012
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2012
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Nov 13, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 14, 2012
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 14, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 15, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 18, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 15, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3423	Identical bill	Nov 18, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Nov 15, 2011)

Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2011 or the ABLE Act of 2011 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish tax-exempt ABLE accounts to assist an individual with a disability in building an account to pay for qualified disability expenses. Defines "qualified disability expenses" to include expenses for education, a primary residence, transportation, obtaining and maintaining employment, health and wellness, and other personal support expenses.

Treats a qualified ABLE program and an ABLE account in the same manner as a qualified tuition program for income tax purposes (i.e., allowing a tax exemption for such program and an exclusion from gross income of amounts attributable to a contributor to or a beneficiary of a program account). Defines "qualified ABLE program" as a program established and maintained by a state agency under which a person may make contributions to an ABLE account established to pay for qualified disability expenses.

Requires amounts in ABLE accounts to be disregarded in determining eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested federal programs. Suspends the payment of supplemental security income benefits under title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) of the Social Security Act to an individual during any period in which such individual has excess resources attributable to an ABLE account.

Actions Timeline

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