

## HR 4806

Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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**Policy Area:** Families

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 3827	Related bill	<b>Oct 15, 2009:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Summary (as of Mar 10, 2010)

Every Child Deserves a Family Act - Prohibits an entity that receives federal assistance and is involved in adoption or foster care placements from discriminating against prospective adoptive or foster parents solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status or on the basis of the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), in order to ensure compliance with, and ensure understanding of the legal, practice, and culture changes required by this Act in making foster care and adoption placement decisions, to provide specified technical assistance to all entities covered by this Act.

Requires a Government Accountability Office study whether states have substantially complied with this Act in eliminating policies, practices, or statutes that deny adoption rights on the basis of these criteria.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support.
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Introduced in House
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