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<p><u>S. 3285 ADOPT Act</u> Introduced: 12/01/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on the Judiciary</p>	<p>To amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices.</p>
<p><u>H.R. 6170 ADOPT Act</u> Introduced: 11/20/2025 Sponsors: Reps. Robert Aderholt* (R-AL) and Danny Davis* (D-IL) Latest Action: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary</p>	<p>To amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices.</p>
<p><u>S.Res.516 Child-Centered Compassionate Adoption and Foster Care System</u> Introduced: 11/20/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH) Latest Action: Agreed to in Senate</p>	<p>Ensuring that the adoption and foster care system in the United States is child-centered and compassionate and that young people aging out of foster care are provided with adequate support and resources to transition successfully to independent adulthood.</p>
<p><u>H.Res.897 Foster Youth Bill of Rights Resolution</u> Introduced: 11/20/2025 Sponsor: Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO) Latest Action: Introduced in House</p>	<p>Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the rights of youth in the foster care system.</p>
<p><u>S.Res.513 National Adoption Month Resolution</u> Introduced: 11/20/2025 Sponsor: Sens. Kevin Cramer* (R-ND) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Latest Action: Agreed to in Senate</p>	<p>Designating November 22, 2025, as National Adoption Day and November 2025 as National Adoption Month to promote national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the</p>

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	United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.
H.R. 6221 Fostering the Future for American Children's Act Introduced: 11/20/2025 Sponsor: Rep. Zach Nunn (R-IA) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Education and Workforce, Committee on Ways & Means for a period to be determined by the Speaker	To codify certain directives in the Executive Order entitled "Fostering the Future for American Children and Families."
S. 3223 Hospital Adoption Education Act of 2025 Introduced: 11/19/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions	To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and nationally disseminate accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to promote understanding about sensitivities regarding adoption in the health care industry, and for other purposes.
H.Res.513 National Adoption Month Resolution Introduced: 11/04/2025 Sponsors: Reps. Robert Aderholt* (R-AL) and Danny Davis* (D-IL) Latest Action: Introduced in House	Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, 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.
S. 2923 Protect Adoptees and American Families (PAAF) Act Introduced: 09/19/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) Latest Action: Referred to Senate Committee on the Judiciary	To provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes.
H.R. 5492 Protect Adoptees and American Families (PAAF) Act Introduced: 09/18/2025	To provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes.

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Sponsor: Rep. Adam Smith* (D-WA) Latest Action: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary	
H.R. 4769 Foster Youth Mentoring Act of 2025 Introduced: 07/25/2025 Sponsor: Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA) Latest Action: Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means	To support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children and youth with experience in foster care.
S. 2213 Nikolas Hughey SAFE Homes for Kids Act Introduced: 07/0/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Armed Services	A bill to improve counseling and access to information relating to foster care for military families.
S. 2077 Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act Introduced: 06/12/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Finance	This bill modifies provisions relating to the coverage of former foster youths under Medicaid. Under current law, a state Medicaid program must cover former foster youths until the age of 26 if the youths were in a state's foster care system at the age of 18 and were enrolled in a state's Medicaid program while in foster care. The bill requires state Medicaid programs to also cover former foster youths who were placed in a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver or were emancipated from foster care before the age of 18. The bill repeals the provision that requires former foster youths to have been enrolled in a state Medicaid program while in foster care in order to qualify for Medicaid coverage until the age of 26. The bill also requires states to establish Medicaid outreach and enrollment programs for former foster youths.
H.R. 3977 Campus Housing	To amend the Transportation, Treasury, Housing

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<p>Affordability for Foster Youth Act Introduced: 06/12/2025 Sponsor: Rep. Greg Landsman (D-OH) Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services</p>	<p>and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to allow for housing assistance to certain individuals enrolled as students at an institution of higher education, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>S.Res.250 National Foster Care Month Resolution Introduced: 05/22/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Grassley* (R-IA) Latest Action: Agreed to in Senate</p>	<p>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, or at risk of entering, the foster care system.</p>
<p>H.Res.390 National Foster Care Month Resolution Introduced: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA) Sponsor: 05/06/2025 Latest Action: Introduced in House</p>	<p>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, or at risk of entering, the foster care system.</p>
<p>H.R. 2892 Hospital Adoption Education Act of 2025 Introduced: 04/10/2025 Sponsor: Rep. Lloyd Smucker* (R-PA) Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>	<p>To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop and nationally disseminate accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to promote understanding about sensitivities regarding adoption in the health care industry, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>H.R. 2833 Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2025 Introduced: 04/10/2025 Sponsors: Reps. Danny K. Davis* (D-IL) & Robert Aderholt* (R-AL) Latest Action: Passed in H.R. 1</p>	<p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.</p>
<p>S. 1458 Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2025 Introduced: 04/10/2025</p>	<p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit.</p>

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<p>Sponsors: Sens. Kevin Cramer *(R-ND) & Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN) Latest Action: Passed in H.R. 1</p>	
<p><u>S. 757 Tribal Adoption Parity Act</u> Introduced: 02/26/2025 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to recognize Indian tribal governments for purposes of determining under the adoption credit with a child has special needs.</p>
<p><u>S. 604 Safe Home Act</u> Introduced: 02/13/2025 Sponsors: Sens. Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN) & Kevin Cramer* (R-ND) Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>	<p>To amend the adoption opportunities program to define unregulated custody transfers of children to improve awareness and prevention of such transfers, and for other purposes.</p>
<p><u>S. 600 Supporting Adopted Children and Families Act</u> Introduced: 02/13/2025 Sponsors: Sens. Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN) & Kevin Cramer* (R-ND) Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>To enhance pre- and post-adoption support services, and for other purposes.</p>
<p><u>S. 299 Mentoring to Succeed Act of 2025</u> Introduced: 01/29/2025 Sponsors: Sen. Richard Durbin* (D-IL) Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>	<p>To establish a competitive grant program to support the establishment, expansion, or enhancement of youth mentoring programs for eligible youth, and to provide for social and emotional learning, employability skill development, career exploration, work-based learning, and other youth workforce opportunities.</p>
<p><u>H.R. 811 Mentoring to Succeed Act of 2025</u> Introduced: 01/28/2025</p>	<p>To establish a competitive grant program to support the establishment, expansion, or enhancement of youth mentoring programs for</p>

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<p>Sponsors: Rep. Janice Shakowsky (D-IL)</p> <p>Latest Action: Referred to House Committee on Education and Workforce</p>	<p>eligible youth, and to provide for social and emotional learning, employability skill development, career exploration, work-based learning, and other youth workforce opportunities.</p>
<p><u>S. 162 Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2025</u></p> <p>Introduced: 01/21/2025</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Grassley* (R-IA)</p> <p>Latest Action: Referred to Committee on Finance</p>	<p>To amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes. This bill requires state plans for child welfare services to provide for the development and implementation of a family partnership plan to improve foster care placement stability, increase rates of kinship placements, and align the composition of foster and adoptive families with the needs of children in or entering foster care.</p>
<p><u>H.R. 579 Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2025</u></p> <p>Introduced: 01/21/2025</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA)</p> <p>Latest Action: Passed House 03/05/2025, Referred to Se</p>	<p>To amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes. This bill requires state plans for child welfare services to provide for the development and implementation of a family partnership plan to improve foster care placement stability, increase rates of kinship placements, and align the composition of foster and adoptive families with the needs of children in or entering foster care.</p>
<p><u>H.R. 215 Adoption Information Act</u></p> <p>Introduced: 01/06/2025</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Robert Wittman* (R-VA)</p> <p>Latest Action: Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>To amend title V of the Social Security Act to require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing the contact information of adoption centers. This bill requires federally funded family planning programs to provide each person who inquires about medical or abortion services with specified information about adoption centers in their region. The Department of Health and Human Services must</p>

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	provide the programs with pamphlets containing the required information.