

## HR 1194

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:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2011

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 6, 2011)

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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. Davis, Geoff [R-KY-4] | R · KY        |      | Mar 17, 2011 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Budget Committee         | House   | Referred To | Mar 17, 2011 |
| Finance Committee        | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 6, 2011  |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | Mar 17, 2011 |

### 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**

- **Jun 6, 2011:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **May 31, 2011:** Mr. Davis (KY) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 31, 2011:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3784-3787)
- **May 31, 2011:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1194.
- **May 31, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3784)
- **May 31, 2011:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3784)
- **May 31, 2011:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E518)
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.