103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 620

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993 Mr. RIEGLE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO CARRY OUT STATE
- 4 PLAN.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI of the Social
- 6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is amended by in-
- 7 serting after section 1122 the following new section:

SEC. 1123. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO CARRY OUT STATE

- 2 PLAN.
- 3 "In an action brought to enforce a provision of the
- 4 Social Security Act, such provision is not to be deemed
- 5 unenforceable because of its inclusion in a section of the
- 6 Act requiring a State plan of specifying the required con-
- 7 tents of a State plan. This section is not intended to limit
- 8 or expand the grounds for determining the availability of
- 9 private actions to enforce State plan requirements other
- 10 than by overturning any such grounds applied in Suter
- 11 v. Artist M., 112 S. Ct. 1360 (1992), but not applied in
- 12 prior Supreme Court decisions respecting such enforce-
- 13 ability: Provided, however, That this section is not in-
- 14 tended to alter the holding in Suter v. Artist M. that sec-
- 15 tion 471(a)(15) of the Act is not enforceable in a private
- 16 right of action.".
- 17 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
- 18 section (a) shall apply to actions pending on the date of
- 19 the enactment of this Act and to actions brought on or
- 20 after such date of enactment.

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