

## S 1351

Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Families

**Introduced:** Apr 27, 2023

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 118-194.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 118-194. (Dec 23, 2024)

**Law:** 118-194 (Enacted Dec 23, 2024)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1351>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Apr 27, 2023
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 10, 2023
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 10, 2023
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Sep 14, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Sep 19, 2023
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 28, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 4, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 17, 2023
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Oct 25, 2023
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Nov 2, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 14, 2023
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Dec 14, 2023
Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 9, 2024
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 9, 2024
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 18, 2024
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 1, 2024
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 26, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 11, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Families

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2955	Identical bill	<b>Apr 28, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Dec 23, 2024)

### Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act

This act requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to study and make recommendations about various aspects of youth residential programs.

Specifically, the National Academies must identify the nature, prevalence, severity, and scope of child abuse, neglect, and deaths in youth residential programs.

The National Academies must make recommendations to improve coordination and the implementation of best practices of regarding the health, safety, care, and treatment of youth in youth residential programs. The National Academies also must make recommendations about education and training resources for personnel in health care, law enforcement, the judiciary, social work, and child protection.

In carrying out these requirements, the National Academies must consult with various experts in the field, including local, state, and federal agencies.

The National Academies must submit the report not later than three years after enactment of this bill and biennially thereafter for a period of 10 years.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 23, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-194.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7339-7340)
- **Dec 18, 2024:** 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): 373 - 33 (Roll no. 512). (text: 12/17/2024 CR H7278-7279)
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- **Dec 18, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Mr. Guthrie moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7278-7281)
- **Dec 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1351.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** 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.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 12, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6952)
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 11, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6973-6974)
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.