

## HR 1389

Safe Home Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 16, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Families

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2480	Related bill	<b>May 21, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 1446	Related bill	<b>May 14, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill makes unregulated custody transfers a form of child abuse and neglect under federal child-welfare law. Specifically, an unregulated custody transfer occurs when a child is placed with a non-relative or otherwise unfamiliar adult, with the intention of severing the parental or guardian relationship with the child, without reasonably ensuring the child's safety, and without legally transferring parental or guardian rights.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to (1) report on the causes, effects, and prevalence of unregulated custody transfers; (2) develop policy recommendations for preventing such transfers; and (3) issue guidance to the states.

## Actions Timeline

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