

## S 3436

### Infant and Toddler Care Improvement Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** Jul 25, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jul 25, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/3436>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 26, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 25, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Families

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Infant and Toddler Care Improvement Act - Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to make grants to enable eligible states (including Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers, especially those from low-income families.

Authorizes the use of grant funds to: (1) make grants to organizations with pertinent expertise to establish and operate staffed family child care networks or systems that offer family child care providers technical assistance, training, administrative support, or direct services; (2) support a statewide network of infant and toddler care specialists; and (3) support initiatives to improve the quality of the provider workforce.

Allows the use of such funds also to: (1) develop infant and toddler components for the State's Quality Rating and Improvement System or a similar rating system, child care licensing regulations, or voluntary early learning guidelines; (2) improve the ability of parents to obtain information about high-quality infant and toddler care; or (3) assist eligible infant and toddler care providers seeking to increase their ranking on the State's Quality Rating and Improvement System or similar rating system, meet performance standards applicable to an Early Head Start agency, or become accredited by a national accrediting body.

---

### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 25, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 25, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.