

HR 4504

Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2004

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Families

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 10, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 2779	Identical bill	Sep 8, 2004: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8965-8967)

Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2004 - (Sec. 2) Expresses the sense of Congress that States should revise the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Social Security Act to require each State to: (1) have in effect procedures for orderly and timely placement of children, in foster care or for adoption, across State lines; and (2) complete home studies for such purpose within 60 days of another State's request.

(Sec. 4) Requires each State to complete home studies for such child placement purposes within 60 days of another State's request.

Expresses the sense of Congress that States should use private agencies to conduct home studies and give full faith and credit to other States' home study reports.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make incentive grants to States that complete timely interstate home studies.

(Sec. 5) Revises requirements for completing background checks before placement approval and for checking of child abuse registries. Suspends and subsequently eliminates an opt-out provision.

(Sec. 6) Allows access to the Federal parent locator service to courts in foster care or adoptive placement cases.

(Sec. 7) Revises requirements relating to caseworker visits.

(Sec. 8) Revises requirements relating to health and education records.

(Sec. 9) Revises requirements relating to notice of proceedings.

(Sec. 11) Provides for consideration of out-of-state placements in permanency hearings, case plans, and case reviews.

(Sec. 14) Requires State plans for child welfare services to contain assurances that the State shall make use of cross-jurisdictional resources to facilitate timely adoptive or permanent placements for waiting children. Requires assurances that the State shall eliminate legal barriers to such use of interjurisdictional resources. Includes contracts for the purchase of services among the ways States are to use such resources.

(Sec. 15) Directs the Comptroller General to study State performance of background checks for child placements.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 6, 2004:** Received in the Senate.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Mr. Herger moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8094-8100)
- **Oct 5, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4504.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8094-8096)
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- **Oct 5, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 5, 2004:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 10, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jun 3, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 3, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 3, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.