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Supporting At-Risk Children Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	Dec 19, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4980	Related bill	Sep 29, 2014: Became Public Law No: 113-183.
113 S 1876	Related bill	Dec 19, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 S 1877	Related bill	Dec 19, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 S 1878	Related bill	Dec 19, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 S 1786	Related bill	Dec 10, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 HR 3205	Related bill	Oct 28, 2013: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 HR 1896	Related bill	Jun 19, 2013: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Support At-Risk Children Act - Strengthening And Finding Families for Children Act - Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) to revise the adoption incentives grant program (renaming it the adoption and legal guardianship incentive program), creating a new formula for determining adoption incentive payments, and extending the program through FY2016. Revises the program's award structure, including limitations on the use of incentive payments.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to increase the adoption incentive payment for timely adoption award states.

Requires states to use amounts paid to them under the program to supplement, and not supplant, any federal or non-federal funds used to provide any service under SSA title IV parts B (Child and Family Services) or E.

Requires a state to calculate the savings (if any) resulting from the application of specified eligibility requirements for adoption assistance to all applicable children for a fiscal year, using a methodology specified by the Secretary or an alternative methodology proposed by the state and approved by the Secretary.

Requires a state to spend at least 40% of any such savings on: (1) post-adoption or post-guardianship services (as applicable) for children placed in adoptive, kinship guardianship, or guardianship placements and their families; and (2) services to support and sustain positive permanent outcomes for children who otherwise might enter into foster care under the responsibility of the state.

Declares that, in the event of the death or incapacity of the relative guardian, the eligibility of a child for a kinship guardianship assistance payment shall not be affected by reason of the replacement of the relative guardian with a successor legal guardian named in the kinship guardianship assistance agreement.

Directs the Secretary, as part of the data collection system, to promulgate final regulations providing for the collection and analysis of information regarding children who enter into foster care under state supervision as a result of the disruption of a placement for adoption or foster care guardianship or the dissolution of an adoption or foster care guardianship.

Requires a state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to require the state, within 30 days after removal of a child from parental custody, to exercise due diligence to identify and provide notice to all parents of a sibling of such a child, where such parent has legal custody of such sibling (as well as all adult grandparents as under current law).

Amends SSA title IV part B to extend the Family Connection Grant Program through FY2016, and make universities eligible for matching grants under such programs.

Amends SSA title III (Unemployment Compensation) with respect to the requirement that a state have an unemployment compensation law containing certain provisions in order to receive a specified federal grant. Requires a state owed an unemployment compensation debt meeting specified criteria that remains uncollected within two years after it was first incurred to take specified action under the Internal Revenue Code to recover it, including through a tax refund offset.

Protecting Youth At-Risk of Sex Trafficking Act - Requires the state agency under its foster care and adoption assistance program plan to demonstrate to the Secretary that it has developed, and is implementing, policies and procedures for identifying and screening any child who the state has reasonable cause to believe is a victim of sex trafficking or is at risk of being a victim of trafficking.

Prescribes additional case plan and case review system requirements for placement of a child in another planned permanent living arrangement.

Requires a permanency plan for a child age 14 or older to be developed in consultation with the child, and allows the child to choose up to two members of his or her case planning team.

Requires foster youth to be discharged from care only if provided with an official birth certificate, a Social Security card, a driver's license or equivalent state-issued identification care, and a fee-free (or low-fee) bank account. Subjects any state to an administrative penalty for noncompliance.

Requires the state plan to require the state agency to: (1) identify and document each child who is a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of severe forms of trafficking in persons, and (2) report to law enforcement authorities within 24 hours after receiving any information on missing or abducted children for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Amends part A of SSA title XI to require the head of each federal agency to report to Congress recommendations for expanding safe housing for youth victims of trafficking.

Directs the Secretary to establish a National Advisory Committee on Domestic Sex Trafficking.

Child Support Improvement and Work Promotion Act - Directs the Secretary to utilize federal and state enforcement mechanisms and take necessary steps to ensure compliance with U.S. treaty obligations under any multilateral child support convention in the event that a state plan does not comply with those obligations.

Authorizes a Central Authority for child support enforcement in a foreign reciprocating country or a foreign treaty country to obtain information from the Federal Parent Locator Service.

Revises child support enforcement requirements with respect to: (1) the collection of past due support from federal tax refunds, (2) waiver of passport denial for certain individuals owing child support arrearages but making such payments consistently and in good faith, (3) child support enforcement programs for Indian tribes, and (4) establishment of voluntary parenting time arrangements under state child and spousal support plans.

Increases from 24 to 48 months the length of time information entered into the data base maintained by the National Directory of New Hires shall remain before being deleted.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide access to data in each component of the Federal Parent Locator Service for certain related federal or state research as well as assessments of the effectiveness of a federal program in achieving positive labor market outcomes.

Establishes in the executive branch a Child Support Enforcement Task Force.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2014:** By Senator Baucus from Committee on Finance filed written report. Report No. 113-137. Minority views filed.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Committee on Finance. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Baucus. Without written report.
- **Dec 19, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 279.