

HR 5817

Fostering Success in Education Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 13, 2010
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 22, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2801	Identical bill	Nov 19, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11597-11604)

Fostering Success in Education Act - Requires each state receiving school improvement funds under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that its foster care children have the right to: (1) continue attending the school they were in when placed in foster care or before a change in such placement (school of origin), unless it is determined to be in the child's best interest to be immediately enrolled in a different school; (2) immediate enrollment in a new school in their school attendance area; (3) well-maintained school records that are available in a timely manner; (4) equal access to the same education and opportunities as other students attending the school or school district; and (5) free transportation to and from their school.

Includes preschool children as beneficiaries of such rights, with respect to preschool programs.

Requires states to: (1) ensure that their state and local educational agencies (LEAs) and child welfare agencies collaborate in specified activities aimed at satisfying such rights; and (2) maintain a complaint management system, and an effective system for transferring and recovering a foster child's school credits.

Requires an LEA serving a foster child's school of origin to make an expedited decision on whether it is in the foster child's best interest to attend such school or be immediately enrolled in a new school in the child's school attendance area, unless the state decides that the decision is to be made solely by the dependency court or state or local child welfare agency. Requires states to have fair and impartial procedures to resolve school selection disputes promptly.

Allows parties who claim that their rights under this Act have been violated to bring a civil action in the appropriate U.S. district court.

Directs the Secretary of Education to allot grants to states and, through them, competitive subgrants to public agencies, including LEAs and local child welfare agencies, to carry out this Act's requirements.

Requires each state grantee to: (1) implement a Secretary-approved state foster care and education plan for satisfying this Act's requirements; and (2) establish a Stakeholder Council that monitors, and makes recommendations regarding, plan implementation.

Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act to require state child welfare agencies to arrange for, provide, or pay the cost of the transportation necessary for foster children to remain in the school they attended at the time of their placement.

Requires state and local child welfare and educational agencies to collaborate in eliminating barriers to the educational stability, enrollment, and success of foster children.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 13, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.
- **Jul 28, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1457)
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Referred to House Ways and Means