



Foster Care and Adoption Legislation in the 116th Congress

[H.R.5296 - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election to advance future child tax credits in the year of birth or adoption.](#)

Introduced: 12/4/19

Sponsor: Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election to advance future child tax credits in the year of birth or adoption. This bill is the companion to **S.2976**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 12/04/2019.*

[S.2976 - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election to advance future child tax credits in the year of birth or adoption.](#)

Introduced: 12/4/19

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election to advance future child tax credits in the year of birth or adoption. This bill is the companion to **H.R.5296**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 12/04/2019.*

[S.2971 - A bill to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act](#)

Introduced: 12/3/19

Sponsor: Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

In an effort to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 12/03/2019.*

[H.R.5236 - To establish a competitive grant program to support out-of-school-time youth workforce readiness programs, providing employability skills development, career exploration, employment readiness training, mentoring, work-based learning, and workforce opportunities for eligible youth.](#)

Introduced: 11/21/19

Sponsor: Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA)

In an effort to establish a competitive grant program to support out-of-school-time youth workforce readiness programs, providing employability skills development, career exploration, employment readiness training, mentoring, work-based learning, and workforce opportunities for eligible youth. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 11/21/2019.*

[S.Res.442 - Designating November 2019 as "National Runaway Prevention Month"](#)

Introduced: 11/21/19

Sponsor: Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

A resolution designating November 2019 as "National Runaway Prevention Month". *Status: Agreed to in the Senate on 12/02/2019.*

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[S.Res.438 - A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children waiting for adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.](#)

Introduced: 11/21/19

Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children waiting for adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. *Status: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent on 11/21/2019.*

[S.2916 - Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 11/20/19

Sponsor: Sen. Pat Leahy (D-VT)

In an effort to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. This bill is the companion to **H.R.5191**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 11/20/2019.*

[H.R.5191 - Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 11/20/19

Sponsor: Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY)

In an effort to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act. This bill is the companion to **S.2916**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 11/20/2019.*

[S.2790 - Foster Opportunity EITC Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 11/6/19

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals, homeless youth, and youth formerly in foster care. This bill is the companion to H.R.4954. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 11/06/2019.*

[S.2803 - Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 11/6/19

Sponsor: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

In an effort to provide Federal housing assistance on behalf of youths who are aging out of foster care and for other purposes. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs on 11/06/2019.*

[S.2777 - Family First Transition Act](#)

Introduced: 11/05/19

Sponsor: Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA)

In an effort to assist States, tribes, territories, counties, and cities in implementing the Family First Prevention Services Act. This bill is the companion to **H.R.4980**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 11/05/2019.*

[H.R.4980 Family First Transition Act](#)

Introduced: 11/05/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to assist States, tribes, territories, counties, and cities in implementing the Family First Prevention Services Act. This bill is the companion to **S.2777**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 11/05/2019.*

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[H.R.4954 - Foster Opportunity EITC Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 10/31/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals, homeless youth, and qualified foster youth. This bill is the companion to **S.2790**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 10/31/2019.*

[H.R.4923 - Rehab and Ahmed Amer Foster Care Improvement Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 10/30/19

Sponsor: Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

In an effort to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to follow certain procedures in placing a child who has been removed from the custody of his or her parents. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 10/30/2019.*

[H.R.4911 – Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams](#)

Introduced: 10/29/19

Sponsor: Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)

In an effort to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems. *Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 10/29/2019.*

[S.2655 – Working Students Act](#)

Introduced: 10/29/19

Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

In an effort to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to increase the amount of financial support available for working students. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 10/29/2019.*

[H.R.4865 – Housing for Homeless Students Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 10/28/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify homeless youth and veterans who are full-time students for purposes of the low income housing tax credit. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 10/28/2019.*

[H.R.4893 – Keeping Our Children Safe Act](#)

Introduced: 10/28/19

Sponsor: Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)

In an effort to provide for appropriations for title I of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 10/28/2019.*

[S.2715 – Global Child Thrive Act](#)

Introduced: 10/28/19

Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

In an effort to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **H.R.4864**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 10/28/2019.*

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[H.R.4864 – Global Child Thrive Act](#)
Introduced: 10/28/19
Sponsor: Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX)

In an effort to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **S.2715**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on 10/28/2019.*

[H.R.4886 – National ACERT Grant Program Authorization Act](#)
Introduced: 10/28/19
Sponsor: Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH)

In an effort to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **S.2720**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on 10/28/2019.*

[S.2720 - A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes.](#)
Introduced: 10/28/19
Sponsor: Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

In an effort to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team grant program, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **H.R.4886**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 10/28/2019.*

[H.R.4839 - Caring Homes and Improved Lives for Dependents \(CHILD\)](#)
Introduced: 10/23/19
Sponsor: Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)

In an effort to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to provide for the placement of a foster child in a cottage home, and to make a child so placed eligible for foster care maintenance payments. *Status: Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee on 10/23/2019.*

[H.R.4674 - College Affordability Act 2019](#)
Introduced: 10/25/19
Sponsored: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

In an effort to amend and strengthen the Higher Education Act of 1965 to lower the cost of college for students and families, to hold colleges accountable for students' success, and to give a new generation of students the opportunity to graduate on-time and transition to a successful career. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 10/15/2019.*

[H.R.4768 – Home Visiting to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Act](#)
Introduced: 10/22/19
Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend section 511 of the Social Security Act to reduce maternal mortality by continuing to invest in evidence-based home visiting models that are addressing the social determinants of maternal health and morbidity. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 on 10/22/2019.*

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[H.R.4514 - Continuing of Useful Resources to States \(COURTS\) Act](#)

Introduced: 9/26/19

Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX)

In an effort to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend State court funding for child welfare. This bill is the companion to **S.2587**. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 09/26/2019.*

[S.2557 - Student Aid Improvement Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 9/26/19

Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for students, to provide continued support for minority-serving institutions. Note: Relevant sections on foster care include definitions, "verification process," "other financial assistance," "information to be provided," and "data and information." *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 09/26/2019.*

[S.2587 - Continuing of Useful Resources to States \(COURTS\) Act](#)

Introduced: 9/26/19

Sponsor: Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)

In an effort to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend State court funding for child welfare. This bill is the companion to **H.R.4514**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 09/26/2019.*

[H.R.4472 - Look-back Elimination Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 9/24/19

Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

In an effort to eliminate the requirement that, to be eligible for foster care maintenance payments, a child would have been eligible for aid under the former program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children at the time of removal from the home. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 09/24/2019.*

[S.Res.323 - A resolution designating September 2019 as "National Kinship Care Month"](#)

Introduced: 9/23/19

Sponsor: Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)

In an effort to designate September 2019 as "National Kinship Care Month". *Status: Passed/Agreed to in Senate.*

[H.R.4420 - Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act](#)

Introduced: 9/19/19

Sponsor: Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)

In an effort to amend subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 09/19/2019.*

[H.R.4352 - Supporting Kinship Connections Act](#)

Introduced: 9/17/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants to develop and enhance, or to evaluate, kinship navigator programs. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 09/17/2019.*

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[H.R.4300: Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 9/12/19

Sponsor: Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA)

In an effort to provide Federal housing assistance on behalf of youths who are aging out of foster care. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Financial Services on 09/12/2019.*

[H.R.4259: Schools Preventing Hunger in At-Risk Kids Act](#)

Introduced: 9/9/19

Sponsor: Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA)

In an effort to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide categorical eligibility for free lunch and breakfast for certain children in kinship care. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Health and Labor on 09/09/2019.*

[H.Res.542: Expressing support for the designation of September 2019 as "National Kinship Care Month"](#)

Introduced: 8/27/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to express support for the designation of September 2019 as "National Kinship Care Month". *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 08/27/2019.*

[S.2437: Support Working Families Act](#)

Introduced: 8/1/19

Sponsor: Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a refundable tax credit for parents who take leave from employment following the birth or adoption of a child. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 08/01/2019.*

[H.R.3909: Supporting Adopted Children and Families Act](#)

Introduced: 7/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI)

In an effort to authorize a discretionary grant program under Title IV-B, Subpart 2 of the Social Security Act (Promoting Safe and Stable Families) for developing and implementing statewide or tribal post-adoption and post-legal guardianship mental health services. This bill is the companion to **S.1450**. *Status: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means on 07/23/2019.*

[H.Res.514 - Committing to elevate the voices, leadership, and needs of communities that face systemic barriers in the effort to end sexual violence and support all survivors of sexual violence and gender-based violence, including immigrant survivors, survivors who are incarcerated, survivors with disabilities, survivors of color, American Indian or Alaska Native survivors, survivors of child sexual abuse, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex survivors.](#)

Introduced: 7/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)

In an effort to elevate the voices, leadership, and needs of communities that face systemic barriers in the effort to end sexual violence and support all survivors of sexual violence and gender-based violence, including immigrant survivors, survivors who are incarcerated, survivors with disabilities, survivors of color, American Indian or Alaska Native survivors, survivors of child sexual abuse, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex survivors. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security on 08/06/2019.*

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[H.R.3799: to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity](#)

Introduced: 7/17/19

Sponsor: Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)

In an effort to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 08/12/2019.*

[H.R.3786: Student Loan Reform Act](#)

Introduced: 7/16/19

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA)

In an effort to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a program under which an institution of higher education may elect to cosign Federal student loans made to students attending the institution, and for other purposes. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 07/16/2019.*

[H.R.3729: Child Trafficking Victims Protection and Welfare Act](#)

Introduced: 7/11/19

Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

In an effort to provide for enhanced protections for vulnerable unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 08/06/2019.*

[H.R.3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 7/10/19

Sponsor: Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)

In an effort to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide services for birthmothers who are placing or have placed a child for adoption, and for other purposes. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 07/10/2019.*

[H.R.3507: Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 6/26/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure funding for grants to promote responsible fatherhood and strengthen low-income families, and for other purposes. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations on 07/19/2019.*

[H.R.3438: Child Welfare Data Modernization Act](#)

Introduced: 6/24/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to provide for a temporarily enhanced federal match for certain state or tribal child welfare data reporting expenditures. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 06/24/2019.*

[H.R.3452: Help Separated Families Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 6/24/19

Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

In an effort to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that immigration status alone does not disqualify a parent, legal guardian, or relative from being a placement for a foster child and to authorize discretion to a State, county, or other political subdivision of a State to delay filing for termination of parental rights in foster care cases in which an otherwise fit and willing parent or legal guardian has been deported or is involved in an immigration proceeding. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 06/24/2019.*

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[H.R.3451: Humane Enforcement and Legal Protections for Separated Children Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 6/24/19

Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

In an effort to protect children affected by immigration enforcement actions. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 07/30/2019.*

[S.1912: National Adoption and Foster Care Home Study Act](#)

Introduced: 6/19/19

Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

In an effort to improve the placement of children with families in the foster care and adoption system in the United States. This bill is the companion to **H.R.3359**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 06/19/2019.*

[H.R.3359: National Adoption and Foster Care Home Study Act](#)

Introduced: 6/19/19

Sponsor: Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)

In an effort to improve home-based health and mental health services for thousands of America's most vulnerable youth, this legislation would increase access to care by clarifying Medicaid policy that directly affects children, including foster children, with special behavioral health needs and/or medical disabilities, as well as vulnerable children living with kinship and biological caregivers. This bill is the companion to **S.1912**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 06/19/2019.*

[S.1880: Treatment Care and Family Services Act](#)

Introduced: 6/18/19

Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WA)

In an effort to improve home-based health and mental health services for thousands of America's most vulnerable youth, including foster children. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 06/18/2019.*

[S.1791: Every Child Deserves a Family Act](#)

Introduced: 6/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

In an effort to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), and marital status in the administration and provision of child welfare services and to improve safety, well-being, and permanency for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning foster youth. This bill is the companion to **H.R.3114**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 06/11/2019.*

[S.1781: Central American Women and Children Protection Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 6/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

In an effort to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault. *Status: Read twice and Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 06/11/2019.*

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[H.R.3114: Every Child Deserves a Family Act](#)

Introduced: 6/5/19

Sponsor: Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

In an effort to prohibit discrimination in the administration and provision of child welfare services and to improve safety and permanency for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning foster youth. This bill is the companion to **S.1791**. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 on 06/05/2019.*

[H.R.3116: State Flexibility for Family First Transitions Act](#)

Introduced: 6/5/19

Sponsor: Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)

In an effort to provide any State with a child welfare demonstration project that is scheduled to terminate at the end of fiscal year 2019 the option to extend the project for up to 2 additional years. This bill is the companion to **S.107** (introduced 1/10/19). *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 06/05/2019.*

[S.1698: Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act](#)

Introduced: 6/3/19

Sponsor: Sen. Robert P Casey Jr. (D-PA)

In an effort to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to ensure health coverage continuity for former foster youth. This bill is the companion to **H.R.3059**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 06/03/2019.*

[H.R.3059: Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act](#)

Introduced: 6/3/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to ensure health coverage continuity for former foster youth. This bill is the companion to **S.1698**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on 06/03/2019.*

[H.R.3061: Foster Youth Mentoring Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 6/3/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to authorize funding to support mentoring programs that are engaged in developing quality mentoring standards in volunteer screening, mentorship matching, and successful mentoring relationships. To ensure that mentors are properly trained and that mentoring relationships are strong and long-lasting. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 06/03/2019.*

[H.R.2964: Improved Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include foster care transition youth as members of targeted groups for purposes of the work opportunity credit. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 05/23/2019.*

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[S.Res.226: A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)

In an effort to bring foster care issues to the forefront, highlight the importance of permanency for every child, and recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States. *Status: Agreed to in the Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Voice Vote on 05/23/2019.*

[H.R.2967: Grandfamilies Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caretaker relatives. This bill is the companion to **S.1660**. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, 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 on 05/23/2019.*

[S.1660: Grandfamilies Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

In an effort to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caretaker relatives. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2967**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/23/2019.*

[S.1651: Improved Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include foster care transition youth as members of targeted groups for purposes of the work opportunity credit. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2964**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/23/2019.*

[H.R.2964 Improved Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. This bill is the companion to **S.1651**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 05/23/2019.*

[H.R.2965: Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit. This bill is the companion to **S.1652**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 05/23/2019.*

[S.1652: Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/23/19

Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2965**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/23/2019.*

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[S.1554: Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/21/19

Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

In an effort to close a loophole in the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 (CCA), which has prevented internationally-adopted children, who are currently adults, from receiving citizenship despite being raised by parents who are U.S. citizens. This bill will ensure that these individuals are granted citizenship automatically regardless of their age when adopted. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2731**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 05/21/2019.*

[H.R.2731: Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/14/19

Sponsor: Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)

In an effort to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals. *Status: Referred to Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 06/26/2019.*

[H.R.2702 - Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/14/19

Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to eliminate barriers to providing child welfare services for children and youth in need, to provide additional resources to implement programmatic changes necessary to meet the requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act. This bill is the companion to **S.1376**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 05/14/2019.*

[S.1446: Safe Home Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 5/14/19

Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

In an effort to expand the definition of child abuse and neglect as stated in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The bill would amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to include an act of unregulated custody transfer in the definition of child abuse and neglect. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1389** (introduced in February). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on 05/14/2019.*

[S.1450 Supporting Adoptive Families Act](#)

Introduced: 5/14/19

Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

In an effort to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/14/2019.*

[S.1465 Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams](#)

Introduced: 5/14/19

Sponsor: Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)

In an effort to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/14/2019.*

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[S.1404: End Diaper Need Act of 2019](#)
Introduced: 5/9/19
Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

In an effort to address the increased burden that maintaining the health and hygiene of infants and toddlers places on families in need and the resultant adverse health effects on children and families. The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to account for this challenge for families in need. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1846** (introduced in March). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/09/2019.*

[H.1376 - Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019](#)
Introduced: 5/8/19
Sponsor: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

In an effort to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to eliminate barriers to providing child welfare services for children and youth in need, to provide additional resources to implement programmatic changes necessary to meet the requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2702**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 05/08/2019.*

[H.R.2480 Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act](#)
Introduced: 5/2/19
Sponsor: Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)

In an effort to reauthorize and amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, this legislation would specifically authorize the appropriation of \$580 million in 2020 and whatever amounts are necessary for each year from 2021 through 2025 for programs in those acts. *Status: Passed House on 5/20/19 and received in the Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 05/21/2019.*

[H.R.2497: Tribal Adoption Parity Act](#)
Introduced: 5/2/19
Sponsor: Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs. This bill is the companion to **S.305** (introduced in January). *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.*

[H.Res.340: Recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.](#)
Introduced: 5/1/19
Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to recognize National Foster Care Month, this resolution expresses support for the designation of National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 05/02/2019.*

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[S.1181: Help Grandfamilies Prevent Child Abuse Act](#)

Introduced: 4/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Margaret Hassan (D-NH)

In an effort to amend the Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act to provide for better protections for children raised in kinship families outside of the foster care system. *Status: Read twice and referred to the House Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on 04/11/2019.*

[S.1164: Keeping Infants Domestically Safe Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 4/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

In an effort to amend Title 18 of US Code to prohibit the black-market adoption of children, and for other purposes. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 04/11/2019.*

[S.1150: Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 4/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)

In an effort to give pregnant mothers support with the many costs that come with carrying a baby, as well as planning for the care of a newborn baby, the Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act of 2019 would make pregnant mothers eligible for the Child Tax Credit to help them better prepare for the arrival of their newborn. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2266**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 04/11/2019.*

[S.1146: Support Caregivers Act](#)

Introduced: 4/11/19

Sponsor: Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA)

In an effort to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to require the Assistant Secretary for Aging to identify and disseminate best practices for the National Family Caregiver Support program. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on 04/11/2019.*

[H.R.2266 Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 4/10/19

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC)

In an effort to give pregnant mothers support with the many costs that come with carrying a baby. This bill is the companion to **S.1150**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 04/10/2019.*

[H.R.2270: Removing Barriers to Foster Youth Success in College Act](#)

Introduced: 4/10/19

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-MI)

In an effort to remove barriers to homeless youth and foster youth participation in *TRIO Programs*, the Removing Barriers to Foster Youth Success in College Act revises certain federal TRIO requirements. Specifically, the bill requires TRIO projects to review and revise policies and practices to remove barriers to the participation and retention of homeless and foster youth; submit a description of the activities that will be undertaken to outreach to homeless and foster youth; submit a report of any strategies or program enhancements that were used that were effective in meeting the needs of homeless and foster youth. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 04/10/2019.*

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[H.R.2076: Early Detection to Stop Infant Abuse and Prevent Fatalities Act](#)

Introduced: 4/3/19

Sponsor: Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA)

In an effort to establish a demonstration program to explore effective practices to improve early detection and management of injuries indicative of potential abuse in infants under the age of 7 months, in order to prevent future cases of child abuse and related fatalities. This bill is the companion to **S.1009**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 04/03/2019.*

[S.1009: Early Detection to Stop Infant Abuse and Prevent Fatalities Act](#)

Introduced: 4/3/19

Sponsor: Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

In an effort to promote early detection of infant abuse and prevent related fatalities. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2076**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 04/03/2019.*

[H.R.2001: Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 4/1/19

Sponsor: Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH)

In an effort to meet the needs of homeless children, youth, and families. The bill would amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to honor the assessments and priorities of local communities in an attempt to best support homeless children, youth, and families. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 on 04/01/2019.*

[H.Res.277: Affirming the Importance of Access to Safe, Quality Education, Including Protection from Attacks on Education, for Children in Conflict Settings](#)

Introduced: 4/1/19

Sponsor: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)

In an effort to affirm the importance of access to safe, quality education, including protection from attacks on education, for children in conflict settings. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on 04/01/2019.*

[H.R.1952: Intercountry Adoption Information Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/28/19

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA)

In an effort to increase reporting on intercountry adoptions. The bill would amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States. This bill is the companion to **S.938**. *Status: Passed House. Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 05/21/2019.*

[S.938 Intercountry Adoption Information Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/28/19

Sponsor: Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC)

In an effort to increase reporting on intercountry adoptions. This bill is the companion to **H.R. 1952**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 03/28/2019.*

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[S.924: Jenna Quinn Law](#)

Introduced: 3/28/19

Sponsor: Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)

In an effort to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants for evidence-informed child sexual abuse awareness programs in schools. The bill also modifies the eligibility for child abuse prevention grants to states and community-based organizations to require that grant recipients support sexual abuse education, training, and reporting. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 03/28/2019.*

[H.R.1846: End Diaper Need Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/21/19

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

In an effort to address the increased burden that maintaining the health and hygiene of infants and toddlers places on families in need and the resultant adverse health effects on children and families. The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to account for this challenge for families in need. This bill is the companion to **S.1404** (introduced in May). *Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 on 03/21/2019.*

[S.920: New Parents Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/27/19

Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

In an effort to provide parental flexibility to use their benefits in a way that works best for their household, the New Parents Act of 2019 would create a voluntary option for paid parental leave by allowing parents to use a portion of their Social Security after the birth or adoption of a child. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1940**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 03/27/2019.*

[H.R.1940: New Parents Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/27/19

Sponsor: Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)

In an effort to provide parental flexibility to use their benefits in a way that works best for their household. This bill is the companion to **S. 920**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 03/27/2019.*

[H.Res.230: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States condemns all forms of violence against children globally and recognizes the harmful impacts of violence against children.](#)

Introduced: 3/14/19

Sponsor: Rep. James McGovern (D-MA)

In an effort to condemn all forms of violence against children globally and acknowledge the harmful impacts of violence against children. The bill would encourage the United States to develop and implement a comprehensive coordinated strategy built on evidence-based practices to end violence against children and youth globally. *Status: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 on 03/14/2019.*

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[H.R.1724: Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act](#)

Introduced: 3/13/19

Sponsor: Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA)

In an effort to increase higher education opportunities for homeless and foster youth. The bill would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the financial aid process for homeless and foster care youth. This bill is the companion to **S.789**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 03/13/2019.*

[S.789: Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act](#)

Introduced: 3/13/19

Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

In an effort to increase higher education opportunities for homeless and foster youth. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1724**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 03/13/2019.*

[H.R.6: American Dream and Promise Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/12/19

Sponsor: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)

In an effort to prohibit removal proceedings against certain aliens who entered the United States as minors and grant such aliens conditional permanent residence status for 10 years. The bill also repeals a restriction that bars states from providing higher education benefits to undocumented aliens unless those benefits are available to all U.S. citizens. *Status: Passed in the House. Read twice and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on 06/10/2019.*

[H.R.1696: PACE Act](#)

Introduced: 3/12/19

Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make fully refundable the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, to increase the maximum amount excludable from gross income for employer-provided dependent care assistance, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **S.749**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 03/12/2019.*

[S.749: PACE Act](#)

Introduced: 3/12/19

Sponsor: Sen. Angus S. King, Jr. (I-ME)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make fully refundable the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1696**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 03/12/2019.*

[S.698: Child Tax Credit Equity for Puerto Rico Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/7/19

Sponsor: Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit and to provide the same treatment to families in Puerto Rico with one child or two children that is currently provided to island families with three or more children. This bill is the companion to **H.R.302** (introduced in January). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 03/07/2019.*

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[H.R.1636: Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act](#)

Introduced: 3/7/19

Sponsor: Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-FL)

In an effort to address social problems affecting black men and boys. The bill would establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys to study and make recommendations related to social issues impacting the well-being of black men and boys. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties on 04/12/2019.*

[H.Res.189: Recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy.](#)

Introduced: 3/7/19

Sponsor: Rep. Roger W. Marshall (R-KS)

In an effort to accelerate global progress against maternal and child malnutrition. The bill would recognize the importance of sustained United States leadership related to this area and support the United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture on 03/13/2019.*

[H.R.1623: Help America Run Act](#)

Introduced: 3/7/19

Sponsor: Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA)

In an effort to provide for the treatment of payments for child care and other personal us services as an authorized campaign expenditure through amendment of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration on 03/07/2019.*

[S.690: American Family Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/6/19

Sponsor: Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the child tax credit fully refundable, establish an increased child tax credit for young children, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1560**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 03/06/2019.*

[H.R.1560: American Family Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/6/19

Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the child tax credit fully refundable, establish an increased child tax credit for young children, and for other purposes. This bill is the companion to **S.690**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 03/06/2019.*

[S.662: Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/5/19

Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

In an effort to provide access to counsel for unaccompanied alien children. The bill would require that all unaccompanied alien children, including those held in detention facilities under the supervision of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Health and Human Services, or in any private facility that contracts with the Federal Government, have access to counsel. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 03/05/2019.*

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[S.661: Child Trafficking Victims Protection and Welfare Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/5/19

Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

In an effort to provide enhanced protections for vulnerable alien children, and for other purposes. The bill mandates that the Secretary shall develop guidelines for the treatment of children in the custody of the Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, experts in child development, experts in child welfare, experts in pediatric medicine, and the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. In addition, the Secretary must provide resources and staff, including child welfare professionals, who are adequately trained and qualified to address the needs of children at each port of entry and Border Patrol station. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 03/05/2019.*

[H.R.Res.176: Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day on March 19, 2019.](#)

Introduced: 3/5/19

Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)

In an effort to support the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day on March 19, 2019. The bill would acknowledge the diligent efforts of individuals and groups who promote the importance of social work as well as the contributions of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen to serve their communities through social work. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 03/05/2019.*

[H.R.1488: Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 3/4/19

Sponsor: Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN)

In an effort to expand the child care workforce and child care facilities in the United States. The bill would assist states in carrying out projects to expand the child care workforce and child care facilities in the states. This bill is the companion to **S.605**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 03/04/2019.*

[S.605: Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 2/28/19

Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

In an effort to expand the child care workforce and child care facilities in the United States. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1488**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 02/28/2019.*

[H.R.1473: Focusing State Efforts to Expand Opportunity Act](#)

Introduced: 2/28/19

Sponsor: Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)

In an effort to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds to truly needy families. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support on 02/28/2019.*

[H.R.1389: Safe Home Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 2/27/19

Sponsor: Rep. James Langevin (D-RI)

In an effort to expand the definition of child abuse and neglect as stated in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The bill would amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to include an act of unregulated custody transfer in the definition of child abuse and neglect. This bill is the companion to **S.1446** (introduced in May). *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 02/27/2019.*

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[S.557: REUNITE Act](#)

Introduced: 2/26/19

Sponsor: Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)

In an effort to reunite families at or near ports of entry. This bill is the companion to the REUNITE bill (**H.R.1012**) introduced on February 6. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 02/26/2019.*

[S.568: Child Care for Working Families Act](#)

Introduced: 2/26/19

Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

In an effort to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and the Head Start Act to promote child care and early learning. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1364**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 02/26/2019.*

[H.R.1364: Child Care for Working Families Act](#)

Introduced: 2/26/19

Sponsor: Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA)

In an effort to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and the Head Start Act to promote child care and early learning. This bill is the companion to **S.568**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on 02/26/2019.*

[H.R.1336: Mental Health Care for Children Inhumanely Separated from Parents by the Federal Government Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 2/25/19

Sponsor: Rep. Nannette Diaz Barragan (D-CA)

In an effort to mandate that the Federal Government provides mental health services to every child separated from one or more parent at the U.S. border as a result of the implementation of the Trump Administration's zero tolerance policy. The bill would expand access to mental health services for children separated from their parents or guardians at the U.S. border. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 03/25/2019.*

[S.363: Intercountry Adoption Advisory Committee Act](#)

Introduced: 2/6/19

Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

In an effort to enhance the intercountry adoption process and ensure that diverse voices within the adoption committee are considered prior to the development of new policies and implementation of new programs related to intercountry adoption. The bill provides the Secretary of State the authority to establish an Intercountry Adoption Advisory Committee within the Bureau of Consular Affairs to coordinate the development, refinement, and implementation of policies and programs in intercountry adoption. This bill is the companion to **H.R.1952** and **S.938**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 02/06/2019.*

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[H.R.1012: REUNITE Act](#)

Introduced: 2/6/19

Sponsor: Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY)

In an effort to reunite families separated at or near ports of entry, and for other purposes. The bill would ensure the expeditious reunion of all unaccompanied children with their parents; it mandates that no later than ten days after the date of enactment of this bill, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall publish a rule that specifically describes the coordinated efforts that DHS and HHS will immediately undertake to aid an apprehended parent or legal guardian in locating and reuniting any children separated from them at or near the port of entry. This bill is the companion to **S.557** (introduced on 2/26/19). *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship on 03/22/2019.*

[H.R.962: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#)

Introduced: 2/5/19

Sponsor: Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)

In an effort to require medical care for a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. The bill would amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. This bill is the companion to **S.311** (introduced 1/31/19). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 03/22/2019.*

[S.305: Tribal Adoption Parity Act](#)

Introduced: 1/31/19

Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit whether a child has special needs. The bill would allow Indian tribal governments to determine whether a child has special needs for the purposes of the adoption tax credit as opposed to solely states. This bill is the companion to **H.R.2497** (introduced in May). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 01/31/2019.*

[S.311: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#)

Introduced: 1/31/19

Sponsor: Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)

In an effort to require medical care for a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. The bill would amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion. This bill is the companion to **H.R.962**. *Status: Cloture on the motion to proceed not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote (53-44) on 2/25/19.*

[H.J.Res.36: Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Relating to Parental Rights](#)

Introduced: 1/30/19

Sponsor: Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN)

In an effort to establish parental rights in the Constitution, including the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. This resolution would guarantee parental rights that are generally respected by the federal government but not officially established by the Constitution. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties on 01/30/2019.*

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[S.274: Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 1/30/19

Sponsor: Sen. Michael B. Enzi (R-WY)

In an effort to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are able to continue to provide services for children. The bill would prohibit government entities from discriminating or taking adverse action against a child welfare service provider on the basis that the provider refuses to provide a child welfare service that conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. This bill is the companion to **H.R.897**. *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 01/30/2019.*

[H.R.897: Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 1/30/19

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA)

In an effort to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are able to continue to provide services for children. The bill would prohibit government entities from discriminating or taking adverse action against a child welfare service provider on the basis that the provider refuses to provide a child welfare service that conflicts with sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. This bill is the companion to **S.274**. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 01/30/2019.*

[H.R.836: Interdiction for the Protection of Child Victims of Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act](#)

Introduced: 1/29/19

Sponsor: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

In an effort to establish the Interdiction for the Protection of Child Victims of Exploitation and Human Trafficking Program to train law enforcement officers to identify and assist victims of child exploitation and human trafficking. *Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security on 03/25/2019.*

[S.Res.23: A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction.](#)

Introduced: 1/17/19

Sponsor: Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

In an effort to raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction. The bill would mandate that the Senate recognizes and observes "Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month" from April 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 and urges the United States to continue playing a leadership role in raising awareness about the devastating impacts of international parental child abduction. *Status: Resolution agreed to in the Senate without amendment and an amended preamble by Voice Vote on 04/11/2019.*

[H.R.507: Put Trafficking Victims First Act](#)

Introduced: 1/11/19

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)

In an effort to ensure that survivors of human trafficking do not go unnoticed. The bill expresses the sense of Congress that states should implement trauma-informed, victim-centered care for all trafficking victims and set aside funding to ensure that all victims receive this support. The bill also directs the Attorney General to develop methodologies to assess the prevalence of human trafficking and allows Congress to provide oversight of efforts to combat trafficking. *Status: Passed in the House on 2/7/2019; Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 2/11/2019.*

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[H.R.508: Trafficking Victims Housing Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 1/11/19

Sponsor: Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH)

In an effort to improve prosecution of alleged traffickers and establish a means of measuring the availability of housing and related services for victims experiencing homelessness. This bill would require a study and report be completed on the housing and service needs of victims of trafficking and individuals at risk for trafficking. This will study assess the availability and accessibility of housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness who are victims of trafficking, victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons, or at risk of being trafficked. *Status: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on 01/11/2019.*

[S.107: State Flexibility for Family First Transitions Act](#)

Introduced: 1/10/19

Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

In an effort to provide any State with a child welfare demonstration project that is scheduled to terminate at the end of fiscal year 2019 the option to extend the project for up to 2 additional years. This bill is the companion to **H.R.3116** (introduced 6/5/19). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

[H.R.302: Child Tax Credit Equity for Puerto Rico Act of 2019](#)

Introduced: 1/8/19

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR)

In an effort to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equitable treatment for residents of Puerto Rico with respect to the refundable portion of the child tax credit and to provide the same treatment to families in Puerto Rico with one child or two children that is currently provided to island families with three or more children. This bill is the companion to **S.698** (introduced in March). *Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance on 01/08/2019.*

Note: The primary source for this information is GovTrack (<https://www.govtrack.us/>) and the Library of Congress (<https://www.congress.gov>). For additional information, please contact Taylor Draddy at taylor@ccainstitute.org.

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