

HCONRES 72

Expressing the sense of Congress that child safety is the first priority of custody and visitation adjudications, and that State courts should improve adjudications of custody where family violence is alleged.

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Policy Area: Families

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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jun 7, 2018
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Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Aug 28, 2018
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Sep 4, 2018
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Sep 5, 2018
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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Sep 24, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Sep 24, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Sep 25, 2018

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Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Sep 25, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 25, 2018)

Expresses the sense of Congress that:

- child safety is the first priority of custody and parenting adjudications, and courts should resolve safety risks and claims of family violence before assessing other best interest factors;
- all evidence admitted in custody and parenting adjudications should be subject to evidentiary admissibility standards;
- evidence from court-affiliated or appointed fee-paid professionals regarding adult or child abuse allegations in custody cases should be considered only when the professional possesses documented expertise and experience in the relevant types of abuse, trauma, and the behaviors of victims and perpetrators;
- states should define required standards of expertise and experience for appointed fee-paid professionals who provide evidence to the court on behaviors of abuse victims and perpetrators, specify requirements for the contents of such professional reports, and require courts to find that any appointed professionals meet those standards;
- states should consider models under which court-appointed professionals are paid directly by the courts, with potential reimbursement by the parties after due consideration of the parties' financial circumstances; and
- Congress should schedule hearings on family courts' practices with regard to children's safety and civil rights.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2018:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Mr. Rutherford moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8844-8847)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Con. Res. 72.
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8844-8845)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8844-8845)
- **Sep 25, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.