

**HR 5477**

Look-back Elimination Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** Jun 14, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources. (Jun 16, 2016)

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**Sponsor**

**Name:** Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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**Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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**Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:**

Families

**Related Bills**

*No related bills are listed.*

**Summary** (as of Jun 14, 2016)

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This bill amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSAct) to eliminate the requirement that, to be eligible for foster care maintenance payments, a child would have been eligible for aid under the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children program (AFDC) (predecessor of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under part A of SSAct title IV) at the time of removal from the home.

The sense of the Congress is expressed that: (1) the AFDC eligibility requirement for federal foster care and adoption assistance benefits should be eliminated and replaced with income eligibility standards that are based on modern, balanced criteria that treat all children equally; and (2) the Department of Health and Human Services should collaborate with Members of Congress and child welfare advocates in developing any modification standards.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 16, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.