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CARE for Kids Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (7 total)

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Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 12, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 12, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 12, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3997	Identical bill	Jun 17, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Caregivers, Access, and Responsible Expansion for Kids Act of 2021 or the CARE for Kids Act of 2021

This bill extends eligibility for the National School Lunch Program and school breakfast program of the Department of Agriculture.

A local educational agency (including any school operated by the Bureau of Indian Education) may certify as eligible for free lunches or breakfasts the following:

- children whose placement with a caregiver was carried out with the involvement of an agency that administers a state plan or a tribal child welfare agency, without regard to whether the agency is responsible for the care and placement of the child;
- children being raised by a relative who receives adoption or guardianship assistance; and
- children of a family that lives in housing dedicated to low-income families with a caregiver who is a grandparent or another older person that cares for the child full-time or that receives housing or housing assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.

The bill also extends eligibility for free or reduced-price school lunches for children who were determined to be eligible in the school year prior to placement with a grandparent or relative for the school year immediately following placement.

The bill provides children who receive medical assistance under the Medicaid program with direct certification for free lunches and breakfasts under the school lunch and breakfast programs.

Actions Timeline

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