

S 1198

FOCUS Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Families

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jun 5, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2377	Identical bill	Jun 30, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Summary (as of Jun 5, 2003)

Focus On Committed and Underpaid Staff for Children's Sake Act (FOCUS Act) - Establishes: (1) the Child Care Provider Development and Retention Grant Program; and (2) the Child Care Provider Scholarship Program.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allot funds to eligible States (and Indian tribes and tribal organizations) for distribution directly, or at State option, through local governments, to pay the Federal share of the cost of making grants to eligible child care providers under both such programs.

Healthy Early Education Workforce Grant Program Act - Authorizes the Secretary to allot funds to eligible States (and Indian tribes and tribal organizations) to pay for the Federal share of the cost of providing access to affordable health benefits coverage for: (1) eligible child care providers; and (2) at State option, the spouses, domestic partners, and dependents of such providers. Directs the Secretary to conduct an evaluation of several such funded State programs representing various approaches to increasing the rate of coverage for child care providers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7491-7492)
- **Jun 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.