

HR 1247

Safe Home Act of 2021

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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 23, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 485	Related bill	Mar 17, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 397	Identical bill	Feb 23, 2021: 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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