

## HR 6156

To renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sep 24, 2010)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Linder, John [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Sep 16, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 24, 2010
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 16, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Amends title XI of the Social Security Act to renew through FY2016 the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to authorize states to conduct child welfare program demonstration projects likely to promote the objectives of part B (Child and Family Services) or E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA).

Includes among the demonstration projects that may be approved any designed to: (1) identify and address barriers that result in delays to kinship guardianship for children in foster care; (2) provide early intervention and crisis intervention services that safely reduce out-of-home placements and improve child outcomes; or (3) identify and address domestic violence that endangers children and results in the placement of children in foster care.

Prohibits the Secretary from authorizing a demonstration project if the state fails to provide health insurance coverage to any child with special needs for whom there is in effect a kinship guardianship agreement between the state and the adoptive parent or parents.

Requires the Secretary, in assessing a demonstration project application submitted by a state in which a court order is in effect which has determined that the state's child welfare program has failed to comply with part B or E of SSA title IV, or with the U.S. Constitution, to take into consideration the state's ability to implement an approved corrective action.

Requires any demonstration project application to include: (1) an accounting of any additional federal, state, local, and private investments made during the two fiscal years preceding the application to provide project services; and (2) an assurance that the state will provide an accounting of the same spending for each year of an approved project.

Requires the mandatory project evaluation by an independent contractor to use an approved evaluation design which provides for a comparison of the amounts of federal, state, local and private investments in the project services, by service type, with the amount of the investments during the period of the project. Requires the evaluation design also to compare the outcomes for all children and families under the project who come to the attention of the state's child welfare program, either through a report of abuse or neglect or through the provision of project services.

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## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Mr. McDermott moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6896-6898)
- **Sep 23, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6156.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6896)
- **Sep 23, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 23, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6896)
- **Sep 16, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 16, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1676)
- **Sep 16, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.