

## HR 5214

### Protecting Our Children's Future Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Economics and Public Finance

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Oversight and G

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration, 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. (Mar 8, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2018
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2018
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 8, 2018
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Mar 14, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2018
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2018
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5465	Related bill	Apr 10, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
115 HR 1065	Related bill	Feb 15, 2017: Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, 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.
115 HR 507	Related bill	Jan 12, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.
115 HR 429	Related bill	Jan 10, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

## Summary (as of Mar 8, 2018)

### Protecting Our Children's Future Act of 2018

This bill amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and other budget laws to make several changes to the federal budget process.

The changes to the budget process include:

- converting the existing annual budget and appropriations process to a biennial process;
- changing the calendar period for the federal fiscal year (currently October 1 through September 30) to January 1 through December 31 beginning in 2020;
- requiring mandatory spending to be subject to the appropriations process beginning in FY2020, with exceptions for Social Security, Medicare, programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and TRICARE;
- requiring the baseline budget of each department or agency to be assumed to be zero and each proposed expenditure to be justified as if it were a new expenditure;
- requiring Congress to consider appropriations bills using procedures similar to the existing budget reconciliation process, which includes expedited procedures that prevent a filibuster and restrict amendments in the Senate;
- withholding pay for Members of Congress if the House and Senate have not jointly agreed to a congressional budget resolution by June 30 of the first year of a Congress; and
- repealing the existing discretionary spending limits and the sequestration process used to enforce the limits.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2018:** Introduced in House
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