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Compassion and Personal Responsibility Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Sununu, John E. [R-NH]	R · NH		Feb 14, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 24, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Compassion and Personal Responsibility Act - Amends title IV part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF)) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) extend through FY 2008 family assistance grants to eligible States; (2) replace the current bonuses to reward States for a decrease in illegitimacy ratio with competitive Healthy Marriage Promotion grants; (3) replace bonuses to reward high performance States with bonuses to States to reward employment achievement; (4) repeal authority for Federal loans to State welfare programs; and (5) revise work participation requirements for State grants.

Promotion and Support of Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Act of 2003 - Amends the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to authorize Federal grants to public and nonprofit community entities (including religious organizations and Indian tribal organizations) for projects and activities designed to test the effectiveness of various approaches to promoting responsible parenting through a fatherhood program.

Caring for Children Act of 2003 - Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to extend the authorization of appropriations through FY 2008 and to revise requirements for State programs for child care services.

Amends SSA title IV part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) to revise child support collection requirements to: (1) prescribe guidelines for Federal matching funds for limited pass through of child support payments to families receiving TANF; (2) decrease the amount of child support arrearage that will trigger passport denial; (3) provide for use of the tax refund intercept program to collect past-due child support on behalf of children who are not minors; and (4) limit garnishment of compensation paid to veterans for Service-connected disabilities in order to enforce child support obligations.

Eliminates the limitation placed upon the number of: (1) States that may be granted waivers to conduct demonstration projects on the same topic; and (2) waivers that may be granted to a single State for demonstration projects.

Amends SSA title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) (SSI) to require the Commissioner of Social Security to review State agency blindness and disability determinations before any action is taken to implement them in order to identify those most likely to be incorrect.

Grants the States authority to require participation in an individual rehabilitation plan or risk being deemed ineligible for supplemental security income.

Prescribes requirements for State demonstration projects to coordinate multiple public assistance and workforce development programs for working individuals and families.

Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a State food assistance block grant demonstration project.

Amends SSA title V (Maternal and Child Health Services) and title XIX (Medicaid) to extend: (1) the duration of appropriations for an abstinence education program; and (2) the Medicaid transitional medical assistance program.

Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to declare that nothing prevents a State from operating separate eligibility verification systems or imposing work requirements as conditions of participation in the Food Stamp Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3440)

- **Feb 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate

- **Feb 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.