

## S 2687

### Plan of Safe Care Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 15, 2016
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 15, 2016
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 15, 2016
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 15, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 15, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 4, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Plan of Safe Care Improvement Act**

This bill amends the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require a grant-receiving state plan for a child abuse or neglect prevention and treatment program to include policies and procedures requiring systems to monitor the plan of safe care for an infant born affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms, or a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, in order to:

- ensure the safety and well-being of children;
- address the health, including mental health, needs of the child and family involved; and
- determine whether local entities are capable of providing referrals to and delivery of appropriate services for the child and family.

Each grant-receiving state shall work annually with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to produce a report including the number of infants for whom a plan of safe care was developed.

HHS shall: (1) monitor states to ensure that each one is meeting requirements to improve outcomes among children most at risk for child abuse and neglect, and (2) issue guidance to states regarding the requirements and best practices for the development and implementation of plans of safe care.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 4, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Reported by Senator Alexander with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Apr 4, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 411.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.