

**FASD** is taking a seat at the  
table



**February 2024  
Policy Forum**

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# FASD United

THE NATIONAL VOICE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS  
Formerly NOFAS

## Organization Update



**FASD United**

*Affiliate Network*



# Affiliate Update



9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON

# FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

**MARCH 20 - 23, 2025**  
HYATT REGENCY, SEATTLE, WA

Register Now

# Save the Date(s)

**March 3:** FASD Symposium White Paper Release

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**September 15-17:** FASD Impact Week 2025

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WASHINGTON D.C.  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

A project of FASD United 

# The Bill

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As approved by Senate HELP  
Committee

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Education, Awareness and Services  
across community agencies

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Building State and Tribal Systems

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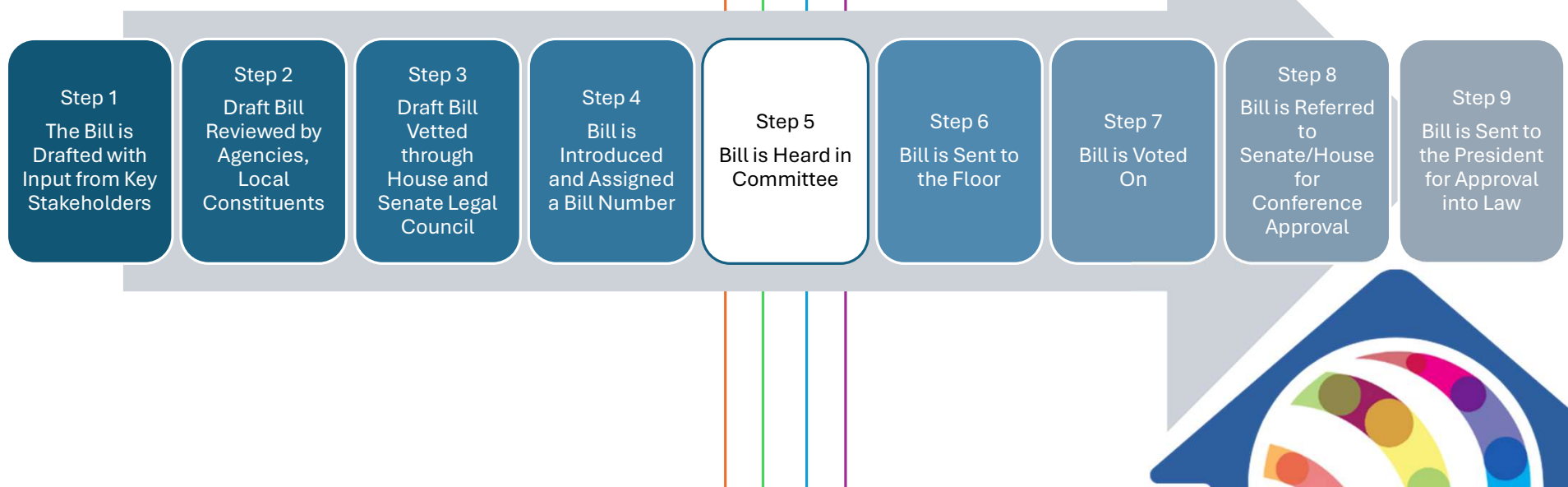
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**The FASD Respect Act**  
Building the Foundation for Change  
**#FASDRESPECT**

# Status

The 119<sup>th</sup> Congress Lasts for 2 years.  
The 119<sup>th</sup> ends in December 2026.



# Language Comparison

CR Provisions and S.139 Bill Text

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## Section 399H

**Comprehensive FASD education, prevention, identification, intervention, and services delivery program  
(Secretary shall establish programs which *may* include:)**

- 1) Education and Public Awareness
- 2) Research (diagnostic methods and interventions)
- 3) Building FASD State and Tribal Capacity
- 4) Applied research program (advocacy, vocational training, PAE prevention, counseling, support services)



# Language Comparison

## **BUILDING STATE AND TRIBAL CAPACITY FOR IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH FASD AND THEIR FAMILIES**

- Utilizing & adapting existing programs to include FASD identification and FASD-informed support
- Developing & expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for FASD
- Developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted FASD-intervention programs for FASD
- Providing training with respect to FASD for professionals across relevant sectors
- Disseminating information about FASD and support services to affected individuals and their families

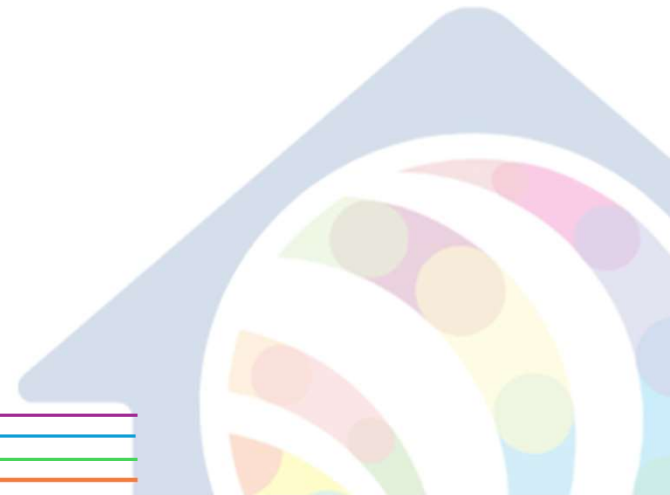


# Language Comparison

## Section 399I

### **STRENGTHENING CAPACITY AND EDUCATION FOR FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (Secretary shall award grants – public or non-profit entities with demonstrated expertise in FASD)**

- 1) Public education & awareness of risks of PAE
- 2) Clearinghouse for FASD prevention, identification & best practices
- 3) Awareness & understanding – FASD intervention services & best practices
- 4) Providing technical assistance to recipients of grants under 399H



# What's Happening



**9 Cosponsors**

## Meetings and Cosponsors

- **New Cosponsors:** Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Susan Collins (R-ME)
- **Federal-Level Meetings:** Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA-4), and Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA-1).
- **State-Level Meetings:** Illinois State Rep. Jed Davis (HB 2511), Texas State Rep. Ana Hernandez (HB 2219), and Georgia Dept. of Community Health.
- **More State Legislation Introduced:** Kansas bills establishing FASD Task Force and declaring Sept. 9 as Kansas FASD Day

## Policy Landscape and Ways to Advocate

- **Budget Process:** House passed budget resolution. Budget reconciliation next step.
- **Advocacy**
  - **Education:** Meet with legislators
  - **Communication:** Op-ed, Letter to the editor
  - **State Level:** Identify champion, meet with state Dept of Health, request FASD Awareness Day recognition
- **Reps in District**
  - March 15<sup>th</sup>-March 23<sup>rd</sup>



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## Know

- The bill and the field are moving forward

## Feel

- Empowered to share to your knowledge

## Do

- Educate and advocate

