

## HR 5856

### 21st Century Children and Families Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** Nov 4, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. (Nov 4, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]

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

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Families

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Nov 4, 2021)

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This bill modifies the requirements for states receiving federal assistance for child welfare services.

Specifically, the bill expands the nondiscrimination requirements for state agencies involved in adoption or foster care placement. It also requires states to address disparities in access to services and extends the time line for modifying parental rights when a child is not in the care of a relative.

### Actions Timeline

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