

HR 3243

Keeping Families Together Act

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Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Apr 20, 2004
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Apr 20, 2004

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Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Apr 28, 2004
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Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 16, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1704	Identical bill	Oct 2, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Keeping Families Together Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to States to establish systems of individualized mental health treatment and family support services for children who are in custody or in danger of entering the custody of the state for the purpose of receiving mental health services.

Requires eligible States to: (1) have laws or policies in effect that ensure that children receive appropriate mental health services so that parents do not have to relinquish legal custody of such children; (2) provide matching funds; (3) establish infrastructure for interagency cooperation and cross system financing; and (4) expand public health insurance programs to cover these services after the grant expires.

Establishes a Federal interagency task force to examine mental health issues in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and the role of their agencies in promoting access by children and youth to mental health services.

Amends the Social Security Act to permit the use of the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver to provide mental health services to children and youths as an alternative to care in inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 27, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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