**State Legislative Update – May 24, 2024**

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**STATE AFFAIRS WORKGROUP**

Arnold Baskies, MD, FACS (NJ); Ali Kasraeian, MD, FACS (FL); Kevin Koo, MD, FACS (MN); and Kelly Swords, MD, FACS (CA). The Workgroup will play a critical role in identifying state advocacy priorities, setting new policy objectives, and evaluating state advocacy grant applications among other duties.

**ACS STATE AFFAIRS PRIORITY ISSUES**

* Trauma System Funding & Development
* Cancer Screening, Testing, and Treatment
* Insurance & Administrative Burden
* Professional Liability
* Criminalization of Physician Care
* Access to Surgical Care
* Health Equity

**ACS GRANT PROGRAM**

State Chapters are eligible to apply for ACS State Advocacy Grants and may use funds towards their annual state advocacy day, to hire a lobbyist, or other relevant advocacy functions such as travel costs for members, catering, venue rentals, printing, and more. To learn more information regarding the ACS State Advocacy Grants, apply [here](https://www.facs.org/advocacy/state-legislation/chapter-state-advocacy-grant-program/).

**STOP THE BLEED® NEWS**

Television show *Grey’s Anatomy* featured STOP THE BLEED® (STB) in an episode this May. In the show, a young woman, guided by another character, uses STB techniques in an attempt to save her father’s life. Dr. Kenji Inaba, medical consultant for the show, suggested using STB when he saw an opportunity to include it in during script review and asked the writers to add it. Read more [here](https://www.shondaland.com/shondaland-series/a60803929/dr-kenji-inaba-on-the-lifesaving-power-of-the-stop-the-bleed-campaign/).

**American College of Surgeons Honors First Responders During EMS Week, National STOP THE BLEED Day**

In observance of [**National STOP THE BLEED® Day**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.stopthebleed.org%2Fsavealife%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchendricks%40facs.org%7Cc0ebb0f077af4598dca408dc7b5904a0%7Cc2b2034006274510868ebb38cba1848f%7C1%7C0%7C638520869544770506%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XEjbnIcGtpQH2ee6mQ4UHu2YajHALViH2M%2Bk7upXPbU%3D&reserved=0) and the 50th anniversary of [**National EMS Week**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Femsweek.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchendricks%40facs.org%7Cc0ebb0f077af4598dca408dc7b5904a0%7Cc2b2034006274510868ebb38cba1848f%7C1%7C0%7C638520869544780680%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=INegcmoMXFt1MacESBam8305AdNUZFTCOZjh%2FcKwf6o%3D&reserved=0), American College of Surgeons (ACS) Executive Director & CEO Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS, called on everyone to learn bleeding control techniques and other life-saving skills that can help prevent deaths from uncontrolled bleeding and unexpected emergencies. Read more [here](https://www.facs.org/for-medical-professionals/news-publications/news-and-articles/press-releases/2024/acs-honors-first-responders-during-ems-week-national-stop-the-bleed-day/).

**IN THE NEWS**

**INDIANA**

The Indiana Attorney Generalissued an official opinion affirming physicians and other health care providers' right to prescribe medications off-label, including ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine, but noting that the prescriber should inform the patient if the treatment is not FDA-approved for use “to reduce the provider's potential legal liability should a negative medical reaction occur.” Read more [here](https://s3.amazonaws.com/govhawk-registers/IN_20240501_010240156AOA.xml.html).

**Nebraska health system to drop all Medicare Advantage plans**

Nebraska-based Great Plains Health plans to stop contracting with Medicare Advantage plans in 2025. The health system encouraged patients to opt for traditional Medicare in 2025 in order to continue receiving care from Great Plains providers.

"To put the patient first, we can no longer be under contract with a plan that causes significant delays in care, longer hospital stays and outright denials of care," Narayana Koduri, MD, Great Plains Health's chief medical officer, said.

The Nebraska Hospital Association found 9 in 10 hospitals in the state reported Medicare Advantage plans negatively affect their ability to provide care. "While some enrollees may see savings, many living in rural communities across the state are losing access to medically necessary care with plans that erode the state's rural healthcare infrastructure and ultimately leave more cost on the backs of our seniors in these communities," the association wrote. Read more [here](https://www.gphealth.org/news/releases/great-plains-health-to-end-contract-with-medicare-advantage-plans/).

**Nearly half of health systems are considering dropping Medicare Advantage plans**

The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) cites “onerous” authorization requirements and high denial rates have health systems considering whether to drop Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. The HFMA surveyed 135 health system chief financial officers in January and, according to the results, 16 percent of health systems are planning to stop accepting one or more MA plans in the next two years. Another 45 percent are considering the same but have not made a final decision. Read the survey results [here](https://www.hfma.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Overview-2024-CFO-Pain-Points-Study.pdf).

**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

The following state legislatures remain in session: Arizona, California, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas have no regular session in even-numbered years. Legislative session information can be found [here](https://www.multistate.us/resources/2024-legislative-session-dates).

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

**ALABAMA**

[HB 232](https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/files/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/HB232-eng.pdf) – Scope of Practice ENACTED

Introduced by Representative Leigh Hulsey (R), HB 232 allows licensed physical therapists to conduct initial screenings of patients and eliminates the physician referral requirement that a patient for physical therapy. Governor Kay Ivey (R) signed the bill into law May 15.

[HJR 13](https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/files/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/HJR13-enr.pdf) – Cancer ADOPTED

Introduced by Representative David Faulkner (R), HJR 13 recognizes March 2024 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The bill was agreed to via joint resolution March 7.

[SB 72](https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/files/pdf/SearchableInstruments/2024RS/SB72-enr.pdf) – Criminalization ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Arthur Orr (R), SB 72 prohibits an occupational licensing board from disciplining physicians who prescribe or suggest off-label medical treatments unless the recommendation or prescription presents a threat of significant harm to their patients or to the general public. Governor Kay Ivey (R) signed the bill into law May 16.

**DELAWARE**

[SCR 163](https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/de/152/bills/DEB00006024/) – Cancer ADOPTED

Introduced by Delegate Kyra Hoffner (D), SCR 163 designates May 27 as Brain Cancer Awareness Day. The resolution was adopted May 23.

[SCR 172](https://legis.delaware.gov/json/BillDetail/GeneratePdfDocument?legislationId=141478&legislationTypeId=3&docTypeId=2&legislationName=SCR172) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Senator Marie Pinkney (D), SCR 172 recognizes May 23 as STOP THE BLEED® day. The resolution was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

**IOWA**

[HF 2489](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/90.2/CH1115.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by the House Committee on Commerce, HF 2489 requires a health insurance carrier to provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations. Governor Kim Reynolds (R) signed the bill into law May 1.

[HF 2668](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/90.2/CH1129.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by The House Committee on Appropriations, HF 2668 requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for biomarker testing to diagnose, treat, manage, or monitor disease or condition when the test has demonstrated clinical utility. Governor Kim Reynolds (R) signed the bill into law May 1.

[SF 477](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/iactc/90.2/CH1130.pdf) – Licensure ENACTED

Introduced by the Senate State Government Committee, SF 477 allows the board of medicine to grant a provisional license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine surgery to an international physician with an offer for employment as a physician at a health care facility. Governor Kim Reynolds (R) signed the bill into law May 3.

**LOUISIANA**

[HB 972](https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1367918) – Licensure

Introduced by Representative Daryl Deshotel (R), HB 972 allows the medical board to issue temporary permits to International Medical Graduates that: hold a medical doctorate or an equivalent degree from an international medical program substantially similar to the education and training required to practice in the state; has a license in good standing with the medical licensing body in their home country; has completed a residency in their licensing country, or has at least five years’ experience as a practicing physician; has citizenship or legal work status in the United States or Canada; English proficiency; and has an offer of employment at a facility owned or operated by state-licensed hospitals; after two years of practice in good standing, the board shall grant the permit holder an unrestricted license to practice medicine. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Commerce Committee.

**MARYLAND**

[HB 51](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_924_hb0051e.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Samuel Rosenberg (D), HB 51 requires the Pediatric Cancer Fund be used only for pediatric cancer research instead of pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law April 25.

[HB 757](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_286_hb0757t.pdf) – Licensure ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Robbyn Lewis (D), HB 757 allows supervised medical graduates (SMGs), defined as a graduate of an accredited medical or osteopathic school that has passed USMLE Steps 1 and 2, to perform delegated duties under direct physician supervision, in the same office and available to provide assistance for the duration of the delegated duty; requires the licensure board to adopt rules and regulations regarding the practice of the SMGs, including limiting the prospective services they may render; individuals may not practice as a SMG for more than two years. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law April 25.

[HB 806](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_920_hb0806e.pdf) – Scope of Practice ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D), HB 806 changes the physician assistant delegation agreement to a collaborative agreement; expands the duties a physician assistant may provide under the agreement. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[HB 932](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_847_hb0932e.pdf) – Prior Authorization ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D), HB 932 establishes requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review, including: altering requirements related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to adverse decisions; establishing requirements on health insurance carriers and health care providers relating to the provision of patient benefit information. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[HB 1259](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_868_hb1259t.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Tiffany Alston (D), HB 1259 includes image-guided breast biopsy in the definition of "supplemental breast examination”; requires health insurers to provide coverage for supplemental breast examinations; clarifies coverage requirements for lung cancer screening applies to follow-up diagnostic imaging. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[HB 1439](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_718_hb1439t.pdf) – Trauma ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Emily Shetty (D), HB 1439 seeks to change the percentage of reasonable compensation paid to trauma hospitals; report to the general assembly annually how the hospital was reimbursed. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[HB 1472](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_783_hb1472t.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by Delegate Dana Jones (D), HB 1472 includes at least $500,000 in the annual budget for the Professional and Volunteer Firefighter Innovative Cancer Screening Technologies Program. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[SB 13](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_925_sb0013e.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Michael Jackson (D), SB 13 requires the Pediatric Cancer Fund be used only for pediatric cancer research instead of pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[SB 119](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_863_sb0119t.pdf) – Criminalization ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Clarence Lam (D), SB 119 protects state licensed health care practitioners for providing, procuring, or aiding an individual legally protected health care services which are not a crime in the state from criminal persecution, civil liability, or administrative sanction in another state. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[SB 167](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_919_sb0167t.pdf) – Scope of Practice ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R), SB 167 seeks to change the physician assistant delegation agreement to a collaborative agreement; allows a physician to collaborate with up to eight physician assistants; allows for preparing and dispensing a prescription; allows for ordering, performing, and interpreting diagnostic studies, therapeutic procedures, and laboratory tests; performing physical exams; writing medical orders; and authenticating any document a physician may authenticate; does not allow for anesthesia duties. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[SB 362](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_717_sb0362e.pdf) – Trauma ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Bill Ferguson (D), SB 362 provides an annual appropriation of $16.5 million to the state trauma fund. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

[SB 1092](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2024RS/Chapters_noln/CH_719_sb1092e.pdf) – Trauma ENACTED

Introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone (D), SB 1092 increases motor vehicle registration surcharges from $17 to $40; expands funding sources to include at least 10% of fines collected for impaired driving offenses and any other money transferred from the general fund; outlines disbursements to the state trauma centers; changes reimbursement for costs incurred by trauma physicians and trauma centers. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 16.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

[H 1103](http://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H1103.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative James Murphy (D), H 1103 provides for no increase in cost-sharing for a baseline mammogram, which may include tomosynthesis, ultrasound evaluation, MRI or additional testing; screenings/exams annually for women thirty-five and up, women with a history of breast cancer, other breast cancer risk factors, or as deemed medically necessary by the woman’s health care provider. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Financial Services Committee.

**MICHIGAN**

[HB 5743](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billintroduced/House/pdf/2024-HIB-5743.pdf) – Good Samaritan

Introduced by Representative David Prestin (R), HB 5743 provides immunity for individuals rendering emergency services who apply bleeding control techniques acting in good faith. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[HR 267](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/resolutionadopted/House/pdf/2024-HAR-0267.pdf) – STOP THE BLEED® ADOPTED

Introduced by Representative David Prestin (R), HR 267 declares May 23 as STOP THE BLEED® day. The resolution was adopted May 23.

**MISSISSIPPI**

[HB 764](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2024/pdf/HB/0700-0799/HB0764SG.pdf) – Board of Health ENACTED

Introduced by Representative Fred Shanks (R), HB 764 reenacts the State Board of Health, eliminated in 2021; to consist of five physicians and six public members with “an interest in public health who are not currently or formerly licensed physicians”; the board would formulate the policy of the department of health and is empowered to investigate disease and death; the effect of environment, including conditions of employment and other conditions that may affect health; and direct and control sanitary and quarantine measures as necessary. Governor Tate Reeves (R) signed the bill into law May 8.

[HB 1801](https://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2024/pdf/HB/1800-1899/HB1801SG.pdf) – Licensure ENACTED

Introduced by Representative Clay Deweese (R), HB 1801 allocates funds to the medical board through June 30, 2025; authorizes thirty permanent positions within the Board; outlines performance targets for the Board related to licensure and investigative activities, aiming for high rates of online license renewals and timely resolution of complaints. Governor Tate Reeves (R) signed the bill into law May 8.

**NEW JERSEY**

[S 3298](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S3500/3298_I1.PDF) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Senator Jon Bramnick (R), S 3298 requires the collection of data by health insurers regarding health insurance claims and decisions made using automated utilization management systems; automated utilization management system means an automated system that may use artificial intelligence for reviewing appropriate health services. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce Committee.

**NEW YORK**

[A 10301](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2023/A10301) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Assemblymember Paulin (D), A 10301 prior authorization (PA) forms for covered services to be reimbursed through the medical indemnity fund shall be submitted directly to the fund website. The medical indemnity fund which pays for the future health care costs of qualified plaintiffs who suffered birth-related neurological injuries due to medical malpractice during delivery. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**OKLAHOMA**

[HB 3190](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2023-24%20ENR/hB/HB3190%20ENR.PDF) – Prior Authorization ENACTED

Introduced by Representative Carl Newton (R), HB 3190 creates the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization (PA) Act; requires disclosure and review of PA; defines qualifications for those making adverse determinations; requires consultation prior to adverse determination; defines criteria for reviewing physicians; establishes obligations for utilization review entity; provides an exception for PA; prohibits certain retrospective denial; provides timeline for PA; provides for length of PA in urgent circumstances; provides for continuity of care; and provides for standard for transmission of authorization. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Insurance Committee. Governor Kevin Stitt (R) signed the bill into law May 15.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

[HB 2304](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2023&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=2304&pn=3119) – Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Kristine Howard (D), HB 2304 establishes guidelines for necessary abortions; physicians who violate the guidelines may be subject to civil penalties and found guilty of unprofessional conduct, allows physicians to refrain from facilitating an abortion if it goes against their conscience. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[SB 1165](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2023&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=1165&pn=1534) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Lisa Boscola (D), SB 1165 requires applicants for licensure to submit a set of fingerprints to the state police to check against records in the state central repository for any record of criminal arrests or convictions. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.

[SB 1182](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2023&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=1182&pn=1602) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator David Argall (R), SB 1182 clarifies and expands the requirements for filing a certificate of merit in medical liability cases; ensures any claims are backed by qualified medical opinions; details the qualifications for experts who testify. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[SR 283](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2023&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=R&billNbr=0283&pn=1612) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Lynda Culver (R), SR 283 recognizes the week of May 6-12, 2024, as Women’s Lung Health Week. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Rules and Executive Nominations.

**PUERTO RICO**

[PC 1781](https://pluralpolicy.com/app/legislative-tracking/bill/details/state-pr-2021_2024-pc1781/2404682) – Criminalization

Introduced by Joel Franqui Atiles (N), PC 1781 prohibits retaliation by insurers against health care professionals because the health care professional filed a complaint, lawsuit, or testified before a legislative administrative or judicial forum in Puerto Rico. The bill is before the Senate Rules and Calendar Committee.

**RHODE ISLAND**

[HB 8296](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText24/HouseText24/H8296.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Representative Nathan Biah (D), HB 8296 allows a supervising physician, medical director, supervising physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse to delegate a cosmetic medical service to a qualified licensed or certified non-physician who is responsible for on-site supervision of the services performed. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

[HB 4624](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/prever/4624_20240507.htm) – Criminalization ENACTED

Introduced by Representative David Hiott (R), H 4624 prohibits health care professionals from providing gender transition services to minors; violators are subject to disciplinary action by the board; contains a DSD exception. Governor Henry McMaster (R) signed the bill into law May 21.

**TENNESSEE**

[HB 2954](https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/HB2954.pdf) – Cancer ENACTED

Introduced by Representative G.A. Hardaway (D), HB 2954 requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for the early detection of prostate cancer in men with a family history; men 40 to 49 years of age at high risk; men 50 years of age and older; and men whose physician determines that early detection is medically necessary. Governor Bill Lee (R) signed the bill into law May 21.

[HB 2973](https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/113/pub/pc0966.pdf) – Trauma ENACTED

Introduced by Representative William Lamberth (R), HB 2973 allocates $100,000 to Crumley House to provide programs and services on behalf of persons suffering from traumatic brain injuries. Governor Bill Lee (R) signed the bill into law May 20.

**VERMONT**

[H 766](https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2024/Docs/BILLS/H-0766/H-0766%20As%20Passed%20by%20Both%20House%20and%20Senate%20Unofficial.pdf) – Prior Authorization ENACTED

Introduced by Representative Alyssa Black (D), H 766 provides an exemption from step-therapy protocols upon the request of the insured’s health care professional; prohibits prior authorization for any admission, item, service, treatment, or procedure ordered by a primary care provider; a health care insurer must keep a current list of services and supplies requiring prior authorization and shall make the list available on the insurer’s website; sets a 24 timeline to approve, deny, or request additional information for an urgent prior authorization request and two business days for a non-urgent request; once granted prior authorization shall be valid for the duration of the treatment or one year whichever is longer. Governor Phil Scott (R) signed the bill into law May 20.

**VIRGINIA**

[SB 351](https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+ful+SB351+pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Jennifer Boysko (D), SB 351 moves oversight of advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and certified midwives from the medical board to the nursing board; provides for independent practice for an APRN; allows APRNs to prescribe Schedule II through VI controlled substances and devices. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Education and Health Committee.