

HR 9076

Supporting America’s Children and Families Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 21, 2024
Ways and Means Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8799	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Work and Welfare.
118 HR 8621	Related bill	Jun 5, 2024: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Supporting America's Children and Families Act

TITLE I--CHILD WELFARE REAUTHORIZATION AND MODERNIZATION

Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act

This title reauthorizes through FY2029 certain child and family services and modifies programs related to prevention services, youth in foster care, parental substance use disorder, and kinship caregiving, which are generally administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

First, the title reauthorizes funding through FY2029 for the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services and the MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs. It also requires 3% of allocated funding to be paid directly to Indian tribes.

The title also reauthorizes through FY2029 the Court Improvement Program and requires the ACF to issue guidance for technological changes necessary to conduct proceedings remotely.

The title reauthorizes through FY2029 and revises regional partnership grants for services to families affected by substance use disorders.

The ACF also must review administrative requirements for state child welfare agencies and explore ways to reduce the compliance time.

The title also authorizes grants to states and other specified organizations to evaluate child and family services and kinship navigator programs.

Further, state plans for child welfare services must describe how states may offer virtual caseworker visits to youth in care who are over 18 and have consented to such visits.

The title also authorizes family preservation and family support services for youth under the age of 26. It also includes within the definition of *family preservation services* nonrecurring, short-term benefits that address immediate needs related to a specific crisis, such as supports for housing or food assistance.

The title also reauthorizes grants to states for caseworker support and authorizes demonstration grants to support relationships between foster children and their incarcerated parents.

Finally, the title modifies certain requirements regarding data collection and technical assistance for programs relating to behavioral health services, and it requires the ACF to report on post-adoption and guardianship services.

The title takes effect on October 1, 2025.

TITLE II--STRENGTHENING STATE AND TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT

Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act

This title permits tribal child support enforcement agencies to access the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program to collect past-due child support payments from the federal tax refunds of noncustodial parents.

Additionally, the title authorizes the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration to disclose certain tax return information to tribal child support enforcement agencies. Such information may be disclosed to establish and collect child support obligations from, and to locate, those individuals owing such obligations. The title also explicitly authorizes state and tribal child support enforcement agencies to disclose necessary information to contractors for these purposes.

The title also permits the ACF to reimburse tribal agencies for certain reporting costs related to the Federal Parent Locator Service.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 4, 2025:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 4, 2025:** Became Public Law No: 118-258.
- **Dec 27, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 21, 2024:** Senate Committee on Finance discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 21, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7317)
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5341-5342)
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 10 (Roll no. 423). (text: 09/17/2024 CR H5259-5266)
- **Sep 18, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 405 - 10 (Roll no. 423). (text: 09/17/2024 CR H5259-5266)
- **Sep 18, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 18, 2024:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 118-679.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 574.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Mr. Smith (MO) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 17, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5259-5270)
- **Sep 17, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 9076.
- **Sep 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.
- **Jul 24, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jul 24, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 38 - 0.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.