

HR 1808

Improving Support for Missing and Exploited Children Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 30, 2017
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Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Apr 6, 2017
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Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Apr 20, 2017
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Apr 20, 2017
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 20, 2017
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 20, 2017
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Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Apr 20, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Apr 20, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Apr 25, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Reported By	May 4, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1312	Related bill	Dec 21, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-393.
115 S 3354	Related bill	Oct 11, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-267.
115 HR 4601	Related bill	Jan 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of May 23, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 4, 2017. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Missing Children's Assistance Act to revise the findings to, among other things, specify that the growing numbers of children who are victims of child sexual exploitation include victims of child sex trafficking and sextortion.

(Sec. 3) The bill revises the definition of "missing child" to mean an individual under 18 years of age whose whereabouts are unknown to the individual's parent (currently, legal custodian). It specifies that a parent includes a legal guardian or an individual who functions as a parent (e.g., a grandparent).

(Sec. 4) It revises existing functions and duties of the National Center on Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and adds new requirements for the NCMEC, including to:

- provide training and technical assistance to help families, law enforcement agencies, and other entities respond to missing foster children and identify, locate, and recover child sex trafficking victims;
- provide forensic and direct on-site technical assistance, including facial reconstruction of skeletal remains, to help families, law enforcement agencies, and other entities identify deceased children;
- provide training, technical assistance, and information to help law enforcement agencies and nongovernmental organizations identify and locate non-compliant sex offenders; and
- develop and disseminate programs and information on sexting and sextortion to families, law enforcement agencies, and other entities.

(Sec. 6) The NCMEC must make publicly available the annual report on missing children and the incidence of attempted child abductions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 23, 2017:** Mr. Guthrie moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4453-4457)
- **May 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1808.
- **May 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4453-4454)
- **May 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4453-4454)
- **May 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 4, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 115-110.
- **May 4, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 64.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 4, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.