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Social Security Protection Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 25, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 743	Identical bill	Mar 2, 2004: Became Public Law No: 108-203.

Summary (as of Feb 25, 2003)

Social Security Protection Act of 2003 - Amends the Social Security Act to direct, with certain limitations, the Commissioner of Social Security to fully reimburse Social Security beneficiaries for any part of their benefit that was misused by a representative payee. Defines misuse of benefits. Establishes that a representative payee that is not a Federal, State, or local government agency will be held liable for misuse of funds and for lying or withholding information relevant to his right to be a representative.

Forbids a prospective representative payee of a beneficiary from serving if he has been convicted of any Federal or State offense resulting in imprisonment for more than one year, unless the Commissioner deems it appropriate. Forbids a fugitive felon from serving as a representative payee. Identifies attorneys who have received certain sanctions as ineligible to be representative payees.

Establishes that certain individuals fleeing prosecution, custody, or confinement, or violating probation or parole shall not be allowed benefits unless the Commissioner finds good cause to allow them. Forbids benefits from being distributed to individuals violating probation or parole under State or Federal law. Forbids payment of benefits to individuals removed from the United States.

Provides for disqualification from payment during trial work period upon conviction of fraudulent concealment of work activity.

Outlines authority for judicial orders of restitution.

Sets a cap on assessments owed by attorney representatives upon receiving payments for past-due benefits. Sets a cap of 25 percent of the amount of payment of past-due benefits for a payment from the Commissioner to an attorney representative.

Extends availability of Federal and State work incentive services to additional individuals.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 25, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2707-2708)
- **Feb 25, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.