

## HR 2028

Every Child Deserves a Family Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** May 16, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (May 16, 2013)

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Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 16, 2013
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Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 16, 2013
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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		May 16, 2013
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Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 16, 2013

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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2013
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Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 6, 2013
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Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jun 13, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 13, 2013
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 13, 2013
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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 13, 2013
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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 28, 2013
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jul 9, 2013
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 9, 2013
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 9, 2013
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jul 9, 2013
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 2, 2013
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Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2013
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 10, 2013
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2013
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Oct 28, 2013
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2013
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 28, 2013

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Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2013
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 13, 2013
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Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Nov 19, 2013
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Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 4, 2014
Rep. Garcia, Joe [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2014
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2014
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2014
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2014
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 26, 2014
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Mar 4, 2014
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Mar 4, 2014
Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		Mar 11, 2014
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 14, 2014
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2014
Rep. Murphy, Patrick [D-FL-18]	D · FL		Mar 14, 2014
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2014
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2014
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Apr 28, 2014
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 1, 2014
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 9, 2014
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 9, 2014
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 9, 2014
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 22, 2014
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		May 22, 2014
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 22, 2014
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 28, 2014
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 28, 2014
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 12, 2014
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2014
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 12, 2014
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jun 12, 2014
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 9, 2014
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2014

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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jul 16, 2014
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 25, 2014
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jul 25, 2014
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 29, 2014
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2014
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jul 29, 2014
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 31, 2014
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2014
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 17, 2014
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Nov 13, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1069	Identical bill	<b>May 23, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of May 16, 2013)

Every Child Deserves a Family Act - Prohibits an entity that receives federal assistance and is involved in adoption or foster care placements from discriminating against prospective adoptive or foster parents solely on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identification, or marital status or on the basis of the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), in order to ensure compliance with, and ensure understanding of the legal, practice, and culture changes required by this Act in making foster care and adoption placement decisions, to provide specified technical assistance to all entities covered by this Act.

Requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study of whether states have substantially complied with this Act in eliminating policies, practices, or statutes that deny adoption rights on the basis of these criteria.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 16, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E679)
- **May 16, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.