

S 799

Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 19, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		May 4, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 4, 2015
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		May 4, 2015
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 4, 2015
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 4, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 18, 2015
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		May 18, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 19, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 19, 2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		May 22, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 22, 2015
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 1, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 4, 2015
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 18, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 21, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 21, 2015
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 28, 2015
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Aug 5, 2015
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 24, 2015
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Oct 8, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 1, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 25, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on October 1, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to review its activities related to prenatal opioid use, including neonatal abstinence syndrome, and develop a strategy to address gaps in research and gaps and overlap in programs. (An opioid is a drug with effects similar to opium, such as heroin or certain pain medications. Neonatal abstinence syndrome is withdrawal in a newborn.)

(Sec. 3) HHS must conduct a study and develop recommendations for preventing and treating prenatal opioid use disorders, including the effects of those disorders on infants. HHS must publish a report that includes:

- an assessment of existing research on neonatal abstinence syndrome;
- an evaluation of the causes, and barriers to treatment, of opioid use disorders among women of reproductive age and recommendations on preventing opioid use disorders in these women;
- an evaluation of, and recommendations on, treatment for pregnant women with opioid use disorders and the effects of prenatal opioid use on infants; and
- an evaluation of the differences in prenatal opioid use between demographic groups and recommendations on reducing disparities.

(Sec. 4) HHS may continue providing technical assistance: (1) to states and Indian tribes to improve neonatal abstinence syndrome surveillance; and (2) to states to support implementation of effective public health measures, such as disseminating information to educate the public on prenatal opioid use and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 25, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 25, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-91.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Mr. Pitts moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8180-8182)
- **Nov 16, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 799.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8180)
- **Nov 16, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8180)
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7439-7441; text as passed Senate: CR S7439-7440)
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7439-7441; text as passed Senate: CR S7439-7440)
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 22, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 246.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1662; text of measure as introduced: CR S1662-1663)