

HR 6358

Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2008
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 26, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5876	Related bill	Jun 24, 2008: DEBATE - The House proceeded with ten minutes of debate on the Bachmann motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to add an amendment requiring parents or legal guardians to give consent before prescription medication is administered to children. During the course of debate, further proceedings on H.R. 5876 were postponed until a time to be announced.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008 - (Sec. 3) Directs the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services to require each location of a covered program to meet specified minimum standards if individually or together with other locations it has an effect on interstate commerce.

Defines "covered program" as one operated by a public or private entity that with respect to one or more children unrelated to the program owner or operator: (1) provides a residential environment; and (2) operates with a focus on serving children with emotional, behavioral, or mental health problems or disorders, or problems with alcohol or substance abuse.

Directs the Assistant Secretary to: (1) implement an on-going review process for investigating and evaluating reports of child abuse and neglect; (2) establish public websites with information about each covered program, as well as a national toll-free telephone hotline to receive complaints; (3) establish civil penalties for violations of standards; and (4) establish a process to ensure that complaints received by the hotline are promptly reviewed by persons with appropriate expertise.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Assistant Secretary to refer any violation of such standards to the Attorney General for appropriate action if the Assistant Secretary determines that a violation has not been remedied through the enforcement process. Authorizes the Attorney General to file such a complaint on his or her own initiative regardless of whether such a referral has been made.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2013.

(Sec. 7) Amends the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to establish additional eligibility requirements for grants to states to prevent child abuse and neglect at residential programs. Require such states to develop policies and procedures to prevent child abuse and neglect at covered programs consistent with the standards specified by this Act. Authorizes appropriations for FY2009-FY2013.

(Sec. 8) Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report to Congress on outcomes for children in both private and public covered programs under this Act encompassing a broad representation of treatment facilities and geographic regions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2008:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Mr. Miller, George moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6075-6080)
- **Jun 25, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6358.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** 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.
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6080-6081)
- **Jun 25, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 318 - 103 (Roll no. 459).(text: CR H6075-6078)
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- **Jun 25, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 24, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.