

HR 6128

Help Separated Families Act of 2012

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Policy Area: Families

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 17, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 13, 2012)

Help Separated Families Act of 2012 - Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act to: (1) require state child protection standards to ensure that the immigration status alone of a parent, legal guardian, or relative shall not disqualify the parent, legal guardian, or relative from being a placement for a child; and (2) require the state procedures for criminal records checks to require the state to accept foreign identification documents as sufficient identification for purposes of initiating a criminal records check or a fingerprint-based check.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the child welfare agency of a state, or of any county or other political subdivision of a state, should grant a waiver of any requirement which would prevent the placement of a child with a relative of the child, on the basis of a minor legal infraction, if the relative would otherwise be considered eligible for such a placement.

Requires the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to notify relatives seeking placement of a child that their immigration status will not be questioned, except to the extent necessary in determining eligibility for relevant services or programs.

Prohibits a state or local government agency from filing for termination of parental rights in foster care cases based on the removal of the parent from the United States or the parent's involvement in an immigration proceeding, unless: (1) the state (or local agency) has made reasonable efforts to notify of the intention to file such a petition any parent of the child who has been removed from the United States, and any adult relative of the child, including through the diplomatic or consular offices of the country to which the parent was removed, and to reunify the child with any such parent or relative; or (2) the parent is unfit or unwilling to be a parent of the child.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 17, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jul 13, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1249)
- **Jul 13, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.