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MEND Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 19, 2015
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 11, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2016
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 26, 2016
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		May 26, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2015

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1784	Identical bill	Apr 21, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
114 HR 977	Identical bill	Mar 30, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Making the Education of Nurses Dependable for Schools Act or the MEND Act

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, for any reimbursements to providers under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act for the costs of nursing and allied health education activities, to apply the regulation establishing the payment methodology for such reimbursements by treating a provider as meeting the requirements:

- for consideration as operating an approved nursing or allied health education program if the provider or a wholly owned subsidiary educational institution singly or collectively meets all such requirements;
- for payment for certain nonprovider-operated programs at wholly owned subsidiary educational institutions if the provider meets all such requirements except that the transfer of a nursing or allied health education program to that wholly owned subsidiary educational institution to meet accreditation standards occurred after October 1, 2003, and
- if the provider or its wholly owned subsidiary educational institution has been in continuous operation since October 1, 2003.

Defines "wholly owned subsidiary educational institution" as one that: (1) is organized as a legal entity distinct from the provider, (2) has the provider as its sole owner or sole member, and (3) is organized in the same state in which the provider is organized or registered to do business.

Actions Timeline

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