



## **H.R. 1473 - Anthony DeJuan Boatwright Act**

### **FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 1473 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 Representative John Barrow (D-GA) on March 12, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor on but was not considered.

H.R. 3564 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 29, 2007.

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1473 requires that on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the second fiscal year after enactment of this act, that each State include as part of its regulatory process for issuing and renewing licenses of child care providers a recommendation that each provider carry current liability insurance.

The bill further requires that each child care provider must post “publicly and conspicuously in the service area of its premises” a sign specifying whether or not the provider has current liability coverage applicable to its services and its premises.

Under H.R. 1473, child care providers will also be required to issue written notice stating whether or not the provider has liability insurance to the parents of each child under the provider’s care. The provider will be required to obtain the signature of at least one parent of each child under the provider’s care on the notice, and must keep the signed notice on file for at least one year after the child has left the provider’s care.

### **BACKGROUND**

On September 9, 2001, fourteen month old Anthony DeJuan Boatwright fell into an unattended bucket of water at his state licensed family day care center in Augusta, Georgia and suffered severe brain damage that has left him in a semi-comatose state and dependent on a ventilator. The day care center did not have liability insurance coverage, and was not required to be insured by state or federal law.

### **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) did not have cost estimate available at the time of publication.

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