

## HR 4547

Defending America's Most Vulnerable: Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004

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**Chamber:** House

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 18, 2004
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Sep 23, 2004

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jun 14, 2004)

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Defending America's Most Vulnerable: Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004 - Amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to expand penalties for drug distribution to persons under age 21 and to cover attempts, conspiracy, and distribution, without regard to the type of controlled substance and schedule. Modifies provisions regarding distributing or manufacturing drugs in or near schools to delete the "100 feet" limitation, to include public libraries and daycare facilities, and to increase imprisonment terms. Increases or expands the scope of penalties regarding employing children to distribute drugs near schools and playgrounds, employing persons under age 18 in drug distribution, and distributing drugs to underage persons.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend the sentencing guidelines to: (1) increase base offense levels for drug-related offenses involving minors; and (2) provide for specified sentencing enhancements for persons possessing or brandishing a firearm.

Prohibits distributing or manufacturing a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a drug treatment facility.

Modifies: (1) Federal criminal code provisions regarding the sentencing of a defendant who substantially assists the Government in an investigation and prosecution, and regarding detention prior to sentencing; and (2) the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure regarding the acceptance or rejection of plea agreements.

Amends the CSA to: (1) increase penalties for, and expand the scope of provisions regarding, endangering human life while illegally manufacturing a controlled substance; and (2) provide for life imprisonment without release for drug felons and violent criminals convicted a third time.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 23, 2004:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 23, 2004:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 6, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 28, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 18, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
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