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HR 2377

FOCUS Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House
Policy Area: Families
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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. (Jun 30, 2003)

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Rep. Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]	D · OH	Jul 15, 2003
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC	Jul 13, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2003
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 5, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1198	Identical bill	Jun 5, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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 30, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- Jun 30, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- Jun 5, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Jun 5, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1162)
- Jun 5, 2003: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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