

## S 3476

Improving Access to Child Care for Homeless Families Act of 2012

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

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Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Improving Access to Child Care for Homeless Families Act of 2012 - Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) Congress has enacted successful policies to increase homeless children's access to and stability in public elementary and secondary schools and Head Start Programs; (2) in order to increase homeless families' access to and continuity in care, similar policies should be applied to federal child care programs; and (3) such policies will assist homeless parents in maintaining employment and regaining housing, and will provide critical interventions to support that vulnerable population of children.

Amends the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require the lead agency to coordinate the provision of services under such Act with social services programs that include: (1) Head Start and Early Head Start programs under the Head Start Act; (2) programs and services of partners that serve vulnerable populations; and (3) programs and services of entities receiving grants to provide homeless veterans with housing, employment-related services, or supportive services.

Revises state plan requirements to require consideration of homeless children in the use of funds for child care services and activities.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out a pilot program of grants to states to identify and implement best practices for increasing access to and continuity of child care for homeless children.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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