

## HR 2517

Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 24, 2007
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 21, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1829	Related bill	<b>Dec 13, 2007:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 544.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on December 5, 2007. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007 - Amends the Missing Children's Assistance Act to: (1) revise, and expand the required uses for, the annual grant made to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; (2) reauthorize the missing children's assistance and the NCMEC grant programs through FY2013; and (3) repeal criteria for grants.

Specifies additional mandatory uses of grants to NCMEC, including provision of: (1) annual reports to the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on the numbers of children nationwide reported as missing, victims of non-family abductions, and victims of parental kidnappings, as well as those recovered; (2) analytical as well as onsite support and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies through searching public records databases in locating and recovering missing and exploited children and helping to locate and identify abductors; (3) forensic technical assistance and consultation to law enforcement and other agencies in the identification of unidentified deceased children; and (4) training and assistance to law enforcement agencies in identifying and locating non-compliant sex offenders.

Requires the use of grants also to facilitate the deployment of the National Emergency Child Locator Center to assist in reuniting missing children with their families during periods of national disasters.

Adds to the kinds of reports for which the cyber tipline shall be used.

Requires NCMEC to use grant funds to: (1) work with law enforcement, Internet service providers, electronic payment service providers, and others on methods to reduce the distribution on the Internet of images and videos of sexually exploited children; (2) operate a child victim identification program to assist the efforts of law enforcement agencies in identifying victims of child pornography and other sexual crimes; and (3) develop and disseminate programs and information to the general public, schools, and other public officials and organizations on the prevention of child abduction and sexual exploitation, and Internet safety.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 3, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 3, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-240.
- **May 23, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **May 21, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 20, 2008:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4549)
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- **May 20, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 20, 2008:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 20, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Jan 22, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Mrs. McCarthy (NY) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H14185-14190, H14225-14226)
- **Dec 5, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2517.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 3 (Roll no. 1132).(text: CR H14186-14187)
- **Dec 5, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408 - 3 (Roll no. 1132). (text: CR H14186-14187)
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1621)
- **Jul 24, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.
- **May 24, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.