

## S 1791

### Every Child Deserves a Family Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

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## Sponsor

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 11, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jun 19, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 28, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 28, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 17, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 17, 2019
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 15, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 13, 2019
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2019
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 3, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Aug 12, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Aug 12, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 10, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 22, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 23, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3114	Related bill	Jun 6, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Jun 11, 2019)

### Every Child Deserves a Family Act

This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, or religion in the provision of child welfare programs and services by entities receiving federal funding. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must provide technical assistance to help states follow this requirement, including (1) guidance for bringing state laws into compliance, (2) developing training to increase cultural competency related to social identity, and (3) training for judges and attorneys involved in child welfare cases, among other supports.

Additionally, HHS must establish the National Resource Center on Safety, Well-Being, Placement Stability, and Permanency for LGBTQ Children and Youth Involved with Child Welfare Services to provide training, technical assistance, and guidance to applicable state and local agencies and service providers.

Further, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act may not be the basis for challenging the application or enforcement of this bill. The Government Accountability Office must study and report on states' compliance with the requirements of the bill no later than three years after enactment.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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