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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to repeal provisions relating to the State enforcement of child support obligations and the disbursement of such support and to require the Internal Revenue Service to collect and disburse such support through wage withholding and other means.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 20, 1999

Mr. HYDE (for himself and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Compassion for Chil-3 dren and Child Support Enforcement Act of 1999".

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Over one quarter of the Nation's children
7 live in a household where only one of their parents
8 is present.

9 (2) Forty percent of these children are not yet 10 eligible for child support because paternity has not 11 been established or a support order has not been 12 issued.

13 (3) Sixty percent of these children have a sup14 port order, but only half actually receive any sup15 port.

(4) Of those with orders, half receive the full
amount ordered, one-quarter receive some of the
amount ordered; and one-quarter receive nothing.
The problem of nonpayment is particularly acute in
cases where the parents live in different States.
Today, approximately one-third of all cases are
interstate in nature.

(5) As a result, too many children live in poverty or near poverty and are unable to have the kind
of childhood which allows them to grow into healthy,
productive citizens. Studies show that, in many fam-

ilies where child support is not paid, children go
 hungry, lose access to health care, lack appropriate
 winter clothing and can't participate in school activi ties. Their families often face a housing crisis, and
 inability to afford child care creates many latch-key
 children.

7 (6) To show compassion for these children by
8 establishing and enforcing child support awards for
9 them is a high national priority.

10 (7) To undertake this task would require a
11 huge commitment of judicial time and resources.
12 While all cases take time and resources, interstate
13 cases involve the time and resources of two or more
14 jurisdictions and are, therefore, particularly trou15 bling.

16 (8) This commitment of resources would be un17 necessary if better, nonjudicial ways could be found
18 for handling some of these matters.

(9) The Department of the Treasury is in a
unique position to help address these problems. By
taking over responsibility for enforcing all child support orders through routine withholding of support
from obligated parents and use of the enforcement
tools at its disposal to collect from recalcitrant obligors, the Department of the Treasury would greatly

1	reduce the need for judicial resources of the States
2	that are now devoted to child support enforcement.
3	(10) This, in turn, would free up judicial re-
4	sources to focus on establishing paternity and sup-
5	port orders and lead to a vastly improved child sup-
6	port enforcement system.
7	(11) Moving child support enforcement respon-
8	sibilities to the Department of the Treasury will en-
9	hance the role of the Federal judiciary and the De-
10	partment of Justice in prosecuting truly egregious
11	cases of failure to pay child support.
12	SEC. 3. ASSIGNMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OF
13	RIGHT TO COLLECT CHILD SUPPORT; AVAIL-
14	ABILITY OF CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION
15	TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NO-
16	TICE TO PARENTS OF SUPPORT COLLECTION
17	AND DISBURSEMENT OPTIONS.
18	(a) Assignment to Internal Revenue Service
19	OF RIGHT TO COLLECT CHILD SUPPORT.—Section
20	466(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)) is
21	amended by inserting after paragraph (19) the following:
22	"(20) Procedures which—
23	"(A) require any individual with the right
24	to collect child support pursuant to an order

1	or after the effective date of this paragraph) to
2	be presumed to have assigned to the Internal
3	Revenue Service the right to collect such sup-
4	port, unless the individual affirmatively elects to
5	retain such right at any time; and
6	"(B) allow any individual who has made
7	the election referred to in subparagraph (A) to
8	rescind or revive such election at any time.".
9	(b) TRANSMISSION OF CHILD SUPPORT INFORMA-
10	TION TO THE FEDERAL CASE REGISTRY OF CHILD SUP-
11	PORT ORDERS.—
12	(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 466(a) of the Social
13	Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by
14	subsection (a) of this section, is amended by insert-
15	ing after paragraph (20) the following:
16	"(21)(A) Procedures which require any State
17	court or administrative agency that issues or modi-
18	fies (or has issued or modified) a child support order
19	to transmit an abstract of the order to the Federal
20	Case Registry of Child Support Orders established
21	under section 453(h), on the later of—
22	"(i) the date the order is issued or modi-
23	fied; or
24	"(ii) the effective date of this paragraph.

1	"(B)(i) The abstract of a child support order
2	shall include a record of—
3	"(I) the amount of monthly (or other peri-
4	odic) support owed under the order, and other
5	amounts (including arrearages, interest or late
6	payment penalties, and fees) due or overdue
7	under the order;
8	"(II) any amount described in subclause
9	(I) that has been collected by a State;
10	"(III) the distribution by a State of such
11	collected amounts;
12	"(IV) the birth date of any child for whom
13	the order requires the provision of support; and
14	"(V) any action which has been taken to
15	enforce the order.
16	"(ii) The abstract of a child support order shall
17	use standardized data elements for both parents
18	(such as names, social security numbers and other
19	uniform identification numbers, dates of birth, and
20	case identification numbers), and contain such other
21	information (such as on case status) as the Sec-
22	retary may require.
23	"(C) Such procedures shall require the State
24	agency administering the State program under this
25	part to notify the Federal Case Registry of Child

Support Orders of any expiration of any child sup port order an abstract of which has been transmitted
 by the State pursuant to subparagraph (A).".

AMENDMENT.—Section 4 (2)CONFORMING 5 453(h)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 653(h)(1)) is amended by striking "abstracts of support orders 6 and other information described in paragraph (2) 7 8 with respect to each case in each State case registry 9 maintained pursuant to section 454A(e), as fur-10 nished (and regularly updated), pursuant to section 11 454A(f), by State agencies administering programs 12 under this part" and inserting "child support order 13 abstracts transmitted pursuant to section 466(a)(21)14 and other information described in paragraph (2) 15 with respect to each case in the registry".

(c) NOTICE TO PARENTS OF SUPPORT COLLECTION
AND DISBURSEMENT OPTIONS.—Section 466(a)(20) of
the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(20)), as added
by subsection (a) of this section, is amended—

20 (1) by striking "and" at the end of subpara-21 graph (A);

(2) by striking the period at the end of sub-paragraph (B) and inserting "; and"; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) require that, at the time a suport 1 2 order is issued or modified in the State, the 3 parties to the order are provided with notice of 4 how collection and disbursement of support pursuant to the order will be made if the election 5 6 referred to in subparagraph (A) is not made, 7 and to whom to address any complaints or 8 questions regarding such collections or dis-9 bursements.". 10 SEC. 4. COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF CHILD SUP-

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PORT BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to miscellaneous provisions)
is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
sections:

16 "SEC. 7527. COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT.

17 "(a) EMPLOYEE TO NOTIFY EMPLOYER OF CHILD18 SUPPORT OBLIGATION.—

19 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Each employee shall speci20 fy, on each withholding certificate furnished to such
21 employee's employer—

"(A) the monthly amount (if any) of each
child support obligation of such employee, and
"(B) the TIN of the individual to whom
each such obligation is owed.

"(2) WHEN CERTIFICATE FILED.—In addition
to the other required times for filing a withholding
certificate, a new withholding certificate shall be
filed within 30 days after the date of any court or
administrative order which changes the information
specified under paragraph (1).

"(3) PERIOD CERTIFICATE IN EFFECT.—Any
specification under paragraph (1) shall continue in
effect until another withholding certificate takes effect which specifies a change in the information
specified under paragraph (1).

12 "(4) AUTHORITY TO SPECIFY SMALLER CHILD 13 SUPPORT AMOUNT.—In the case of an employee who 14 is employed by more than 1 employer for any period, 15 such employee may specify less than the monthly 16 amount described in paragraph (1)(A) to each such 17 employer so long as the total of the amounts speci-18 fied to all such employers is not less than such 19 monthly amount.

"(b) CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS EXEMPT.—This section
shall not apply to a child support obligation for any month
if the individual to whom such obligation is owed has so
notified the Secretary and the individual owing such obligation more than 30 business days before the beginning
of such month.

"(c) Employer Obligations.— 1

2 "(1) REQUIREMENT TO DEDUCT AND WITH-3 HOLD.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Every employer who 4 receives a certificate under subsection (a) that 5 6 specifies that the employee has a child support 7 obligation for any month shall deduct and with-8 hold from the wages (as defined in section 9 3401(a)) paid by such employer to such em-10 ployee during each month that such certificate 11 is in effect an additional amount equal to the 12 amount of such obligation or such other amount 13 as may be specified by the Secretary under sub-14 section (d).

15 "(B) LIMITATION ON AGGREGATE WITH-HOLDING.—In no event shall an employer de-16 17 duct and withhold under this section from a 18 payment of wages an amount in excess of the 19 amount of such payment which would be per-20 mitted to be garnished under section 303(b) of 21 the Consumer Credit Protection Act. 22

"(2) NOTICE TO SECRETARY.—

23 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Every employer who receives a withholding certificate shall, within 24

1	30 business days after such receipt, submit a
2	copy of such certificate to the Secretary.
3	"(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
4	shall not apply to any withholding certificate
5	if—
6	"(i) a previous withholding certificate
7	is in effect with the employer, and
8	"(ii) the information shown on the
9	new certificate with respect to child sup-
10	port is the same as the information with
11	respect to child support shown on the cer-
12	tificate in effect.
13	"(3) When withholding obligation takes
14	EFFECT.—Any withholding obligation with respect
15	to a child support obligation of an employee shall
16	commence with the first payment of wages after the
17	certificate is furnished.
18	"(d) Secretary To Verify Amount of Child
19	Support Obligation.—
20	"(1) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION SPECI-
21	FIED ON WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATES.—Within 20
22	business days after receiving a withholding certifi-
23	cate of any employee, or a notice from any person
24	claiming that an employee is delinquent in making
25	any payment pursuant to a child support obligation,

the Secretary shall determine whether the informa tion available to the Federal Case Registry of Child
 Support Orders established under section 453(h) of
 the Social Security Act indicates that such employee
 has a child support obligation.

6 (2)EMPLOYER NOTIFIED \mathbf{IF} INCREASED 7 WITHHOLDING IS REQUIRED.—If the Secretary de-8 termines that an employee's child support obligation 9 is greater than the amount (if any) shown on the 10 withholding certificate in effect with respect to such 11 employee, the Secretary shall, within 20 business 12 days after such determination, notify the employer 13 to whom such certificate was furnished of the cor-14 rect amount of such obligation, and such amount 15 shall apply in lieu of the amount (if any) specified 16 by the employee with respect to payments of wages 17 by the employer after the date the employer receives 18 such notice.

19 "(3) DETERMINATION OF CORRECT AMOUNT.—
20 In making the determination under paragraph (2),
21 the Secretary shall take into account whether the
22 employee is an employee of more than 1 employer
23 and shall appropriately adjust the amount of the re24 quired withholding from each such employer.

1	"(e) Child Support Obligations Required To
2	BE PAID WITH INCOME TAX RETURN.—
3	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The child support obliga-
4	tion of any individual for months ending with or
5	within any taxable year shall be paid—
6	"(A) not later than the last date (deter-
7	mined without regard to extensions) prescribed
8	for filing his return of tax imposed by chapter
9	1 for such taxable year, and
10	"(B)(i) if such return is filed not later
11	than such date, with such return, or
12	"(ii) in any case not described in clause (i),
13	in such manner as the Secretary may by regula-
14	tions prescribe.
15	"(2) Credit for amount previously
16	PAID.—The amount required to be paid by an indi-
17	vidual under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the
18	sum of—
19	"(A) the amount collected under this sec-
20	tion with respect to periods during the taxable
21	year, plus
22	"(B) the amount (if any) paid by such in-
23	dividual under section 6654 by reason of sub-
24	section $(f)(3)$ thereof for such taxable year.
25	"(f) Failure To Pay Amount Owing.—

1 "(1) COLLECTION AUTHORITY.—If an indi-2 vidual fails to pay the full amount required to be 3 paid under subsection (e) on or before the due date 4 for such payment, the Secretary shall assess and col-5 lect the unpaid amount in the same manner, with 6 the same powers, and subject to the same limitations 7 applicable to a tax imposed by subtitle C the collec-8 tion of which would be jeopardized by delay.

9 "(2) Shortfall in payments.—For purposes 10 of paragraph (1) and subsection (i), if the taxpayer 11 would have a deficiency for the taxable year were the 12 amount required to be paid under subsection (e) 13 treated as tax imposed by chapter 1, such deficiency 14 shall be treated as attributable to a failure to pay 15 the full amount required to be paid under subsection 16 (e) to the extent thereof.

17 "(g) CREDIT OR REFUND FOR WITHHELD CHILD
18 SUPPORT IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL OBLIGATION.—There
19 shall be allowed as a credit against the taxes imposed by
20 subtitle A for the taxable year an amount equal to the
21 excess (if any) of—

"(1) the aggregate of the amounts described in
subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (e)(2),
over

1	"(2) the actual child support obligation of the
2	taxpayer for such taxable year.
3	The credit allowed by this subsection shall be treated for
4	purposes of this title as allowed by subpart C of part IV
5	of subchapter A of chapter 1.
6	"(h) Child Support Treated as Taxes.—
7	"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of penalties
8	and interest related to failure to deduct and with-
9	hold taxes, amounts required to be deducted and
10	withheld under this section shall be treated as taxes
11	imposed by chapter 24.
12	"(2) Other Rules.—Rules similar to the rules
13	of sections 3403, 3404, 3501, 3502, 3504, and 3505
14	shall apply with respect to child support obligations
15	required to be deducted and withheld.
16	"(3) Special rule for collections.—For
17	purposes of collecting any unpaid amount which is
18	required to be paid under this section—
19	"(A) paragraphs (4) , (6) , and (8) of sec-
20	tion 6334(a) (relating to property exempt from
21	levy) shall not apply, and
22	"(B) there shall be exempt from levy so
23	much of the salary, wages, or other income of
24	an individual as is being withheld therefrom in
25	garnishment pursuant to a judgment entered by

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a court of competent jurisdiction for the sup-
port of his minor children.
"(i) Treatment of Arrearages Under Child
Support Obligations Not Subject to Section for
PRIOR PERIOD.—If—
"(1) this section did not apply to any child sup-
port obligation by reason of subsection (b) for any
prior period, and
"(2) there is a legally enforceable past-due
amount under such obligation for such period,
then such past-due amount (and any penalties and interest
with respect to such amount as of the close of such period)
shall be treated for purposes of this section as owed for
the first month that this section applies to such obligation.
"(j) Definitions and Special Rules.—
"(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
section—
"(A) WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE.—The
term 'withholding certificate' means the with-
holding exemption certificate used for purposes
of chapter 24.
"(B) BUSINESS DAY.—The term 'business
day' means any day other than a Saturday,
Sunday, or legal holiday (as defined in section
7503).

"(2) TIMELY MAILING.—Any notice under sub section (c)(2) or (d)(2) which is delivered by United
 States mail shall be treated as given on the date of
 the United States postmark stamped on the cover in
 which such notice is mailed.

6 "(k) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
7 such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to
8 carry out the purposes of this section."

9 "SEC. 7528. DISBURSEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLEC10 TIONS.

"As soon as practicable after the Secretary receives 11 12 an amount paid under section 7527 that is attributable to a child support obligation owed with respect to a family, 13 the Secretary shall, using information in the Federal Case 14 15 Registry of Child Support Orders established under section 453(h) of the Social Security Act, ascertain the iden-16 17 tity of the family and distribute the amount as follows: 18 "(1) FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.—In the 19 case of a family receiving assistance from a State, 20 the Secretary shall— "(A) pay to the State the State share of 21 22 the amount so collected; and 23 "(B) retain, or distribute to the family, the

24 Federal share of the amount so collected.

1	In no event shall the total of the amounts paid to
2	the State with respect to a family and the amounts
3	retained by the Federal Government with respect to
4	the family, under this paragraph, exceed the total of
5	the amounts that have been paid to the family as as-
6	sistance by the State, except that the total amount
7	distributed to families under this paragraph during
8	a fiscal year shall not exceed the total of the
9	amounts paid under section 7527 during the fiscal
10	year minus any credits allowed under section
11	7527(g) during the fiscal year.
12	"(2) Families that formerly received as-
13	SISTANCE.—In the case of a family that formerly re-
14	ceived assistance from a State:
15	"(A) CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS.—To
16	the extent that the amount so collected does not
17	exceed the amount required to be paid to the
18	family for the month in which collected, the
19	Secretary shall distribute the amount so col-
20	lected to the family.
21	"(B) PAYMENTS OF ARREARAGES.—To the
22	extent that the amount so collected exceeds the
23	amount required to be paid to the family for
24	the month in which collected, the Secretary

shall distribute the amount so collected as follows:

3	"(i) DISTRIBUTION OF ARREARAGES
4	THAT ACCRUED AFTER THE FAMILY
5	CEASED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE.—
6	"(I) PRE-EFFECTIVE DATE.—Ex-
7	cept as provided in subclause (II), the
8	provisions of this section (other than
9	subsection $(b)(1)$) as in effect and ap-
10	plied on the day before the date of the
11	enactment of section 302 of the Per-
12	sonal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
13	tunity Act Reconciliation of 1996
14	shall apply with respect to the dis-
15	tribution of support arrearages that—
16	"(aa) accrued after the fam-
17	ily ceased to receive assistance
18	from the State, and
19	"(bb) are collected before
20	the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year
21	that begins after the effective
22	date of this section.
23	"(II) Post-effective date.—
24	With respect to the amount so col-
25	lected on or after the 1st day of the

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1	1st fiscal year that begins after the
2	effective date of this section:
3	"(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
4	Secretary shall first distribute
5	the amount so collected (other
6	than any amount described in
7	clause (iv)) to the family to the
8	extent necessary to satisfy any
9	support arrearages with respect
10	to the family that accrued after
11	the family ceased to receive as-
12	sistance from the State.
13	"(bb) Reimbursement of
14	GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE
15	PROVIDED TO THE FAMILY.—
16	After the application of division
17	(aa) and clause $(ii)(II)(aa)$ with

(aa) and clause (ii)(II)(aa) with respect to the amount so col-lected, the Secretary shall retain the Federal share of the amount so collected, and pay to the State the State share of the amount so collected, but only to the extent necessary to reimburse amounts

paid to the family as assistance

2	by the State.
3	"(cc) Distribution of the
4	REMAINDER TO THE FAMILY.—
5	To the extent that neither divi-
6	sion (aa) nor division (bb) applies
7	to the amount so collected, the
8	Secretary shall distribute the
9	amount to the family.
10	"(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF ARREARAGES
11	THAT ACCRUED BEFORE THE FAMILY RE-
12	CEIVED ASSISTANCE.—
13	"(I) PRE-EFFECTIVE DATE.—Ex-
14	cept as provided in subclause (II), the
15	provisions of this section (other than
16	subsection $(b)(1)$ as in effect and ap-
17	plied on the day before the date of the
18	enactment of section 302 of the Per-
19	sonal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
20	tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
21	shall apply with respect to the dis-
22	tribution of support arrearages that—
23	"(aa) accrued before the
24	family received assistance from
25	the State; and

1 "(bb) are collected befor	re
2 the 1st day of the 1st fiscal year	ır
3 that begins after the effective	<i>v</i> e
4 date of this section.	
5 "(II) Post-effective date	
6 With respect to the amount so co	l-
7 lected on or after the 1st day of th	ıe
8 1st fiscal year that begins after th	ıe
9 effective date of this section:	
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11 Secretary shall first distribut	te
12 the amount so collected (other	er
13 than any amount described i	\mathbf{n}
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15 extent necessary to satisfy an	ıy
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19 from the State.	
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21 GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANC	E
22 PROVIDED TO THE FAMILY	
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24 (i)(II)(aa) and division (aa) of	of
25 this subclause with respect to the	ıe

1	amount so collected, the Sec-
2	retary shall retain the Federal
3	share of the amount so collected,
4	and pay to the State the State
5	share of the amount so collected,
6	but only to the extent necessary
7	to reimburse amounts paid to the
8	family as assistance by the State.
9	"(cc) DISTRIBUTION OF THE
10	REMAINDER TO THE FAMILY
11	To the extent that neither divi-
12	sion (aa) nor division (bb) applies
13	to the amount so collected, the
14	Secretary shall distribute the
15	amount to the family.
16	"(iii) Distribution of arrearages
17	THAT ACCRUED WHILE THE FAMILY RE-
18	CEIVED ASSISTANCE.—In the case of a
19	family described in this subparagraph,
20	paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to
21	the distribution of support arrearages that
22	accrued while the family received assist-
23	ance from the State.
24	"(iv) Ordering rules for dis-
25	TRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of this sub-

1	paragraph, unless an earlier effective date
2	is required by this section, effective Octo-
3	ber 1, 2000, the Secretary shall treat any
4	support arrearages collected as accruing in
5	the following order:
6	"(I) To the period after the fam-
7	ily ceased to receive assistance from
8	the State.
9	"(II) To the period before the
10	family received assistance from the
11	State.
12	"(III) To the period while the
13	family was receiving assistance from
14	the State.
15	"(3) Families that never received assist-
16	ANCE.—In the case of any other family, the Sec-
17	retary shall distribute the amount so collected to the
18	family.
19	"(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:
20	"(1) Assistance.—The term 'assistance'
21	means, with respect to a State—
22	"(A) assistance under a State program
23	funded under part A of title IV of the Social
24	Security Act; or

1	"(B) foster care maintenance payments
2	under a State plan approved under part E of
3	title IV of the Social Security Act.
4	"(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The term 'Federal
5	share' means that portion of the amount collected
6	resulting from the application of the Federal medical
7	assistance percentage in effect for the fiscal year in
8	which the amount is collected.
9	"(3) Federal medical assistance percent-
10	AGE.—The term 'Federal medical assistance per-
11	centage' means—
12	"(A) the Federal medical assistance per-
13	centage (as defined in section 1118 of the So-
14	cial Security Act), in the case of Puerto Rico,
15	the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American
16	Samoa; or
17	"(B) the Federal medical assistance per-
18	centage (as defined in section 1905(b) of such
19	Act, as in effect on September 30, 1996) in the
20	case of any other State.
21	"(4) STATE SHARE.—The term 'State share'
22	means 100 percent minus the Federal share.".
23	(b) Withheld Child Support To Be Shown on
24	W-2.—Subsection (a) of section 6051 of such Code is
25	amended by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (10),

by striking the period at the end of paragraph (11) and
 inserting ", and", and by inserting after paragraph (11)
 the following new paragraph:

4 "(12) the total amount deducted and withheld
5 as a child support obligation under section 7527(c)."
6 (c) APPLICATION OF ESTIMATED TAX.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section
6654 of such Code (relating to failure by individual
to pay estimated income tax) is amended by striking
"minus" at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting
"plus", by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph
(4), and by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

14 "(3) the aggregate amount of the child support 15 obligations of the taxpayer for months ending with 16 or within the taxable year (other than such an obli-17 gation for any month for which section 7527 does 18 not apply to such obligation), minus".

(2) Paragraph (1) of section 6654(d) of such
Code is amended by adding at the end the following
new subparagraph:

22 "(D) DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED AN23 NUAL PAYMENT FOR TAXPAYERS REQUIRED TO
24 PAY CHILD SUPPORT.—In the case of a tax25 payer who is required under section 7527 to

1 pay a child support obligation (as defined in 2 section 7527) for any month ending with or within the taxable year, the required annual 3 4 payment shall be the sum of— 5 "(i) the amount determined under 6 subparagraph (B) without regard to sub-7 section (f)(3), plus "(ii) the aggregate amount described 8 9 in subsection (f)(3)." 10 (3) Credit for withheld amounts, etc.— 11 Subsection (g) of section 6654 of such Code is 12 amended by adding at the end the following new 13 paragraph: 14 "(3) CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS.—For pur-15 poses of applying this section, the amounts collected 16 under section 7527 shall be deemed to be a payment 17 of the amount described in subsection (f)(3) on the 18 date such amounts were actually withheld or paid, as 19 the case may be." 20 (d) PENALTY FOR FALSE INFORMATION ON WITH-21 HOLDING CERTIFICATE.—Section 7205 of such Code (re-22 lating to fraudulent withholding exemption certificate or

23 failure to supply information) is amended by adding at24 the end the following new subsection:

1 "(c) WITHHOLDING OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGA-2 TIONS.—If any individual willfully makes a false state-3 ment under section 7527(a), then such individual shall, 4 in addition to any other penalty provided by law, upon 5 conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000, or im-6 prisoned not more than 1 year, or both."

7 (e) New Withholding Certificate Required.— 8 Not later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act, 9 each employee who has a child support obligation to which 10 section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) applies shall furnish a new with-11 holding certificate to each of such employee's employers. 12 13 A certificate required under the preceding sentence shall be treated as required under such section 7527. 14

15 (f) Repeal of Offset of Past-Due Support16 Against Overpayments.—

(1) Section 6402 of such Code is amended by
striking subsections (c) and (h) and by redesignating
subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (i) as subsections
(c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively.

(2) Subsection (a) of section 6402 of such Code
is amended by striking "subsections (c), (d), or (e)"
and inserting "subsection (c) or (d)".

24 (3) Subsection (c) of section 6402 of such Code
25 (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) is amended—

1	(A) by striking "(other than past-due sup-
2	port subject to the provisions of subsection
3	(c))" in paragraph (1),
4	(B) by striking "after such overpayment is
5	reduced pursuant to subsection (c) with respect
6	to past-due support collected pursuant to an as-
7	signment under section $402(a)(26)$ of the Social
8	Security Act and" in paragraph (2).
9	(4) Subsection (d) of section 6402 of such Code
10	is amended by striking "subsections (c) or (d)" and
11	inserting "subsection (c)".
12	(5) Subsection (e) of section 6402 of such Code
13	(as redesignated by paragraph (1)) is amended by
14	striking "or (d)".
15	(g) Repeal of Collection of Past-Due Sup-
16	PORT.—Section 6305 of such Code is hereby repealed.
17	(h) Clerical Amendments.—
18	(1) The table of sections for subchapter A of
19	chapter 64 of such Code is amended by striking the
20	item relating to section 6305.
21	(2) The table of sections for chapter 77 of such
22	Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the
23	following new item:
	"Sec. 7527. Collection of child support.

"Sec. 7527. Confection of child support. "Sec. 7528. Disbursement of child support collections." (i) USE OF PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.—Section
 453(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(a)) is
 amended by inserting "or the Internal Revenue Service"
 before "information as".

5 SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING
6 TO STATE ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD SUP7 PORT OBLIGATIONS OTHER THAN MEDICAL
8 SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS.

9 (a) AMENDMENT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.— 10 Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this 11 section an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of 12 an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-13 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a 14 section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

15 (b) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 451.—Section 451
16 (42 U.S.C. 651) is amended—

17 (1) by inserting "medical" before "support obli-18 gations";

19 (2) by striking "obtaining child and spousal
20 support" and inserting "establishing child and
21 spousal support obligations"; and

(3) by striking "obtaining support" and inserting "establishing such obligations and obtaining
medical support".

1	(c) Amendments to Section 452.—Section 452
2	(42 U.S.C. 652) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection (a)—
4	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "obtain-
5	ing child support and support for the spouse (or
6	former spouse) with whom the noncustodial
7	parent's child is living" and inserting "estab-
8	lishing child and spousal support obligations of
9	noncustodial parents and obtaining medical
10	support from noncustodial parents";
11	(B) in paragraph (4)—
12	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
13	(I) by striking " $454(15)(B)$ " and
14	inserting " $454(11)(B)$ "; and
15	(II) by striking "and section
16	458'';
17	(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
18	"454(15)(A)" and inserting "454(11)(A)";
19	and
20	(iii) in subparagraph (C)—
21	(I) in clause (i), by striking "sub-
22	section (g) of this section and section
23	458" and inserting "subsection (e) of
24	this section"; and

1	(II) in clause (ii), by striking "—
2	" and all that follows and inserting
3	"whether Federal and other funds
4	made available to carry out the State
5	program are being appropriately ex-
6	pended, and are properly and fully ac-
7	counted for;"
8	(C) in paragraph (7), by striking "col-
9	lecting child and spousal support" and inserting
10	"establishing child and spousal support obliga-
11	tions and collecting child and spousal medical
12	support";
13	(D) in paragraph (8)—
14	(i) by inserting "the medical support
15	requirements of" before "court" the 1st
16	place such term appears; and
17	(ii) by inserting "medical support re-
18	quirements of" before "court" the 2nd
19	place such term appears; and
20	(iii) by striking "such order" and in-
21	serting "such requirements";
22	(E) in paragraph (10)—
23	(i) by striking ", but not be limited
24	to" and all that follows through the end of
25	subparagraph (A) and inserting "include—

1	"(A) total program costs set forth in suffi-
2	cient detail to show the cost to the States and
3	the Federal Government, and an identification
4	of the financial impact of this part;";
5	(ii) in subparagraph (C)—
6	(I) in the matter preceding clause
7	(i), by striking "collect support" and
8	insert "receive support";
9	(II) in clause (iii), by striking
10	"support was collected" and inserting
11	"medical support was provided"; and
12	(III) by striking clauses (iv)
13	through (vii) and inserting the fol-
14	lowing:
15	"(iv) the total amount of medical sup-
16	port provided as a result of State action;";
17	and
18	"(v) the number of child support
19	cases filed in each State in the fiscal
20	year;"; and
21	(iii) in subparagraph (G)—
22	(I) by striking "and on use of the
23	Internal Revenue Service for collec-
24	tions" and inserting "to obtain med-
25	ical support"; and

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1	(II) by striking "on which collec-
2	tions were made" and inserting "with
3	respect to which medical support was
4	provided"; and
5	(F) by striking paragraph (6) and redesig-
6	nating paragraphs (7) through (11) as para-
7	graphs (6) through (10), respectively;
8	(2) in subsections (d) and (e), by striking
9	"454(16)" each place such term appears and insert-
10	ing "454(12)";
11	(3) in subsection (h)—
12	(A) by striking "and enforcing support or-
13	ders" and inserting "support orders and enforc-
14	ing the medical support requirements of such
15	orders"; and
16	(B) by striking "and collect child support
17	awards" and inserting "child support orders
18	and obtain medical support under such orders";
19	(4) effective October 1, 1997, in subsection (k),
20	by striking " $454(31)$ " and inserting " $454(24)$ "; and
21	(5) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (i) and
22	redesignating subsections (d) through (h), (j), and
23	(effective October 1, 1997) (k) as subsections (b)
24	through (h), respectively.

(d) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 453.—Section 453(b)
 (42 U.S.C. 653(b)) is amended by striking "454(26)" and
 inserting "454(18)".

4 (e) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 454.—Section 454
5 (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

6 (1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the7 following:

8 "(4) provide that the State will provide services 9 relating to the establishment of paternity or the es-10 tablishment or modification of child support obliga-11 tions, or the enforcement of the medical support pro-12 visions of such obligations, as appropriate, under the 13 State plan with respect to—

14 "(A) each child for whom (i) assistance is 15 provided under the State program funded under 16 part A of this title, (ii) benefits or services for 17 foster care maintenance are provided under the 18 State program funded under part E of this 19 title, (iii) medical assistance is provided under 20 the State plan approved under title XIX, or (iv) 21 cooperation is required pursuant to section 6(1)22 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 23 2015(l)), unless, in accordance with paragraph 24 (21), good cause or other exceptions exist; and

1	"(B) any other child, if an individual ap-
2	plies for such services with respect to the
3	child;";
4	(2) in paragraph (6), by striking subparagraph
5	(C) and redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as
6	subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively;
7	(3) in paragraph (9)—
8	(A) in subparagraph (E), by striking
9	(452(a)(11) for income withholding, imposition
10	of liens, and" and inserting "452(a)(10) for";
11	and
12	(B) by striking subparagraph (C) and re-
13	designating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as sub-
14	paragraphs (C) and (D), respectively;
15	(4) in paragraph (13) , by striking "collecting"
16	support payments" and inserting "obtaining medical
17	support pursuant to such orders";
18	(5) in paragraph $(15)(B)$ —
19	(A) by striking "(16)" and inserting
20	"(12)"; and
21	(B) by striking "sections $452(g)$ and 458 "
22	and inserting "section 452(e)";
23	(6) in paragraph (16) —
24	(A) by striking "452(d)" and inserting
25	"452(b)"; and

1	(B) by inserting "medical" before "support
2	enforcement";
3	(7) in paragraph (19), by inserting "medical"
4	before "support" each place such term appears;
5	(8) in paragraph $(21)(A)$, by striking "466(e)"
6	and inserting "466(c)";
7	(9) in paragraph (23), by striking "enforce-
8	ment'';
9	(10) in paragraph (25), by striking " $(6)(B)$ "
10	and inserting "(5)(B)";
11	(11) in paragraph (29), by striking ", modi-
12	fying, or enforcing" and inserting "or modifying";
13	(12) in paragraph (31) —
14	(A) by striking "452(k)" and inserting
15	"452(h)"; and
16	(B) by adding "and" at the end;
17	(13) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
18	(32) and inserting a period; and
19	(14) by striking paragraphs (5) , (10) , (11) ,
20	(18), (21), (22), (27), and (33), and the last sen-
21	tence, and redesignating paragraphs (6) , (7) , (8) ,
22	(9), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (19), (20), (23),
23	(24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), and
24	(32) as paragraphs (5) through (25), respectively.

1	(f) Amendments to Section 454A.—Section 454A
2	(42 U.S.C. 654a) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection (c)—
4	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
5	by striking "incentive payments and penalty ad-
6	justments under sections $452(g)$ and 458 " and
7	inserting "penalty adjustments under section
8	452(e)"; and
9	(B) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "and
10	child support enforcement'';
11	(2) by striking subsections (e) and (g);
12	(3) in subsection (f), by striking paragraph (1)
13	and redesignating paragraphs (2) , (3) , and (4) as
14	paragraphs (1) , (2) , and (3) , respectively;
15	(4) in subsection (h), by striking " $466(c)$ " and
16	inserting "466(b)"; and
17	(5) by redesignating subsections (f) and (h) as
18	subsections (e) and (f), respectively.
19	(g) Repeal of Section 454B.—Section 454B (42
20	U.S.C. 654b) is repealed.
21	(h) Amendments to Section 455.—Section 455
22	(42 U.S.C. 655) is amended—
23	(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking " $454(16)$ "
24	each place such term appears and inserting
25	"454(12)";

(2) in subsection (d), by striking "the amount
of child support collected and disbursed and"; and
(3) by striking subsection (e) and (b) (as added
by section 375(b) of the Personal Responsibility and
Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996).
(i) Amendments to Section 456.—Section 456(a)
(42 U.S.C. 656(a)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1), by striking the 2nd sen-
tence;
(2) in paragraph (2), by striking ", and" at the
end and inserting a period; and
(3) in paragraph (3), by striking "amounts"
and inserting "medical support".
(j) Repeal of Sections 457 and 458.—Sections
$457 \ \mathrm{and} \ 458 \ (42 \ \mathrm{U.S.C.} \ 657 \ \mathrm{and} \ 658)$ are repealed.
(k) Repeal of Section Providing New Incen-
TIVE PAYMENTS TO STATES.—
(1) If this section becomes law before October
1, 1999, then section 201 of the Child Support Per-
formance and Incentive Act of 1998 is repealed.
(2) If this section becomes law on or after Octo-
ber 1, 1999, then section 458A of the Social Secu-
rity Act is repealed.
(1) Amendments to New Section 459.—Section
459 (42 U.S.C. 659) is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (a), by striking "enacted pur-
2	suant to subsections $(a)(1)$ and (b) of section 466
3	and regulations of the Secretary under such sub-
4	sections,";
5	(2) in subsection (b), by striking "subsections
6	(a)(1) and (b) of section 466" and inserting "State
7	law'';
8	(3) in subsection $(c)(2)$ —
9	(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
10	(A), by striking "subsections $(a)(1)$ and (b) of
11	section 466" and inserting "State law"; and
12	(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "sec-
13	tion 466" and inserting "State law"; and
14	(4) in subsection (d), by striking "-" and all
15	that follows through "and (2) " and inserting ", such
16	moneys".
17	(m) Amendment to Section 460.—Section 460
18	(42 U.S.C. 660) is amended by striking " $452(a)(8)$ " and
19	inserting "452(a)(7)".
20	(n) Repeal of Section 464.—Section 464 (42
21	U.S.C. 664) is repealed.
22	(o) Amendments to Section 466.—Section 466
23	(42 U.S.C. 666) is amended—
24	(1) in subsection (a)—

1	(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2	by striking "454(20)(A)" and inserting
3	"454(15)(A)";
4	(B) in paragraph (2)—
5	(i) in the 1st sentence—
6	(I) by striking "(c)" and insert-
7	ing "(b)"; and
8	(II) by striking "establishing,
9	modifying, and enforcing" and insert-
10	ing "establishing and modifying sup-
11	port obligations and enforcing med-
12	ical"; and
13	(ii) in the 2nd sentence—
14	(I) by inserting "of medical sup-
15	port obligations" after "enforcement";
16	and
17	(II) by striking "(d)" and insert-
18	ing "(c)";
19	(C) in paragraph (5) —
20	(i) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
21	"454(29)" and inserting "454(22)"; and
22	(ii) in subparagraph (C)(iv), by strik-
22 23	(ii) in subparagraph (C)(iv), by strik- ing " $452(a)(7)$ " and inserting

1	(D) in paragraph (9), by striking " (2) "
2	and inserting "(1)";
3	(E) in paragraph (19), by striking "en-
4	forced" and inserting "with respect to which
5	services are requested";
6	(F) in the matter following paragraph
7	(19)—
8	(i) by striking " $454(20)(B)$ " and in-
9	serting "454(15)(B)"; and
10	(ii) by striking "paragraphs (3), (4),
11	(6), (7) , and (15) " and inserting "para-
12	graph (15) "; and
13	(G) by striking paragraphs (1) , (3) , (4) ,
14	(6), (7), (8), (14), and (17) and redesignating
15	paragraphs (2), (5), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13),
16	(15) through (19) , (20) (as added by section
17	3(a) of this Act), and (21) (as added by section
18	3(b)(1) of this Act) as paragraphs (1) through
19	(14), respectively;
20	(2) in subsection (c)—
21	(A) in paragraph (1)—
22	(i) in the matter preceding subpara-
23	graph (A), by striking "establishment,
24	modification, or enforcement" and insert-
25	ing "establishment or modification of sup-

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1	port orders, or enforcement of the medical
2	support provisions of such orders";
3	(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
4	"466(a)(5)" and inserting "466(a)(2)";
5	(iii) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by strik-
6	ing "-" and all that follows through
7	"(II)"; and
8	(iv) by striking subparagraphs (B),
9	(E), (F), and (G) and redesignating sub-
10	paragraphs (C), (D), and (H) as subpara-
11	graphs (B), (C), and (D), respectively; and
12	(B) in paragraph (2)—
13	(i) by striking " $(a)(2)$ " and inserting
14	"(a)(1)"; and
15	(ii) by striking "establish, modify, or
16	enforce support orders" and inserting "es-
17	tablish or modify support orders or enforce
18	the medical support provisions of such or-
19	ders";
20	(3) in subsection (d)—
21	(A) by inserting "medical" before "sup-
22	port"; and
23	(B) by striking "enforcement";
24	(4) in subsection (e), by inserting "medical"
25	after "to include";

1	(5) in subsection (f), by inserting "but shall not
2	have in effect any provision of Article 5 or 6 of such
3	Act, including any such amendments" before the pe-
4	riod;
5	(6) in subsection (g), by striking " $454(20)(A)$ "
6	and inserting "454(15)(A)"; and
7	(7) by striking subsection (b) and redesignating
8	subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (b)
9	through (f), respectively.
10	(p) Amendment to Section 468.—Section 468 (42
11	U.S.C. 668) is amended by striking "enforcement".
12	(q) Amendments to Section 469.—Section 469
13	(42 U.S.C. 669) is amended—
14	(1) in the section heading, by striking "EN-
15	FORCEMENT'';
16	(2) in subsection $(a)(1)$, by striking "enforce-
17	ment"; and
18	(3) in subsection $(b)(4)$, by inserting "the med-
19	ical support provisions of" before "an established".
20	(r) Amendments to Section 469A.—Section 469A
21	(42 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—
22	(1) in subsection (a), by striking "enforce-
23	ment"; and
24	(2) in subsection (b)—

1	(A) in the heading, by striking "ENFORCE-
2	MENT''; and
3	(B) by striking "establishing, modifying, or
4	enforcing a child support obligation" and in-
5	serting "establishing or modifying a child sup-
6	port obligation or enforcing the medical support
7	provisions of such an obligation".
8	(s) Amendments to the Balanced Budget and
9	Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.—Section
10	256(f) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
11	Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 906(f)) is amended—
12	(1) in the heading, by striking "ENFORCE-
13	MENT''; and
14	(2) by striking "sections 455 and 458" and in-
15	serting "section 455".
16	(t) Amendment to Title 5, United States
17	CODE.—Section 552a(a)(8)(B)(iv)(III) of title 5, United
18	States Code, as amended by section 110(w) of the Per-
19	sonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation
20	Act of 1996, is amended by striking ", 464,".
21	(u) Amendment to Title 10, United States
22	CODE.—Section 1408(d)(1) of title 10, United States
23	Code, is amended in the 1st sentence by striking "State
24	disbursement unit established pursuant to section $454B$
25	of the Social Security Act or other".

1	SEC. 6. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR WILLFUL FAILURE TO
2	PAY CHILD SUPPORT REQUIRED TO BE PAID
3	TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.
4	Section 228 of title 18, United States Code, is
5	amended—
6	(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
7	following:
8	"(a) OFFENSE.—Any person who willfully fails to pay
9	Federal income tax owed by reason of section 7527 of the
10	Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if the underlying support
11	obligation has remained unpaid for a period longer than
12	2 years, or is greater than \$10,000, shall be punished as
13	provided in subsection (c)."; and
14	(2) in subsection (c)—
15	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "(a)(1)"
16	and inserting "(a)"; and
17	(B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
18	ing the following:
19	((2) in the case of a second or subsequent of-
20	fense under subsection (a), a fine under this title,
21	imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both.".
22	SEC. 7. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.
23	Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
24	ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall sub-
25	mit to the Congress a plan for implementing the amend-

ments made by this Act.

1 SEC. 8. PROSECUTION AND JUDICIAL IMPACT STUDY.

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2 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment 3 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives 4 5 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a study which details the impact the amendments made by this 6 7 Act have had on the Department of Justice and the Fed-8 eral courts, including on workload, personnel staffing, and budget resources. 9

10 SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

11 The amendments and repeals made by this Act shall 12 take effect on the 1st day of the 1st calendar month that 13 begins after the 2-year period that begins with the date 14 of the enactment of this Act.