

HR 706

Building Secure and Healthy Families Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

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Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2003
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 11, 2003)

Building Secure and Healthy Families Act of 2003 - Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of title IV of the Social Security Act to revise the TANF program, with changes: (1) replacing grants for States to reward a decrease in illegitimacy with grants to States to promote and support secure families; (2) adding nondiscrimination requirements pertaining to marital status and family structure and participation in activities or services funded under the new grant; (3) authorizing a State to assist a teenage parent who does not attend high school or another equivalent training program to come into compliance with TANF work and education requirements; (4) deeming teenage heads of household who maintain satisfactory school attendance to meet work participation requirements; (5) requiring certain certifications regarding domestic or sexual violence in State TANF plans; (6) prohibiting a State from penalizing an individual for TANF requirement noncompliance where domestic or sexual violence is a significant contributing factor in the noncompliance; (7) deeming a TANF recipient who provides appropriate care to a child or other relative who has a serious health condition or a disability as engaged in work for work participation rate purposes; and (8) eliminating the termination of TANF assistance for an entire family where an individual in the family has refused to engage in required work.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Feb 11, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E180)
- **Feb 11, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.