

S 3501

Grandfamilies Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Social Welfare

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Current Status: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held. (Mar 12, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 13, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2023
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 18, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 12, 2024
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6803	Identical bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.

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This bill expands access to specified programs for children living with grandparents or other family members who are not their legal guardian. Specifically, the bill provides that a child of a relative eligible for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits is eligible for such benefit payments if that child (1) began living with such relative before age 18, (2) receives at least 50% of their support from such relative, and (3) has lived with such relative pursuant to a court order for at least 12 months.

Additionally, the bill revises the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligibility requirements for children living with specified caregiver relatives. First, the bill lessens the requirement for TANF applicants to assign their rights to child support when such assignment may impact the likelihood of reunifying the child with their noncustodial parent, such as where the noncustodial parent is working to gain financial stability so they may reunify with their child. Further, when a child, but not the caregiver relative, receives TANF benefits (i.e., child-only cases), or if the caregiver relative is 55 or older, the bill (1) excludes such caregiver's income from that child's eligibility determination, (2) removes the 5-year cap on assistance, and (3) exempts such caregiver relatives from TANF work requirements.

The bill also (1) encourages states to enact temporary guardianship laws, (2) provides grants for state plans to support caregiver relatives, and (3) requires the Administration for Community Living to provide grants for establishing cross-sector partnerships that support families with caregiver relatives.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Dec 13, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 13, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.