

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

INTRODUCED BY R. JOHNSON
BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE
ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

IN THE HOUSE

DECEMBER 23, 1992	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
JANUARY 4, 1993	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 11, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 12, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
	ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.
JANUARY 13, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
MARCH 10, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 11, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
MARCH 13, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 15, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
MARCH 16, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 78; NOES, 20.
MARCH 17, 1993	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 18, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 25, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 26, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

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SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 27, 1993

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 44; NOES, 4.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 29, 1993

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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