

HR 3997

CARE for Kids Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 20, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Oct 21, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 15, 2022
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2022
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2022
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1590	Identical bill	May 12, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
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