

S 802

Girls Count Act of 2015

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

Party: Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 19, 2015
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 23, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 24, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 20, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 22, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2100	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on May 21, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 3) This bill states that it is U.S. policy to:

- encourage countries to support the rule of law and ensure girls and boys of all ages are able to fully participate in society, including by providing birth certifications and other official documentation;
- enhance training and capacity-building in key developing countries, local nongovernmental organizations, and other civil society organizations in the design, implementation, and monitoring of programs to address the needs of birth registries in countries where girls are systematically under counted; and
- incorporate into the design, implementation, and evaluation of policies and programs measures to evaluate the impact on girls of such policies and programs.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development to support:

- programs that contribute to improved civil registration and vital statistics systems with a focus on birth registration;
- programs that build the capacity of developing countries' national and local legal and policy frameworks to prevent discrimination against girls in gaining access to birth certificates; and
- programs and key ministries to increase property rights, social security, home ownership, land tenure security, inheritance rights, access to education, and economic and entrepreneurial opportunities, particularly for women and girls.

Authorizes the Secretary and the Administrator to coordinate with multilateral organizations and private sector and civil society organizations to advocate for the registration and documentation of all girls and boys in developing countries.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary and the Administrator to include in relevant evaluations and reports to Congress the following information:

- a breakdown of U.S. foreign assistance beneficiaries by age, gender, marital status, location, and school enrollment status;
- a description of how U.S. foreign assistance benefits girls; and
- specific information on programs that address the particular needs of girls.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-24.
- **Jun 3, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Mr. Chabot moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3624-3627)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 802.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3624-3625)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3624-3625)
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 26, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 26, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **May 26, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **May 23, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3317-3318; text as passed Senate: CR S3317-3318)
- **May 23, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3317-3318; text as passed Senate: CR S3317-3318)
- **May 21, 2015:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 21, 2015:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 21, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 91.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.