

HR 6803

Grandfamilies Act of 2023

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare. (Dec 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 15, 2023
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 14, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3501	Identical bill	Mar 12, 2024: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

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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

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
- **Dec 15, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.