

S 1770

Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Families

Introduced: Nov 1, 2011

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 1, 2011)

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| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Nov 13, 2012 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Finance Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 1, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 HR 1681 | Related bill | May 3, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |

Summary (as of Nov 1, 2011)

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 (GAO) study of 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

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