

S 1109

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 11, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 11, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 26, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 2, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 13, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 26, 2018
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 9, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 25, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Jul 10, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Aug 22, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 23, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 11, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 959	Identical bill	Jul 24, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 11, 2017)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to extend through FY2022 support for nursing workforce programs and grants.

Eligibility for advanced nursing education grants is expanded to include education programs for clinical nurse leaders and all combined registered nurse and graduate degree programs. (Clinical nurse leaders are advanced generalist clinicians who apply research and coordinate care in order to improve outcomes for patients.) To be eligible for these grants, clinical nurse specialist programs must provide registered nurses with full-time clinical nurse specialist education that qualifies the nurses to provide a full range of care.

Programs for loan repayment and scholarships for nurses, loans for nursing faculty, and geriatric care education are extended through FY2022. Grants for increasing nursing workforce diversity are also extended through FY2022.

Nurse education, practice, and quality grants are extended through FY2022 and eligibility is expanded to include nurse-managed health clinics.

Grants for nursing career ladder programs are expanded to: (1) promote career advancement for individuals to become registered nurses or advanced education nurses; and (2) support internships and residency programs to encourage mentoring and the development of specialties.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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