



S. 3218 – Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act of 2008

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 3218 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) on June 26, 2008. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on June 26, 2008.

S. 3218 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

S. 3218 amends the PROTECT Act of 2003 to extend the Criminal Background Checks Pilot for an additional six months.

BACKGROUND

The Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act of 2003 was signed into law by President George W. Bush on April 30, 2003. This legislation strengthened several laws dealing with the prosecution and law enforcement of crimes involving children.

The PROTECT Act also established a pilot national criminal history background check system to enable volunteer groups (Boys and Girls Clubs of America, National Mentoring Partnership, and the National Council for Youth Sports) to obtain national and State criminal history background checks for adults. The Child Safety Pilot program uses fingerprints to search the database of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. S. 3218 extends the authorization for this pilot program for an additional six months.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for S. 3218 as of July 11, 2008.

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