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HELP Separated Children Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5278-

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5278-5279) (Jun 22, 2010)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 22, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 22, 2010
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2010
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 22, 2010
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 22, 2010
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 22, 2010)

Humane Enforcement and Legal Protections for Separated Children Act or the HELP Separated Children Act - Sets forth apprehension procedures for immigration enforcement-related activities engaged in by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and cooperating entities, including: (1) providing the governor, local child welfare agencies, and local law enforcement with advance notice of an enforcement activity, if possible; (2) providing child welfare agencies and community organizations access to detained individuals to help DHS identify detainees who have children; (3) permitting detainees with children to make free phone calls to arrange for such children's care; and (4) requiring that the interests of children be considered in decisions regarding detainee release, detention, or transfer.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to: (1) require DHS detention facilities to implement procedures to ensure that child custody and family interests can be considered in any immigration detention action; (2) develop memoranda of understanding with child welfare agencies and community organizations that protect the best interests of children of detained individuals; and (3) provide DHS personnel with appropriate training.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 22, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5277-5278, S5279-5280)
- **Jun 22, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5278-5279)

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