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National Child Protection and Volunteers for Children Improvement Act of 2002

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: DE • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Thurmond, Strom [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 12, 2002
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 9, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 23, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Child Protection and Volunteers for Children Improvement Act of 2002 - (Sec. 3) Amends the National Child Protection Act of 1993 regarding national criminal background checks to: (1) authorize States to establish procedures to determine whether a provider is under either pending arrest or indictment for a crime that renders the provider unfit to provide care to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities; (2) direct the Attorney General to respond to such a State inquiry within 15 business days; and (3) permit a qualified entity to request a background check from the Attorney General if a State does not have a qualified program for making such requests.

Exempts a State authorized agency from compliance with specified statutory procedures when it disseminates criminal history records information directly to qualified entities.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Attorney General to establish an Office for Volunteer and Provider Screening to serve as a point of contact for qualified entities requesting a national criminal background check. Requires the Office to provide model standards to guide qualified entities in making fitness determinations based on criminal background information.

(Sec. 5) Limits Federal Bureau of Investigation fees for a national criminal fingerprint background check to: (1) \$5 for a check on a person who volunteers with a qualified entity; and (2) \$18 for a check on a provider employed by or applying for a position with a qualified entity.

(Sec. 6) Instructs the Attorney General to establish a model program in each State and the District of Columbia for the purpose of improving fingerprinting technology which shall grant to each State funds to purchase either: (1) Live-Scan fingerprint technology and a State-vehicle to make such technology mobile in units traveling within the State to assist in the processing of fingerprint background checks; or (2) electric fingerprint imaging machines for use throughout the State to send fingerprint images to the Attorney General to conduct background checks.

Mandates provision of funds to each State and the District of Columbia to hire personnel to provide information and training to each county law enforcement agency within the State regarding all requirements for input of criminal and disposition data into the national criminal history background check system.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2008.

(Sec. 7) Sets forth privacy protections governing the dissemination of national criminal fingerprint background check information. Imposes criminal penalties for a violation of such protections.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations for FY 2004 through 2008.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 12, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 21, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10773-10777; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10773-10774)
- **Oct 17, 2002:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S10774-10776)
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S10774-10776)
- **May 23, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 23, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 23, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 23, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 386.
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13953-13954)
- **Dec 20, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S13954-13955)