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## ***PUBLIC POLICY COUNCIL***

### **Pediatric Research Consortia Establishment Act of 2009**

The *Pediatric Research Establishment Consortia Act* (S.353/H.R.758) was introduced in the Senate by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Kit Bond (R-MO) and in the House by Representatives Diane DeGette (D-CO) and Peter King (R-NY). The bipartisan legislation would create a national system of pediatric research, treatments and cures for childhood diseases.

This legislation was supported by the nation's leading pediatric medical research institutions as well as all of the pediatric research societies that recognized the need for a new method for expanding pediatric medical research. There have been significant funding challenges in the research field which has discouraged many young investigators from entering the profession, putting children's health at risk.

#### **What the Bill Does:**

- Amends Title IV of the Public Health Service Act to authorize NIH to establish up to 20 pediatric research consortia.
- Each consortium would be funded by a five year grant of up to \$2.5 million per year.
- Each consortium will be a network of several institutions with one leading pediatric medical central as the hub that will reach out to children's hospitals and health establishments to conduct basic and translational pediatric research.
- Increases NIH resources allocated.
- Creates a broader range for recruiting patients for clinical trials.
- Form a collaboration and sharing of results between the consortia participants.
- Raises the focus of pediatric research.
- Establishes communication among the U.S pediatric research community.

#### **ACTION NEEDED FROM PEDIATRICIANS:**

**Urge your senators and representative to support and cosponsor S.353/  
HR 758 - important bipartisan legislation to improve pediatric research.**

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## Supporting the legislation:

### **The Coalition For Pediatric Medical Research**

Children's Health System (*Alabama*)  
Children's Hospital Boston  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Children's Memorial Hospital (*Chicago*)  
The Children's Hospital (*Colorado*)  
Children's Mercy Hospital (*Kansas City*)  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
C.S. Mott Children's Hospital (*Michigan*)  
Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian  
Children's National Medical Center  
Nationwide Children's Hospital (*Columbus*)  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh  
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital (*Cleveland*)  
Seattle Children's  
Children's Hospital St. Louis  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Primary Children's Medical Center (*Utah*)  
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

### **Federation of Pediatrics Organizations**

Academic Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Board of Pediatrics  
American Pediatric Society  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Pediatric Program Directors  
Society for Pediatric Research

### **Senate Sponsors (S. 353)**

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK)  
Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL)  
Sen. Christopher Bond (R-MO)  
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

### **House Sponsors (H.R. 758)**

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