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Child Welfare Oversight and Accountability Act of 2017

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 16, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 16, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Families

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Child Welfare Oversight and Accountability Act of 2017**

This bill address foster care services in state child welfare programs, including the use of private, for-profit foster care services.

Specifically, the bill:

- supports states placing children with family members, including by providing financial support to states for all children placed with family members, not just children removed from poor families;
- expands oversight of state child welfare systems, including by requiring states to annually review child fatalities from maltreatment;
- establishes workload and training standards for child welfare workers;
- requires states to assess and report to the Department of Health and Human Services on the performance of foster care providers; and
- gives an individual who is or was a child in foster care the right to seek relief in civil court if a state fails to meet certain case plan and case review requirements.

## **Actions Timeline**

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