

## HR 5556

National Child Protection and Volunteers for Children Improvement Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Oct 7, 2002

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Nov 12, 2002)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 7, 2002)

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National Child Protection and Volunteers for Children Improvement Act of 2002 - Amends the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to define "qualified State program" to include policies and procedures that require: (1) requests for national criminal history background checks to be routinely returned to a qualified entity within 20 business days; (2) authorized agencies to charge not more than \$18 for State background checks; (3) the designation of the authorized agencies that may receive background check requests from qualified entities; and (4) the designation of such qualified entities.

Authorizes States to have procedures for background checks for persons under pending arrest or indictment for a crime that renders the provider unfit to provide care to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities (current law limits checks to persons convicted of a crime). Requires the Attorney General to respond to the inquiry of the State authorized agency within 15 business days.

Authorizes the Attorney General and authorized State agencies to disseminate criminal history background check record information to a qualified entity. Sets fees collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for background checks.

Directs the Attorney General to establish: (1) an Office for Volunteer and Provider Screening; and (2) a model program in each State and the District of Columbia to improve fingerprinting technology.

Prohibits adjusting, deleting, or altering information derived from a national criminal fingerprint background check request except as required by law for national security purposes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 12, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 7, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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