

## S 534

### Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (29 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]       | R · ME        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]           | D · IN        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]             | R · IA        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]             | R · AZ        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]         | R · IA        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]       | D · CA        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]          | D · MN        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]       | D · MO        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]            | D · FL        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]            | R · FL        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]         | D · NH        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]             | R · IN        |      | Mar 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | Mar 22, 2017 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]             | D · MN        |      | Mar 23, 2017 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Apr 4, 2017  |
| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]           | R · AK        |      | Apr 26, 2017 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]           | D · OR        |      | May 3, 2017  |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]        | D · MI        |      | May 3, 2017  |
| Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]         | R · UT        |      | May 8, 2017  |
| Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]               | R · TX        |      | May 11, 2017 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]      | D · IL        |      | May 11, 2017 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]  | D · NY        |      | May 15, 2017 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]        | D · NJ        |      | Jun 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]      | D · CO        |      | Jun 20, 2017 |
| Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]           | R · LA        |      | Aug 3, 2017  |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]       | D · MD        |      | Jan 30, 2018 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Jun 8, 2017 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 115 S 1426  | Related bill | Dec 19, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 734.        |
| 115 HR 1973 | Related bill | Jun 5, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

## **Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017**

### **TITLE I--PROTECTING YOUNG VICTIMS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE**

(Sec. 101) This bill amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 to extend the duty to report suspected child abuse, including sexual 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 U.S. Olympic Committee.

An authorized adult who fails to report suspected child abuse within a 24-hour period is subject to criminal penalties.

(Sec. 102) 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 human trafficking or federal sex offense to file a civil action to 10 years (currently, 3 years) from the date such individual reaches age 18.

### **TITLE II--UNITED STATES CENTER FOR SAFE SPORT AUTHORIZATION**

(Sec. 201) The bill expands the purposes of the U.S. Olympic Committee to include promoting a safe environment in sports that is free from abuse of amateur athletes.

(Sec. 202) The bill designates the United States Center for Safe Sport to serve as the independent national safe sport organization.

The center has jurisdiction over the U.S. Olympic Committee, NGBs, and Paralympic sports organizations with respect to safeguarding amateur athletes from abuse. It must develop training, practices, policies, and procedures to prevent abuse.

NGBs must implement the policies and procedures to prevent abuse.

(Sec. 203) An amateur sports organization that requests an NGB sanction to host an international amateur athletic competition inside the United States or to sponsor U.S. athletes in an international amateur athletic competition outside the United States must implement and comply with the policies and procedures to prevent abuse.

(Sec. 204) An amateur sports organization that is not subject to the center's policies and procedures to prevent abuse must comply with certain general requirements, including to report suspected child abuse and to limit one-on-one contact between an amateur athlete who is a minor and an adult.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 14, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-126.
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Resolving differences -- Senate actions: Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 534 by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S589-591)
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 534 by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S589-591)
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Mr. Poe (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H633-643)
- **Jan 29, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 534.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H652-653)
- **Jan 29, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 406 - 3 (Roll no. 45).(text: CR H633-634)
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- **Jan 29, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 15, 2017:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 14, 2017:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7219-7221; text of measure as reported: CR S7219-7220)
- **Nov 14, 2017:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7220)
- **Nov 14, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 14, 2017:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 121.
- **May 11, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.