

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4678, CHILD
SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION ACT OF 2000

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Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 566]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 566, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4678, the Child Support Distribution Act of 2000, under a modified closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of this report, shall be an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read.

The rule also provides for consideration of the amendment printed in Part B of this report if offered by Representative Scott or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule further waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part B of this report.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

H.R. 4678, THE CHILD SUPPORT DISTRIBUTION ACT OF 2000

PART A

Summary of Amendment Considered as Adopted

Allows states at their option to pay child support currently retained by State and Federal government to mothers on welfare.

Allows states at their option to make child support payments on obligations that accrued before 1997 to families rather than to government.

Clarifies that recommendations from the Department of Health and Human Services about certain public agencies participating in child support enforcement activities must be submitted to Congress by October 1, 2001.

Lists several specific activities that fatherhood projects could undertake to promote and sustain marriage.

Allows fatherhood projects to provide services to low-income young men and women who are at risk of becoming parents outside marriage.

Requires fatherhood projects to provide information about sexually transmitted diseases including human papillomavirus (HPV).

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in selecting fatherhood projects for funding, to grant preference to projects that set forth clear and practical methods to encourage and sustain marriage.

PART B

Summary of Amendment Made in Order Under the Rule

Scott (VA): Adds provisions that have been included in two previous bills (H.R. 3222, Families Involve Literacy Act and H.R. 4141, the Safe and Drug Free Schools). The first provision clarifies that any eligible entity cannot subject a participant during the grant program to sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization, but does not affect the private activities of the religious organization that take place outside of the Fatherhood Grant program. The second provision simply clarifies that eligible recipients are in receipt of federal financial assistance. The third provision closes the loophole contained within welfare reform that allows discrimination against beneficiaries when another standing law (federal, state or local) permits it.

PART A

Text of amendment considered as adopted:

Page 7, line 16, strike the close quotation marks and the following period.

Page 7, after line 16, insert the following:

“(7) STATE OPTION TO PASS THROUGH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WITH FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a State shall not be required to pay to the Federal Government the Federal share of an amount collected on behalf of a family that is not a recipient of assistance under the State program funded under part A, to the extent that the State pays the amount to the family.

“(B) RECIPIENTS OF TANF FOR LESS THAN 5 YEARS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), a State shall not be required to pay to the Federal Government the Federal share of an amount collected on behalf of a family that is a recipient of assistance under the State program funded under part A and that has received the assistance for not more than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, to the extent that—

“(I) the State pays the amount to the family; and

“(II) subject to clause (ii), the amount is disregarded in determining the amount and type of the assistance provided to the family.

“(ii) LIMITATION.—Of the amount disregarded as described in clause (i)(II), the maximum amount that may be taken into account for purposes of clause (i) shall not exceed \$400 per month, except that, in the case of a family that includes 2 or more children, the State may elect to increase the maximum amount to not more than \$600 per month.”.

Page 8, after line 25, insert the following:

(d) STATE OPTION TO DISCONTINUE CERTAIN SUPPORT ASSIGNMENTS.—Section 457(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 657(b)) is amended by striking “shall” and inserting “may”.

Page 9, line 1, strike “(d)” and insert “(e)”.

Page 10, line 5, strike “(e)” and insert “(f)”.

Page 13, line 11, strike “The” and insert “Not later than October 1, 2001, the”.

Page 25, strike lines 13 through 18 and insert the following:

“(1) promote marriage through such activities as—

“(A) counseling, mentoring, disseminating information about the advantages of marriage, enhancing relationship skills, teaching how to control aggressive behavior, disseminating information on the causes and treatment of domestic violence and child abuse, and other methods; and

“(B) sustaining marriages through marriage preparation programs, premarital counseling, and marital inventories, and through divorce education and reduction programs, including mediation and counseling;

Page 25, line 19, insert “such activities as” after “through”.

Page 25, line 21, strike the comma.

Page 26, line 4, insert “such activities as” after “viding”.

Page 26, strike line 16 and all that follows through line 7 on page 27 and insert the following:

“(C) A written commitment by the entity that the project—

“(i) will not allow an individual to participate in the project unless the income of the individual (net of court-ordered child support) is less than 150 percent of the poverty line (as defined in section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, including any revision required by such section, applicable to a family of the size involved);

“(ii) will allow a individual who is a father to participate in the project only if the individual is—

“(I) a father of a child who is, or within the past 24 months has been, a recipient of assistance or services under a State program funded under this part; or

“(II) a parent referred to in paragraph (3)(A)(iii); and

“(iii) will allow an individual who is at risk of parenthood outside marriage to participate in the project, but will not allow more than 25 percent of the participants in the project to be such individuals.

Page 28, strike lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

stances, and information about sexually transmitted diseases and their transmission, including HIV/AIDS and human papillomavirus (HPV).

Page 33, after line 6, insert the following:

“(i) to the extent that the application submitted by the entity sets forth clear and practical methods to encourage and sustain marriage;

Page 33, line 7, strike “(i)” and insert “(ii)”.

Page 33, line 23, strike “schedule or” and insert “schedule,”.

Page 33, line 24, strike “(unless” and insert “, or marrying the mother of his children, unless”.

Page 34, line 2, strike the close parenthesis.

Page 34, line 12, strike “(ii)” and insert “(iii)”.

Page 35, line 1, strike “(iii)” and insert “(iv)”.

Page 35, line 6, strike “(iv)” and insert “(v)”.

PART B

Text of amendment made in order under the rule:

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OF VIRGINIA, OR A DESIGNEE

Page 39, after line 19, insert the following:

“(E) PROTECTION FOR BENEFICIARIES.—An entity to which a grant is made under this section shall not subject a participant in a program assisted with the grant to sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization.

“(F) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION ON RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SECTION.—For purposes of any Federal, State, or local law, receipt of financial assistance from a grant made under this section shall constitute receipt of Federal financial assistance or aid.

Page 39, line 20, strike “(E)” and insert “(G)”.

Page 40, line 5, strike “(F)” and insert “(H)”.

Page 43, line 15, insert “(except the except clause of subsection (g))” after “this section”.