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Child Custody Protection Act

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Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 7, 2005
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Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2005
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Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]	R · AL		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Talent, Jim [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 8, 2005
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 10, 2005
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Apr 5, 2005
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Apr 5, 2005
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Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 31, 2006
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 12, 2006
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Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jul 18, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 403	Identical bill	Sep 29, 2006: Cloture on the motion to concur in House amendment not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 57 - 42. Record Vote Number: 263. (consideration: CR S10616-10618)
109 HR 748	Related bill	Jul 11, 2005: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 157.
109 S 396	Identical bill	Feb 16, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2005)

Child Custody Protection Act - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit transporting a minor across a state line to obtain an abortion (deems such transporting to be a de facto abridgment of the right of a parent under any law in the minor's state of residence that requires parental involvement in the minor's abortion decision). Makes an exception for an abortion necessary to save the life of the minor.

Protects from prosecution or civil liability the minor or the minor's parents for violations of this Act.

Makes it an affirmative defense to a prosecution or civil action under this Act that a defendant reasonably believed that before the minor obtained the abortion, the required parental consent or notification or judicial authorization took place.

Authorizes any parent who suffers harm from a violation of this Act to seek relief in a civil action. Defines "parent" to include a guardian, legal custodian, or person standing in loco parentis.

Actions Timeline

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