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Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6485	Identical bill	**Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

Summary (as of Nov 27, 2023)

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This bill generally prohibits the federal government, states, tribal nations, or localities from discriminating or taking adverse action against a child welfare provider that declines to provide services due to the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. However, government entities may still take adverse action against a provider that declines to provide adoption or foster care services based on race, color, or national origin.

The Department of Health and Human Services must withhold a portion of federal funding for family services and child welfare activities from a government entity that discriminates against a child welfare provider in violation of this bill. Child welfare providers may also sue the government entity for such discrimination. A prevailing provider may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

Furthermore, government entities that accept certain federal funding for family services and child welfare activities must waive sovereign immunity as a defense to lawsuits brought under this bill. (In many cases, sovereign immunity shields states, territories, tribal nations, and some localities against private suits.)

Actions Timeline

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