

HR 4983

Caring Homes and Improved Lives for Dependents (CHILD) Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 17, 2018
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		May 10, 2018
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		May 16, 2018
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jun 14, 2018
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Aug 24, 2018
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Sep 5, 2018
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Sep 7, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires states to consider foster family homes or cottage homes to be the least restrictive setting for children who have attained six years of age and have been removed from their homes, if suitable relatives or other designated caregivers are not available. A cottage home is a residential operation:

- in which not more than 12 children reside;
- that implements a trauma-informed treatment plan for its residents;
- that involves family members of a child in the treatment for the child, and maintains contact with the family of the child, if available and if the involvement is clinically appropriate for the well-being of the child;
- that is licensed by the state where it is located; and
- that is accredited.

The bill makes cottage homes eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

Actions Timeline

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