

Whereas school counselors have long advocated that the education system of the United States must leave no child behind and must provide opportunities for every student;

Whereas personal and social growth results in increased academic achievement;

Whereas school counselors help develop well-rounded students by guiding the students through their academic, personal, social, and career development;

Whereas school counselors have been instrumental in helping students, teachers, and parents deal with the trauma that was inflicted upon them by hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, and other recent natural disasters;

Whereas students face a myriad of challenges every day, including peer pressure, depression, the deployment of family members to serve in conflicts overseas, and school violence;

Whereas school counselors are usually the only professionals in a school building who are trained in both education and mental health matters;

Whereas the roles and responsibilities of school counselors are often misunderstood, and the school counselor position is often among the first to be eliminated in order to meet budgetary constraints;

Whereas the national average ratio of students to school counselors of 475-to-1 is almost twice the 250-to-1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other organizations; and

Whereas the celebration of National School Counseling Week would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school counselors play in the lives of students in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of February 1 through February 5, 2010, as “National School Counseling Week”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the role school counselors perform in the school and the community at large in preparing students for fulfilling lives as contributing members of society.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3265. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3266. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3267. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3268. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3269. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3270. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3271. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3272. Mr. LEMIEUX submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3273. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3274. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3275. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3265. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 179, line 5, add at the end the following: “Of the amount appropriated under this subsection, there shall be made available \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019 to carry out section 4101 (and the amendments made by such section), \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013 for the National Cancer Institute (in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated to such Institute), and \$120,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2019 for the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant program under title V of the Social Security Act.”.

SA 3266. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1798, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

SEC. 6608. REQUIRED INVESTIGATION OF OUTLIERS.

Section 1862 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y), as amended by section 6402(h), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(p) REQUIRED INVESTIGATION OF OUTLIERS.—The Secretary shall conduct an investigation (in consultation with the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services) or other appropriate review of a provider of services or supplier if the Secretary determines that the provider of services or supplier is an outlier in terms of utilization or payment under this title over a period of not less than 2 years.”.

SA 3267. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1783, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 6412. REQUIRING INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN OR CONDUCT ACTIVITIES UNDER FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1128J of the Social Security Act, as added by section 6402, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN OR CONDUCT ACTIVITIES UNDER FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual or entity that participates in or conducts activities under a Federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f)) shall, as a condition of such participation or such conduct, comply (at a time and in a manner specified by the Chairman or ranking member) with any request submitted by the Chairman or the ranking member of a relevant committee of Congress to the individual or entity for the following:

“(A) Documents.

“(B) Information.

“(C) Interviews.

“(2) RELEVANT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘relevant committee of Congress’ means the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 3268. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows: