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S. 3231

To provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service to support effective programs targeted at improving permanency outcomes for youth in foster care.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2012

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Families for Foster
5 Youth Stamp Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILIES FOR FOSTER YOUTH SEMIPOSTAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to increase funding for
3 effective programs targeted at improving permanency out-
4 comes for youth in foster care, the United States Postal
5 Service shall, for a period of not less than 4 years, provide
6 for the issuance and sale of a semipostal, in accordance
7 with section 416 of title 39, United States Code.

8 (b) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS.—

9 (1) ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.—
10 Fifty percent of any amounts becoming available
11 from the sale of the semipostal under this Act shall
12 be transferred to the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services for programs and activities author-
14 ized under section 203 of the Child Abuse Preven-
15 tion and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of
16 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113) that specifically target im-
17 provement in permanency outcomes for youth in fos-
18 ter care through adoption, guardianship, or kinship
19 care.

20 (2) STATE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—
21 Fifty percent of any amounts becoming available
22 from the sale of the semipostal under this Act shall
23 be transferred to the Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services for programs and activities author-
25 ized under section 438 of the Social Security Act
26 (42 U.S.C. 629h).

1 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “semipostal”
2 has the meaning given that term in section 416 of title
3 39, United States Code.

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