

HR 1973

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Apr 8, 2017
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		May 19, 2017
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 19, 2017
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 19, 2017
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		May 19, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		May 19, 2017
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		May 19, 2017
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 22, 2017
Rep. Knight, Stephen [R-CA-25]	R · CA		May 22, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		May 22, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 22, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		May 22, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	May 22, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 1, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 534	Related bill	Feb 14, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-126.
115 HRES 352	Procedurally related	May 24, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of May 25, 2017)

Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 to extend the duty to report suspected child abuse to adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes at an amateur sports organization facility or at an event sanctioned by a national governing body (NGB) or member of an NGB. An NGB is an amateur sports organization that is recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

An authorized adult who fails to report suspected child abuse is subject to criminal penalties.

(Sec. 3) The bill amends the federal criminal code to revise civil remedy provisions for a victim of a human trafficking offense or federal sex offense. Among other things, it changes the civil statute of limitations to 10 years from the date the victim reasonably discovers the violation or injury (currently, 10 years from the date the cause of action arose). The bill also extends the statute of limitations for a minor victim of a federal sex offense to file a civil action to 10 years (currently, 3 years) from the date such individual reaches age 18.

(Sec. 4) Finally, the bill amends the Amateur Sports Act of 1978:

- to expand the authorities and duties of NGBs to prevent, report, and respond to the abuse of minor or amateur athletes;
- to limit the civil and criminal liability of the U.S. Olympic Committee, an NGB, or an amateur sport organization in certain circumstances;
- to prohibit construing certain provisions to limit the ability of an NGB to prevent interactions between an alleged abuser and an amateur athlete; and
- to require (currently, authorize) the U.S. Olympic Committee to review an NGB's certification.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 5, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 25, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 352. (consideration: CR H4575-4582)
- **May 25, 2017:** The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 1973 and H.R. 1761. The resolution provides for proceedings during the period from May 26, 2017 through June 5, 2017.
- **May 25, 2017:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 352 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 25, 2017:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Bruce Poliquin to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 25, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1973.
- **May 25, 2017:** The Committee of the Whole rose informally to receive a message from the Senate.
- **May 25, 2017:** Subsequently, the Committee resume its sitting.
- **May 25, 2017:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole resumed with general debate on H.R. 1973.
- **May 25, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 352, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Johnson (LA) amendment No. 1.
- **May 25, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 352, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Costa amendment No. 2.
- **May 25, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 352, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the O'Halleran amendment No. 3.
- **May 25, 2017:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1973.
- **May 25, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 25, 2017:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **May 25, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 1973, the Chair put the question on passage and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Goodlatte demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on passage of the bill until later in the legislative day.
- **May 25, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4590-4591)
- **May 25, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 415 - 3 (Roll no. 285).(text: CR H4579-4580)
- **May 25, 2017:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 415 - 3 (Roll no. 285). (text: CR H4579-4580)
- **May 25, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 352 Reported to House. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 1973 and H.R. 1761. The resolution provides for proceedings during the period from May 26, 2017 through June 5, 2017.
- **May 22, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 115-136, Part I.
- **May 22, 2017:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
- **May 22, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 85.
- **May 18, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **May 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.