Reauthorization of the Wakefield Emergency Medical Services for Children Program

**Summary:** Reauthorizes the Wakefield Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program to award grants to States and medical schools to support the improvement and expansion of emergency medical services for children needing trauma or critical care treatment.

**Next steps:**
- Requires an additional appropriation for ongoing implementation.

**Additional information:**
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) background information on this program -- [http://bolivia.hrsa.gov/emsc/](http://bolivia.hrsa.gov/emsc/)
- Federal funding for EMSC Program-Related Activities -- [http://www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/ForGrantees/FundingOpportunities/Federal_Funding.aspx](http://www.childrensnational.org/EMSC/ForGrantees/FundingOpportunities/Federal_Funding.aspx)

**Long summary:**
**Sec. 5603. Reauthorization of the Wakefield Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.**
Reauthorizes the program which awards grants to states and medical schools to support the improvement and expansion of emergency medical services for children needing trauma or critical care treatment, with minor changes. The grant period is extended by one year (from 3 to 4 years) with an optional 5th year and sets the appropriation amounts at $25 M for FY2010; $26.25 M for FY2011; $27.562 M for FY2012; $28.940625 M for FY2013; and $30.387656 M for FY2014.

**Legislative text:**
**SEC. 5603. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE WAKEFIELD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**
Section 1910 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300w–9) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a), by striking “3-year period (with an optional 4th year” and inserting “4-year period (with an optional 5th year”’; and
(2) in subsection (d)—
(A) by striking “and such sums” and inserting “such sums”; and
(B) by inserting before the period the following: “, $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, $26,250,000 for fiscal year 2011, $27,562,500 for fiscal year 2012, $28,940,625 for fiscal year 2013, and $30,387,656 for fiscal year 2014”.”