

S 2070

Children First Act of 2002

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 22, 2002)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 22, 2002)

Children First Act of 2002 - Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) exclude child care assistance from the determination of the five year limit on assistance under TANF; (2) increase funding for child care; and (3) require State TANF plans to include a certification of procedures to ensure that child care providers comply with applicable State or local health and safety standards.

Raises from six years to 13 years the age of a child whose single custodial parent may refuse to engage in required work without incurring a reduction or termination of TANF under the State program.

Subjects to the individual and case data reporting requirements of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 any TANF funds expended for child care, whether or not transferred to that Act, and exempts such funds from SSA reporting requirements.

Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to increase the set-aside for child care quality.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2329)
- **Mar 22, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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