

## S 2782

### Ensuring Children's Access to Specialty Care Act of 2016

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 12, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 14, 2016
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Apr 19, 2016
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2016
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Sep 13, 2016
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 15, 2016
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 30, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 12, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1859	Related bill	Apr 17, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to include pediatric subspecialties in primary health services for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Psychiatrists who are pediatric subspecialists are included in behavioral and mental health professionals. (These amendments make pediatric subspecialists, including psychiatrists, eligible for the NHSC fellowship program for the delivery of primary health services in health professional shortage areas, the NHSC Scholarship Program, and the NHSC Loan Repayment Program.)

“Health professional shortage area” can mean an underserved population of children and adolescents.

### **Actions Timeline**

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