

HR 5436

Fostering Our Future Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Families

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 19, 2006
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 20, 2006
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2006
Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jul 27, 2006
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Sep 19, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2006
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3758	Related bill	Nov 7, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Summary (as of May 19, 2006)

Fostering Our Future Act of 2006 - Amends the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require, for grants to the highest state courts for foster care proceedings, that the state in which the courts are located has laws and procedures in effect that will ensure that the courts measure their performance with respect to children under the court's jurisdiction.

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Secretary of Education to forgive the student loan debt of a borrower who: (1) enters a written agreement with the Secretary to remain employed full-time as a family law, dependency, or domestic relations attorney for at least three years; and (2) is not in default on a loan for which the borrower seeks forgiveness. Limits the amount that the Secretary may pay to no more than \$6,000 in any year for any borrower or \$50,000 in the aggregate for any borrower. Authorizes the Secretary to renew such agreements.

Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a comparative study of state dependency courts and foster care systems.

Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to: (1) court accountability for improved child outcomes; (2) the organization of state dependency courts; (3) building the pool of attorneys qualified to handle cases in dependency courts; and (4) training, caseloads, and compensation of attorneys for children.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **May 24, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3217)
- **May 19, 2006:** Introduced in House
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