

S 3331

Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 21, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jun 21, 2012
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 21, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 19, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 7, 2012
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 13, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 6027	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on December 5, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012 - Applies universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards under the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000, and related regulations, to the same extent as they apply to the offering or provision of adoption services in connection with an adoption under the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, to any person offering or providing adoption services in connection with a foreign orphan under age 16 adopted or to be adopted by a U.S. citizen.

Gives the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), the Attorney General, and the accrediting entities the duties, responsibilities, and authorities under the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 and related regulations with respect to a person offering or providing such adoption services, regardless of whether such services are offered or provided in connection with a Convention adoption.

Amends the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to: (1) repeal the prohibition against, and so make available, collected fees to accrediting entities; and (2) add a congressional report requirement on the use of federal funding.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 14, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 112-276.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7559-7560)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 12/30/2012 H7457)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 12/30/2012 H7457)
- **Jan 1, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7457-7458)
- **Dec 30, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3331.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Ros-Lehtinen objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.
- **Dec 7, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 7, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- **Dec 6, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 5, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7636-7637)
- **Dec 5, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 5, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Kerry without amendment. With written report No. 112-234.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 539.
- **Sep 19, 2012:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 21, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.