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Children First Act of 2003

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Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2003)

Children First Act of 2003 - 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; and (2) increase funding for child care.

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

- **Jan 30, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1822-1823)
- **Jan 30, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1823-1824)