

HR 5403

Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Families

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Law: 109-239 (Enacted Jul 3, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeLay, Tom [R-TX-22]

Party: Republican • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 17, 2006
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		May 17, 2006
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		May 18, 2006
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		May 23, 2006
Rep. Thomas, William M. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		May 23, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2999	Identical bill	May 24, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006 - Amends the Social Security Act to require each state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to provide that the state shall: (1) have in effect procedures for orderly and timely interstate placement of children; (2) complete home studies requested by another state within a specified period; (3) accept such studies received from another state; and (4) not impose any restrictions on contracting with a private agency to conduct such a study.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants for timely interstate home study incentive payments to states that have approved plans and that have completed, and provided the Secretary a report on, such studies.

Expresses the sense of Congress that state agencies should cooperate with courts which have authority with respect to the placement of a child in foster care or for adoption for the purpose of locating a parent of the child.

Amends the definition of "case review system" to: (1) increase the required frequency of state caseworker visits to a child who is placed in foster care outside the state in which the child's parents reside; (2) require a child's health and education record to be supplied to the child at no cost when he/she leaves foster care by reason of having attained the age of majority under state law; and (3) provide for a foster parent's right (currently, opportunity) to be heard in any proceeding (currently, review or hearing) respecting their foster child. Requires state courts to ensure that foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, and relative caregivers of a child in foster care are notified of any such proceedings.

Includes among the purposes of grants to the highest state courts the assessment of the court's role in carrying out state laws requiring proceedings that determine the best strategy to use to expedite the interstate placement of children.

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

Requires each plan for child welfare services to include the assurance that the state will eliminate legal barriers to facilitate timely adoptive or permanent placements for children.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 3, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Jul 3, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-239.
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- **Jun 29, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Jun 23, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6463)
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6463)
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 5, 2006:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 463.
- **May 26, 2006:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **May 24, 2006:** Mr. Herger moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 24, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3149-3154)
- **May 24, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5403.
- **May 24, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3149-3150)
- **May 24, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3149-3150)
- **May 24, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 24, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 17, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2006:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.