

HR 485

Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 24, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Mar 9, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Mar 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 25, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1566	Related bill	Apr 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
117 S 886	Related bill	Mar 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1674-1675)
117 HR 1713	Related bill	Mar 9, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 1606	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 1658	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 1666	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 1247	Related bill	Feb 23, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 S 397	Related bill	Feb 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HR 995	Related bill	Feb 11, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 879	Related bill	Feb 5, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 566	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
117 HR 573	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2027 and revises the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 to expand services for preventing and treating child abuse.

Specifically, the bill establishes requirements concerning collecting and exchanging data about child abuse and neglect. For instance, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to (1) establish uniform national standards for tracking and reporting child fatalities and near fatalities resulting from maltreatment, and (2) develop an electronic interstate data exchange system that allows states to share information from their child abuse and neglect registries with other states.

The bill also addresses child abuse and neglect related to families impacted by substance use disorders, racial bias in the child protective services system, and child sexual abuse.

Further, the bill revises the community-based grants program to emphasize access to effective services for diverse populations and to promote the development of statewide strategies to scale up family strengthening services.

Finally, the bill requires HHS to examine unregulated custody transfers and make recommendations for preventing, identifying, and responding to such transfers.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Mr. Scott (VA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1376-1389)
- **Mar 16, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 485.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1406-1407)
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 345 - 73 (Roll no. 81).(text: CR H1376-1387)
- **Mar 16, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 345 - 73 (Roll no. 81). (text: CR H1376-1387)
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.