

HR 6918

Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (23 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jan 9, 2024
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jan 9, 2024
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jan 10, 2024
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Jan 11, 2024
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 16, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2024
Ways and Means Committee	House	Unknown	Jan 18, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3741	Identical bill	Feb 6, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
118 HRES 969	Related bill	Jan 17, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jan 18, 2024)

Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act

This bill prohibits the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing (with respect to certain pregnancy centers) a provision of a proposed rule modifying the standard for a state's reasonable use of funds under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The proposed rule provides that if ACF identifies a TANF expenditure that does not appear to reasonably accomplish a purpose of TANF then the state must show that it used the funds in a manner that a reasonable person would consider to be within one of the purposes.

The bill prohibits ACF from applying this standard to state expenditures for pregnancy centers that (1) support protecting the life of the mother and the unborn child; and (2) offer resources and services to mothers, fathers, and families, including but relationship counseling, prenatal and pregnancy education, pregnancy testing, diapers, baby clothes, or material supports.

Under current law, TANF funds may be used for any of four purposes, including to prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies. In the supplemental information to the proposed rule, ACF states that TANF expenditures for programs that exclusively or primarily provide pregnancy counseling to women only after they become pregnant have a tenuous or nonexistent connection to this purpose and, therefore, likely do not meet the proposed reasonableness standard.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 969. (consideration: CR H201-210)
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6914, H.R. 6918 and H. Res. 957. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 6914, H.R. 6918, and H. Res. 957 under a closed rule, with one hour of general debate on each measure. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 6914 and H.R. 6918.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 6918.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Ms. Davids (KS) moved to recommit to the Committee on Ways and Means. (text: CR H210)
- **Jan 18, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 6918, the chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (MO) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H226-227)
- **Jan 18, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 208 - 214 (Roll no. 16).
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 214 - 208 (Roll no. 17). (text: CR H201-202)
- **Jan 18, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 214 - 208 (Roll no. 17). (text: CR H201-202)
- **Jan 18, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H155)
- **Jan 17, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 969 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6914, H.R. 6918 and H. Res. 957. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 6914, H.R. 6918, and H. Res. 957 under a closed rule, with one hour of general debate on each measure. The resolution provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 6914 and H.R. 6918.
- **Jan 16, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-349.
- **Jan 16, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 285.
- **Jan 11, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jan 11, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 18.
- **Jan 9, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.