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The PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2023

Fact Sheet

Introduced by Senator Bennet, Michael [D-CO]

The Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses supports the supports the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2023 as it would offer a continued appropriation of \$2 million annually from 2024 through 2028 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue research and educational outreach concerning the causes of preterm labor and how to improve outcomes for preterm and low-birthweight infants.

AWHONN’s position as found in the 2024 Legislative and Policy Agenda is to “Support initiatives to reduce infant mortality and improve the health status of newborns, critically ill infants, and preterm newborns, ...”

The bill reauthorizes through Fiscal Year 2028 and otherwise modifies research and education programs for preventing premature births, and also do the following:

- Renew the Centers for Disease control and prevention research and programs on preterm birth, including improved tracking of national data.
- Reauthorize the Health Resources and Services Administrations activities aimed at promoting healthy pregnancies and preventing preterm birth.
- Provide for a new study on the costs impact of social factors gaps in public health program and for HHS to make recommendations to prevent preterm birth.
- Establish an entity in the Department of health and human services to coordinate all activities and programs related to preterm birth, infant mortality, and other adverse birth outcomes.

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