

S 389

Caring for Children Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Families

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 25, 2003)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 13, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Feb 25, 2003
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Caring for Children Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate directly or through competitive award of contracts: (1) information concerning health and safety in various child care settings; and (2) relevant findings in the field of early childhood learning and development.

Directs the Secretary to award grants to eligible entities to develop: (1) distance learning child care training technology infrastructures; and (2) model technology-based training courses for child care providers and child care workers, to be provided through distance learning programs made available through the infrastructure. Requires, to the maximum extent possible, that such grants be awarded in those regions of the United States with the fewest training opportunities for child care providers.

Directs the Secretary to establish a demonstration program of competitive grants to States to help them provide funds to encourage the establishment and operation of small business employer-operated child care programs. Requires a State to give priority for such assistance to applicants that desire to form a consortium to provide child care in a geographic area within the State where such care is not generally available or accessible, and allows such consortia to include businesses, nonprofit agencies or organizations, local governments, or other appropriate entities.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2003:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Feb 25, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2465)
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2466-2467)