

## HR 1951

Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Jun 14, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 13, 2013
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 14, 2013
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 22, 2013
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Nov 18, 2013

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2013
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	May 15, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 14, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2013
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3112	Related bill	Sep 20, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of State to submit to Congress an Annual Report on International Child Abduction.

Directs the Secretary to ensure that U.S. diplomatic and consular missions: (1) maintain a consistent reporting standard with respect to abduction or access cases, and (2) designate at least one official in each mission to assist U.S. parents who are visiting to resolve such cases.

Directs the Secretary to seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding (an agreement between the United States and a country that is not a Convention country to resolve abduction and rights of access cases) with every country that is not a Convention country. Defines "Convention country" as a country other than the United States that has ratified, acceded, or succeeded to the Hague Abduction Convention and with respect to which the United States has entered into a reciprocal agreement pursuant to the Hague Abduction Convention.

Provides that whenever the President determines that the government of a foreign country has failed to resolve an unresolved abduction or access case, or has engaged in a pattern of noncooperation, the President shall take one or more specified actions to promote resolution or cooperation.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 14, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **May 15, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent .
- **May 13, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, the Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.