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Children First Act of 2011

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 28, 2011
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jan 24, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 28, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2686	Identical bill	Aug 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

Children First Act of 2011 - Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) exclude child care assistance from the determination of the five-year limit on assistance under TANF, and (2) increase funding for child care.

Requires the plans submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) by eligible states to contain provisions for certification of procedures to ensure that child care providers comply with applicable state or local health and safety standards.

Increases from 6 to 13 the maximum age allowed of a child under the care of a single custodial parent or other individual with custody who will not be subject to a reduction or termination of TANF assistance as a result of a refusal of the individual to engage in work.

Subjects to the individual and case data reporting requirements of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 any TANF funds expended for child care, whether or not transferred to that Act, and exempts such funds from SSA reporting requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 28, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5019)
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