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S 1539

Adoption Equality Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare Introduced: Jul 28, 2005

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 28, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]

Party: Democratic • State: WV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 28, 2005)

Adoption Equality Act of 2005 - Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act to revise requirements for children with special needs in the adoption assistance program. Requires that the child be in the care of a public or licensed private child placement agency or Indian tribal organization pursuant to a voluntary placement agreement, relinquishment, or involuntary removal of the child from the home, where the state has determined that continuation in the home would be contrary to the child's safety or welfare. Specifies related requirements.

Prohibits adoption assistance to parents with respect to a child who is not a U.S. citizen or resident, and who was adopted outside of the United States or brought into the United States for the purposes of being adopted.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 28, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 28, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9299)
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