

HR 4839

Caring Homes and Improved Lives for Dependents (CHILD) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Families

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8443	Related bill	Sep 30, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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This bill requires states to consider foster family homes or cottage homes to be the least restrictive setting for children who have attained six years of age and have been removed from their homes, if suitable relatives or other designated caregivers are not available. A cottage home is a residential operation

- in which not more than 12 children reside;
- that implements a trauma-informed treatment plan for its residents;
- that involves family members of a child in the treatment for the child, and maintains contact with the family of the child, if available and if the involvement is clinically appropriate for the well-being of the child;
- that is licensed by the state where it is located; and
- that is accredited.

The bill makes cottage homes eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2019:** Introduced in House
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