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To increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To increase the reliability of child support for children, and for other purposes.

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 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Child Support Improvement and Work Promotion Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

TITLE I—INCREASED RELIABILITY OF CHILD SUPPORT

Sec. 101. Compliance with multilateral child support conventions.

Sec. 102. Relief from passport sanctions for certain individuals.

Sec. 103. Child support enforcement programs for Indian tribes.

Sec. 104. Parenting time arrangements.

Sec. 105. Efficient use of the national directory of new hires database for federally sponsored research assessing the effectiveness of Federal policies and programs in achieving positive labor market outcomes.

TITLE II—CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

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TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

Sec. 401. Determination of budgetary effects.

1 **TITLE I—INCREASED RELI-** 2 **ABILITY OF CHILD SUPPORT**

3 **SEC. 101. COMPLIANCE WITH MULTILATERAL CHILD SUP-** 4 **PORT CONVENTIONS.**

5 (a) SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY TO ENSURE COMPLI-
6 ANCE WITH MULTILATERAL CHILD SUPPORT CONVEN-
7 TION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 452 of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 652) is amended—

10 (A) by redesignating the second subsection

11 (l) (as added by section 7306 of Public Law
12 109–171) as subsection (m); and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(n) SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY TO ENSURE COMPLI-
15 ANCE WITH MULTILATERAL CHILD SUPPORT CONVEN-
16 TION.—Consistent with the national policy of the United
17 States to fully comply with the obligations of any multilat-

1 eral child support convention to which the United States
2 is a party, the Secretary shall utilize Federal and, as ap-
3 propriate, State enforcement mechanisms in furtherance
4 of this policy and take such steps as may be necessary
5 within the Secretary’s authority to ensure compliance with
6 the United States treaty obligations under such convention
7 in the event the Secretary determines that a State plan
8 does not comply with such obligations.”.

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
10 453(k)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 653(k)(3)) is amended by striking “452(l)” and in-
12 serting “452(m)”.

13 (b) ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR
14 SERVICE.—Section 453(c) of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 653(c)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
17 (3);

18 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
19 graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

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

21 “(5) an entity designated as a Central Author-
22 ity for child support enforcement in a foreign recip-
23 roating country or a foreign treaty country for pur-
24 poses specified in section 459A(c)(2).”.

1 (c) STATE OPTION TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS IN
2 FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO APPLY THROUGH THEIR COUN-
3 TRY'S APPROPRIATE CENTRAL AUTHORITY.—Section 454
4 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4)(A)(ii), by inserting before
6 the semicolon “(except that, if the individual apply-
7 ing for the services resides in a foreign reciprocating
8 country or foreign treaty country, the State may opt
9 to require the individual to request the services
10 through the Central Authority for child support en-
11 forcement in the foreign reciprocating country or the
12 foreign treaty country, and if the individual resides
13 in a foreign country that is not a foreign recipro-
14 cating country or a foreign treaty country, a State
15 may accept or reject the application)”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (32)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, a
18 foreign treaty country,” after “a foreign recip-
19 rocating country”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or
21 foreign obligee” and inserting “, foreign treaty
22 country, or foreign individual”.

23 (d) AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT EN-
24 FORCEMENT PROVISIONS.—Section 459A of the Social Se-
25 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 659a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
3 by striking “foreign countries that are the sub-
4 ject of a declaration under this section” and in-
5 serting “foreign reciprocating countries or for-
6 eign treaty countries”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and
8 foreign treaty countries” after “foreign recipro-
9 cating countries”;

10 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “the subject of
11 a declaration pursuant to subsection (a)” and insert-
12 ing “foreign reciprocating countries or foreign treaty
13 countries”; and

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

15 “(e) REFERENCES.—In this part:

16 “(1) FOREIGN RECIPROCATING COUNTRY.—The
17 term ‘foreign reciprocating country’ means a foreign
18 country (or political subdivision thereof) with respect
19 to which the Secretary has made a declaration pur-
20 suant to subsection (a).

21 “(2) FOREIGN TREATY COUNTRY.—The term
22 ‘foreign treaty country’ means a foreign country for
23 which the 2007 Family Maintenance Convention is
24 in force.

1 “(3) 2007 FAMILY MAINTENANCE CONVEN-
2 TION.—The term ‘2007 Family Maintenance Con-
3 vention’ means the Hague Convention of 23 Novem-
4 ber 2007 on the International Recovery of Child
5 Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance.”.

6 (e) COLLECTION OF PAST-DUE SUPPORT FROM FED-
7 ERAL TAX REFUNDS.—Section 464(a)(2)(A) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 664(a)(2)(A)) is amended by
9 striking “under section 454(4)(A)(ii)” and inserting
10 “under paragraph (4)(A)(ii) or (32) of section 454”.

11 (f) STATE LAW REQUIREMENT CONCERNING THE
12 UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT
13 (UIFSA).—Section 466(f) (42 U.S.C. 666(f)) is amend-
14 ed—

15 (1) by striking “on and after January 1,
16 1998,”;

17 (2) by striking “and as in effect on August 22,
18 1996,”; and

19 (3) by striking “adopted as of such date” and
20 inserting “adopted as of September 30, 2008”.

21 (g) FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR CHILD SUPPORT
22 ORDERS.—Section 1738B of title 28, United States Code,
23 is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by inserting “(1) CHILD.—The term”
2 before “‘child’”;

3 (B) by striking “‘child’s State’” and all
4 that follows through “a child resides.”;

5 (C) by inserting “(2) CHILD’S HOME
6 STATE.—The term” before “‘child’s home
7 State’”;

8 (D) by inserting after paragraph (2), as
9 designated by subparagraph (C), the following:
10 “(3) CHILD’S STATE.—The term ‘child’s State’
11 means the State in which a child resides.”;

12 (E) by inserting “(4) CHILD SUPPORT.—
13 The term” before “‘child support’”;

14 (F) by inserting “(5) CHILD SUPPORT
15 ORDER.—The term” before “‘child support
16 order’”;

17 (G) by inserting “(6) CONTESTANT.—The
18 term” before “‘contestant’”;

19 (H) by striking “‘court’ means” and all
20 that follows through “modification of a child
21 support order.”;

22 (I) by inserting “(7) MODIFICATION.—The
23 term” before “‘modification’”;

24 (J) by inserting “(8) STATE.—The term”
25 before “‘State’”; and

1 (K) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(9) TRIBUNAL.—The term ‘tribunal’ means a
3 court or administrative agency of a State that is au-
4 thorized by State law to establish the amount of
5 child support payable by a contestant or make a
6 modification of a child support order.”;

7 (2) by striking “court” each place it appears
8 except subsection (b)(9), as added by paragraph (1)
9 of this section, and inserting “tribunal”;

10 (3) by striking “courts” each place it appears
11 and inserting “tribunals”;

12 (4) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “sub-
13 sections (e), (f), and (g)” and inserting “this sec-
14 tion”;

15 (5) by striking subsection (i);

16 (6) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),
17 and (h) as subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i), respec-
18 tively;

19 (7) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(d) CONTINUING, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—A
22 tribunal of a State that has made a child support order
23 consistently with this section has continuing, exclusive ju-
24 risdiction to modify the order if—

1 “(1) the order is the controlling order, as deter-
2 mined under subsection (g); and

3 “(2)(A) the State is the child’s State or the res-
4 idence of any individual contestant; or

5 “(B) the contestants provide consent (by pro-
6 viding consent in a record or in a hearing) for the
7 tribunal to continue to exercise jurisdiction to mod-
8 ify the order.

9 “(e) RESTRICTIONS ON EXERCISING CONTINUING,
10 EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—A tribunal of a State that
11 has made a child support order may not exercise con-
12 tinuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify the order if—

13 “(1) each individual contestant files a consent
14 in a record with the issuing tribunal stating that a
15 tribunal of another State (which has jurisdiction of
16 at least 1 of the individual contestants or that is a
17 tribunal of the State of the residence of the child)
18 may modify the order and assume continuing, exclu-
19 sive jurisdiction; or

20 “(2) the order is not the controlling order, as
21 determined under subsection (g).”;

22 (8) in subsection (f), as redesignated by para-
23 graph (6) of this section—

24 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
25 section (i)” and inserting “subsection (j)”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
3 “and the contestants have not provided
4 consent (by providing consent in a record
5 or in a hearing) for the tribunal of the
6 other State to continue to exercise jurisdic-
7 tion to modify the order” before the semi-
8 colon; and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
10 “with jurisdiction of at least 1 of the indi-
11 vidual contestants or that is a tribunal of
12 the State of the residence of the child”
13 after “of another State”;

14 (9) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-
15 graph (6) of this section—

16 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
17 “RECOGNITION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS”
18 and inserting “DETERMINATION OF CONTROL-
19 LING CHILD SUPPORT ORDER”;

20 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
21 by striking “to recognize for purposes of con-
22 tinuing, exclusive jurisdiction and enforcement”
23 and inserting “is the controlling order and shall
24 be recognized”; and

1 (C) by striking “must be recognized” each
2 place it appears and inserting “is the control-
3 ling order”;

4 (10) in subsection (h), as redesignated by para-
5 graph (6) of this section, by striking “subsections
6 (e) and (f)” and inserting “subsections (f) and (g)”;

7 (11) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-
8 graph (6) of this section—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or col-
10 lect arrears and interest due on a child support
11 order” after “enforce a child support order”;

12 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(2) LAW OF STATE OF ISSUANCE OF ORDER.—
15 A tribunal shall apply the law of the State of the tri-
16 bunal that issued a child support order registered in
17 the State of the tribunal with regard to—

18 “(A) the nature, extent, amount, and dura-
19 tion of current payments under the child sup-
20 port order;

21 “(B) the computation and payment of ar-
22 rears and accrual of interest on arrears under
23 the child support order; and

24 “(C) the existence and satisfaction of other
25 obligations under the child support order.”;

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “child
2 support order, a” and inserting “child support
3 order registered in the State of a tribunal, the”;
4 and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(4) PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION OF LAW.—
7 After a tribunal determines which is the controlling
8 order and issues an order consolidating arrears, if
9 any, a tribunal shall apply the law of the State of
10 the tribunal that issued the controlling order (in-
11 cluding the law of the State relating to interest on
12 arrears)—

13 “(A) for support paid after the date of the
14 order consolidating arrears; and

15 “(B) relating to consolidated arrears.”;

16 and

17 (12) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(j) REGISTRATION FOR MODIFICATION.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A tribunal may modify a
20 child support order issued in another State which
21 has been registered in the State of the tribunal if,
22 after notice and hearing, the tribunal finds—

23 “(A) that—

1 “(i) no individual contestant or child
2 resides in the State of the tribunal issuing
3 the child support order;

4 “(ii) the individual contestant seeking
5 to modify, or to modify and enforce, a
6 child support order issued in another State
7 does not reside in the State in which the
8 registering tribunal is located; and

9 “(iii) the tribunal of the State in
10 which the child support order has been
11 registered has personal jurisdiction of the
12 parties not seeking to modify, or modify
13 and enforce, the child support order;

14 “(B) that the State in which the child sup-
15 port order has been registered—

16 “(i)(I) is the residence of the child; or

17 “(II) has personal jurisdiction of an
18 individual contestant; and

19 “(ii) each individual contestant has
20 filed a consent in a record with the issuing
21 tribunal for a tribunal in the registering
22 State to modify the support order and as-
23 sume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction; or

24 “(C) that all of the individual contestants
25 reside in the State in which the registering tri-

1 bunal is located and the child does not reside in
2 the issuing State.

3 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—A tribunal may not modify
4 any term of a child support order that may not be
5 modified under the law of the issuing State, includ-
6 ing the duration of the obligation of support. If 2 or
7 more tribunals have issued child support orders for
8 the same obligor and same child, the law of the
9 State of the tribunal issuing the controlling order, as
10 determined under subsection (g), establishes the
11 terms of the child support order which are not modi-
12 fiable.

13 “(3) PROCEEDING TO MODIFY.—In a pro-
14 ceeding to modify a child support order, the law of
15 the State of the tribunal that issued the initial con-
16 trolling order, as determined under subsection (g),
17 governs the duration of the obligation of support.
18 The obligor’s fulfillment of the duty of support es-
19 tablished by that controlling order precludes a tri-
20 bunal of another State from imposing a further obli-
21 gation of child support on the obligor.

22 “(4) PARTIES RESIDING OUTSIDE THE UNITED
23 STATES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a tribunal
24 in the issuing State retains jurisdiction to modify an
25 order issued in that State if—

1 “(A) 1 party resides in another State; and
2 “(B) the other party resides outside of the
3 United States.”.

4 **SEC. 102. RELIEF FROM PASSPORT SANCTIONS FOR CER-**
5 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

6 Section 452(k) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 652(k)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “The Sec-
9 retary of State” and inserting “Subject to para-
10 graph (3), the Secretary of State”;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12 graph (4); and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(3)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Sec-
16 retary of State may issue a passport to an individual with
17 respect to whom the Secretary has transmitted certifi-
18 cation under paragraph (1) if—

19 “(i) the individual submits an application for
20 relief to the Secretary of State, in such form and
21 manner as the Secretary of State shall require; and

22 “(ii) the Secretary of State certifies that the
23 application includes evidence that the individual—

24 “(I) has an annual income of less than
25 \$100,000;

1 “(II) is not incurring any new child sup-
2 port obligations, but only owes arrearages;

3 “(III) does not owe arrearages of child
4 support for a child who is less than 18 years
5 old;

6 “(IV) has been making child support pay-
7 ments consistently and in good faith for each of
8 the most recently preceding 12 months; and

9 “(V) has a current offer to work outside of
10 the United States, an offer to interview for
11 work outside of the United States, a profes-
12 sional history of working outside of the United
13 States, a job that requires travel outside of the
14 United States, or is enrolled in a professional
15 training program that requires travel outside of
16 the United States.

17 “(B) The Secretary of State shall revoke a passport
18 issued to an individual under subparagraph (A) upon a
19 determination that the individual has failed to make child
20 support payments consistently and in good faith for more
21 than 6 months.

22 “(C) The Secretary of State shall report the issuance
23 of a passport under this paragraph to the Secretary.

24 “(D) The Secretary shall report the issuance of a
25 passport under this paragraph to the State agency that

1 certified in accordance with section 454(31) that the indi-
 2 vidual to whom the passport is issued owed child support
 3 arrearages in an amount exceeding \$2,500.”.

4 **SEC. 103. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR**
 5 **INDIAN TRIBES.**

6 (a) **TRIBAL ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL PARENT LO-**
 7 **CATOR SERVICE.**—Section 453(e)(1) of the Social Security
 8 Act (42 U.S.C. 653(e)(1)) is amended by inserting “or In-
 9 dian tribe or tribal organization (as defined in subsections
 10 (e) and (l) of section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
 11 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)),” after
 12 “any State”.

13 (b) **WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR INDIAN TRIBES OR**
 14 **TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING CHILD SUPPORT**
 15 **ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.**—Section 1115(b) of the So-
 16 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315(b)) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 18 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively,
 19 and realigning the left margin of subparagraph (C)
 20 so as to align with subparagraphs (A) and (B) (as
 21 so redesignated);

22 (2) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

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

24 “(2) An Indian tribe or tribal organization operating
 25 a program under section 455(f) shall be considered a State

1 for purposes of authority to conduct an experimental,
2 pilot, or demonstration project under subsection (a) to as-
3 sist in promoting the objectives of part D of title IV and
4 receiving payments under the second sentence of that sub-
5 section. The Secretary may waive compliance with any re-
6 quirements of section 455(f) or regulations promulgated
7 under that section to the extent and for the period the
8 Secretary finds necessary for an Indian tribe or tribal or-
9 ganization to carry out such project. Costs of the project
10 which would not otherwise be included as expenditures of
11 a program operating under section 455(f) and which are
12 not included as part of the costs of projects under section
13 1110, shall, to the extent and for the period prescribed
14 by the Secretary, be regarded as expenditures under a
15 tribal plan or plans approved under such section, or for
16 the administration of such tribal plan or plans, as may
17 be appropriate. An Indian tribe or tribal organization ap-
18 plying for or receiving start-up program development
19 funding pursuant to section 309.16 of title 45, Code of
20 Federal Regulations, shall not be considered to be an In-
21 dian tribe or tribal organization operating a program
22 under section 455(f) for purposes of this paragraph.”.

1 **SEC. 104. PARENTING TIME ARRANGEMENTS.**

2 (a) STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS.—Section 454 of the
3 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sec-
4 tion 101(c), is further amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4)(A), in the matter pre-
6 ceding clause (i), by inserting “, establishment of
7 voluntary parenting time arrangements,” after “es-
8 tablishment of paternity”;

9 (2) in paragraph (9)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
11 and” and inserting a semicolon;

12 (B) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
13 “and” after the semicolon; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(F) in establishing a voluntary parenting time
16 arrangement at the time that a support order (as
17 defined in section 453(p)) is initially issued under
18 this part pursuant to the requirements, standards,
19 and procedures described in paragraph (35);”;

20 (3) in paragraph (13), by inserting “estab-
21 lishing voluntary parenting time arrangements,”
22 after “obtaining support orders,”;

23 (4) in paragraph (15)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “and” after the semicolon;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
2 “and” after the semicolon; and

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

4 “(C) a process for including in the annual re-
5 views and reports required under subparagraph (A)
6 information, in such form and manner as the Sec-
7 retary shall require, regarding the policies and prac-
8 tices implemented by the State or which the State
9 plans to implement to facilitate access to and visita-
10 tion of children by noncustodial parents;”;

11 (5) in paragraph (26)(A), by inserting “to es-
12 tablish voluntary parenting time arrangements,”
13 after “to establish paternity;”;

14 (6) in paragraph (33), by striking “and” after
15 the semicolon;

16 (7) in paragraph (34), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (8) by inserting after paragraph (34) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(35) provide that the State shall implement proce-
21 dures for the establishment of a voluntary parenting time
22 arrangement at the time that a support order (as defined
23 in section 453(p)) is initially issued under this part for
24 parents who are not subject to a divorce or dissolution
25 decree and for whom the voluntary parenting time ar-

1 rangement is not contested, in accordance with such re-
2 quirements and standards as the Secretary determines
3 necessary and that include exceptions for family or domes-
4 tic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.”.

5 (b) SECRETARIAL GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall
6 issue guidance for States for the establishment of vol-
7 untary parenting time arrangements. The guidance shall
8 provide that in establishing such arrangements, a State
9 shall establish procedures to ensure—

10 (1) the informed and voluntary participation of
11 both parents in the establishment of a voluntary
12 parenting time arrangement that is free from coer-
13 cion and threats of recrimination;

14 (2) each parent’s informed consent to the terms
15 and legal implications of any parenting time plan es-
16 tablished under a voluntary parenting time arrange-
17 ment; and

18 (3) that all voluntary parenting time arrange-
19 ments comply with State law.

1 **SEC. 105. EFFICIENT USE OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTORY**
2 **OF NEW HIRES DATABASE FOR FEDERALLY**
3 **SPONSORED RESEARCH ASSESSING THE EF-**
4 **EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL POLICIES AND**
5 **PROGRAMS IN ACHIEVING POSITIVE LABOR**
6 **MARKET OUTCOMES.**

7 Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (i)(2)(A), by striking “24”
9 and inserting “48”; and

10 (2) in subsection (j), by striking paragraph (5)
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(5) RESEARCH.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
14 graph (B) of this paragraph, the Secretary may
15 provide access to data in each component of the
16 Federal Parent Locator Service maintained
17 under this section and to information reported
18 by employers pursuant to section 453A(b),
19 for—

20 “(i) research undertaken by a State or
21 Federal agency (including through grant or
22 contract) for purposes found by the Sec-
23 retary to be likely to contribute to achiev-
24 ing the purposes of part A or this part; or

25 “(ii) an evaluation or statistical anal-
26 ysis undertaken to assess the effectiveness

1 of a Federal program in achieving positive
2 labor market outcomes (including through
3 grant or contract), by—

4 “(I) the Department of Health
5 and Human Services;

6 “(II) the Social Security Admin-
7 istration;

8 “(III) the Department of Labor;

9 “(IV) the Department of Edu-
10 cation;

11 “(V) the Department of Housing
12 and Urban Development;

13 “(VI) the Department of Justice;

14 “(VII) the Department of Vet-
15 erans Affairs;

16 “(VIII) the Bureau of the Cen-
17 sus;

18 “(IX) the Department of Agri-
19 culture; or

20 “(X) the National Science Foun-
21 dation.

22 “(B) PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS.—Data or
23 information provided under this paragraph may
24 include a personal identifier only if, in addition

1 to meeting the requirements of subsections (l)
2 and (m)—

3 “(i) the State or Federal agency con-
4 ducting the research described in subpara-
5 graph (A)(i), or the Federal department or
6 agency undertaking the evaluation or sta-
7 tistical analysis described in subparagraph
8 (A)(ii), as applicable, enters into an agree-
9 ment with the Secretary regarding the se-
10 curity and use of the data or information;

11 “(ii) the agreement includes such re-
12 strictions or conditions with respect to the
13 use, safeguarding, disclosure, or redisclo-
14 sure of the data or information (including
15 by contractors or grantees) as the Sec-
16 retary deems appropriate;

17 “(iii) the data or information is used
18 exclusively for the purposes defined in the
19 agreement; and

20 “(iv) the Secretary determines that
21 the provision of data or information under
22 this paragraph is the minimum amount
23 needed to conduct the research, evaluation,
24 or statistical analysis, as applicable, and

1 will not interfere with the effective oper-
2 ation of the program under this part.

3 “(C) PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DIS-
4 CLOSURE OF DATA.—Any individual who will-
5 fully discloses a personal identifier (such as a
6 name or social security number) provided under
7 this paragraph, in any manner to an entity not
8 entitled to receive the data or information, shall
9 be fined under title 18, United States Code, im-
10 prisoned not more than 5 years, or both.”.

11 **TITLE II—CHILD SUPPORT** 12 **ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE**

13 **SEC. 201. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
15 ecutive branch a task force to be known as the Child Sup-
16 port Enforcement Task Force (referred to in this section
17 as the “Task Force”).

18 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

19 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be
20 composed of 15 members consisting of—

21 (A) the Assistant Secretary of the Admin-
22 istration for Children and Families of the De-
23 partment of Health and Human Services;

24 (B) 5 members appointed by the Senate, of
25 which—

1 (i) 1 shall be appointed by the Major-
2 ity Leader of the Senate;

3 (ii) 1 shall be appointed by the Minor-
4 ity Leader of the Senate;

5 (iii) 1 shall be appointed by the Chair-
6 man of the Committee on Finance of the
7 Senate;

8 (iv) 1 shall be appointed by the Rank-
9 ing Member of the Committee on Finance
10 of the Senate; and

11 (v) 1 shall be jointly appointed by the
12 Chairman and Ranking Member of the
13 Committee on Finance of the Senate;

14 (C) 5 members appointed by the House of
15 Representatives, of which—

16 (i) 1 shall be appointed by the Speak-
17 er of the House of Representatives;

18 (ii) 1 shall be appointed by the Minor-
19 ity Leader of the House of Representa-
20 tives;

21 (iii) 1 shall be appointed by the Chair-
22 man of the Committee on Ways and Means
23 of the House of Representatives;

24 (iv) 1 shall be appointed by the Rank-
25 ing Member of the Committee on Ways

1 and Means of the House of Representa-
2 tives; and

3 (v) 1 shall be jointly appointed by the
4 Chairman and Ranking Member of the
5 Committee on Ways and Means of the
6 House of Representatives; and

7 (D) 4 members appointed by the Presi-
8 dent.

9 (2) DATE.—The appointments of the members
10 of the Task Force shall be made not later than 6
11 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (3) EXPERTISE.—The membership of the Task
13 Force shall consist of individuals who are knowledge-
14 able on issues regarding child support and related
15 activities.

16 (4) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—
17 Members shall be appointed for the life of the Task
18 Force. A vacancy in the Task Force shall be filled
19 in the manner in which the original appointment was
20 made and shall not affect the powers or duties of the
21 Task Force.

22 (5) QUORUM.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—A majority of the Task
24 Force shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser
25 number of members may hold hearings.

1 (B) REPORT.—The Task Force may not
2 submit the report required under subsection (c)
3 until all of the members have been appointed.

4 (6) MEETINGS.—

5 (A) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30
6 days after the Task Force has a majority, the
7 Task Force shall hold its first meeting.

8 (B) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-
9 PERSON.—During the first meeting of the Task
10 Force, the Task Force shall select a Chair-
11 person and Vice Chairperson from among the
12 members appointed as of the date of the meet-
13 ing.

14 (C) OTHER MEETINGS.—Following the
15 first meeting of the Task Force, any subsequent
16 meetings shall be at the call of the Chairperson
17 or Vice Chairperson.

18 (D) PUBLIC MEETINGS.—In addition to
19 any other meetings held by the Task Force, the
20 Task Force shall hold at least 3 meetings that
21 are open to the public and preceded by timely
22 public notice in the Federal Register of the
23 time, place, and subject of the meeting. At least
24 one public meeting of the Task Force shall
25 focus on issues relevant to family courts or

1 other State or local courts with responsibility
2 for conducting or supervising proceedings relat-
3 ing to child support enforcement, child welfare,
4 or social services for children and their families.
5 At the public meetings of the Task Force, sub-
6 ject to such requirements and limitations as are
7 determined appropriate by the Chairperson, ap-
8 pearances may be made and oral and written
9 statements given by members of the public and
10 the Task Force shall engage, at a minimum,
11 with the following groups:

12 (i) Administrators of State child sup-
13 port programs.

14 (ii) Judges who preside over family
15 courts or other State or local courts with
16 responsibility for conducting or supervising
17 proceedings relating to child support en-
18 forcement, child welfare, or social services
19 for children and their families, and organi-
20 zations that represent such judges.

21 (iii) Custodial parents and organiza-
22 tions that represent such parents.

23 (iv) Noncustodial parents and organi-
24 zations that represent such parents.

1 (v) Organizations that represent fidu-
2 ciary entities that are affected by child
3 support enforcement policies.

4 (7) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Task
5 Force—

6 (A) shall not receive compensation for
7 service on the Task Force; and

8 (B) shall be allowed travel expenses, in-
9 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates
10 authorized for employees of agencies under sub-
11 chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States
12 Code, while away from their homes or regular
13 places of business in the performance of service
14 for the Task Force.

15 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January
16 1, 2016, the Task Force shall prepare and submit a report
17 to Congress that contains the Task Force’s findings and
18 recommendations for improvements in child support en-
19 forcement. The report shall include the following:

20 (1) An evaluation of the effectiveness of exist-
21 ing child support enforcement programs and collec-
22 tion practices employed by State agencies admin-
23 istering programs under part D of title IV of the So-
24 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) and an
25 analysis of the extent to which such practices result

1 in any unintended consequences or performance
2 issues associated with such programs and practices.

3 (2) Recommendations for methods to enhance
4 the effectiveness of child support enforcement pro-
5 grams and collection practices.

6 (3) An analysis of the feasibility of the estab-
7 lishment of a centralized lien registry by each State
8 to contain all liens placed against real and personal
9 property for overdue child support that would ensure
10 access to and sharing of registry data among all nec-
11 essary entities and individuals prior to any sale or
12 distribution of property or funds.

13 (4) A compilation of State recovery and dis-
14 tribution policies.

15 (5) Recommendations for methods to foster en-
16 gagement by fathers in their children's lives through
17 consideration of parental time and visitation with
18 children.

19 (6) An analysis of the role for alternative dis-
20 pute resolution in making child support determina-
21 tions.

22 (7) Identification of best practices for—

23 (A) determining which services and sup-
24 port programs available to custodial and non-
25 custodial parents are non-duplicative, evidenced-

1 based, and produce quality outcomes, and con-
2 necting custodial and noncustodial parents to
3 those services and support programs;

4 (B) providing employment support, job
5 training, and job placement for custodial and
6 noncustodial parents; and

7 (C) establishing services, supports, and
8 child support payment tracking for noncustodial
9 parents, including options for the prevention of,
10 and intervention on, uncollectible arrearages,
11 such as retroactive obligations and Medicaid
12 birthing costs.

13 (8) Recommendations for methods for States to
14 use to collect child support payments from individ-
15 uals who owe excessive arrearages as determined
16 under section 454(31) of the Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 654(31)).

18 (9) Recommendations for such legislative and
19 administrative actions as the Task Force determines
20 appropriate for improvement in child support en-
21 forcement.

22 (d) POWERS OF THE TASK FORCE.—

23 (1) HEARINGS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force may
25 hold such hearings, sit, and act at such times

1 and places, take such testimony, and receive
2 such evidence as the Task Force considers ad-
3 visable to carry out this section.

4 (B) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGEN-
5 CIES.—The Task Force may secure directly
6 from any Federal agency such information as
7 the Task Force considers necessary to carry out
8 this section. Upon request of the Chairperson,
9 the head of such agency shall furnish such in-
10 formation to the Task Force.

11 (2) RULES.—For the purposes of carrying out
12 its duties in preparing the report required under
13 subsection (c), the Task Force may adopt such rules
14 for its organization and procedures as it determines
15 appropriate.

16 (3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Task Force may
17 use the United States mails in the same manner and
18 under the same conditions as other agencies of the
19 Federal Government.

20 (4) DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS.—The Task
21 Force may accept, use, and dispose of donations of
22 money and property and may accept such volunteer
23 services of individuals as it determines appropriate.

24 (5) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

1 (A) STAFF.—The Chairperson may, with-
2 out regard to the civil service laws and regula-
3 tions, appoint and terminate an executive direc-
4 tor and such other additional employees as may
5 be necessary to enable the Task Force to per-
6 form its duties. The employment of an executive
7 director shall be subject to confirmation by the
8 Task Force.

9 (B) COMPENSATION.—The Chairperson
10 may fix the compensation of the executive direc-
11 tor and other employees of the Task Force
12 without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter
13 III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code,
14 relating to classification of positions and Gen-
15 eral Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of
16 pay for the executive director and other per-
17 sonnel may not exceed the rate payable for level
18 V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316
19 of such title.

20 (C) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOY-
21 EES.—Any Federal Government employee may
22 be detailed to the Task Force without reim-
23 bursement, and such detail shall be without
24 interruption or loss of civil service status, bene-
25 fits, or privilege.

1 (D) TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT
2 SERVICES.—The Chairperson may procure tem-
3 porary and intermittent services under section
4 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates
5 for individuals which do not exceed the daily
6 equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay pre-
7 scribed for level V of the Executive Schedule
8 under section 5316 of such title.

9 (e) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
10 60 days after submission of the report required under sub-
11 section (c).

12 (f) FUNDING.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—From the unobligated bal-
14 ance of funds made available to carry out section
15 414 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 614),
16 \$2,000,000 of such funds are hereby transferred and
17 made available to carry out this section. Amounts
18 transferred and made available to carry out this sec-
19 tion shall remain available through fiscal year 2016
20 and shall not be subject to reduction under a seques-
21 tration order issued under the Balanced Budget and
22 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
23 900 et seq.).

24 (2) UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS.—Any amounts
25 made available to carry out this section that are un-

1 obligated on the date of the termination of the Task
2 Force under subsection (e) shall be returned to the
3 Treasury of the United States.

4 (g) ADMINISTRATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the request of the
6 Task Force, the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services shall provide to the Task Force, on a reim-
8 bursable basis, the administrative support services
9 necessary for the Task Force to carry out its respon-
10 sibilities under this Act. These administrative serv-
11 ices may include human resource management,
12 budget, leasing, accounting, and payroll services.

13 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the
14 Task Force shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
15 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-
16 ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of
17 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
18 away from their homes or regular places of business
19 in the performance of services for the Task Force.

20 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATES**

21 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
23 (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act take
24 effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

25 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 (1) UIFSA STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS; PAR-
2 ENTING TIME ARRANGEMENTS.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
4 graph (B), the amendments made by sections
5 101(f) and 104(a) take effect on October 1,
6 2014.

7 (B) DELAY.—In the case of a State plan
8 under part D of title IV of the Social Security
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) which the Secretary
10 of Health and Human Services determines re-
11 quires State legislation or State regulation in
12 order for the plan to meet the additional re-
13 quirements imposed by the amendments made
14 by sections 101(f) and 104(a), the State plan
15 shall not be regarded as failing to comply with
16 the requirements of such sections solely on the
17 basis of its failure to meet these additional re-
18 quirements before the first day of the first cal-
19 endar quarter beginning after the close of the
20 first regular session of the State legislature that
21 begins after the date of enactment of this Act.
22 For purposes of the previous sentence, in the
23 case of a State that has a 2-year legislative ses-
24 sion, each year of the session is considered to

1 be a separate regular session of the State legis-
2 lature.

3 (2) RELIEF FROM PASSPORT SANCTIONS; CHILD
4 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS FOR INDIAN
5 TRIBES.—The amendments made by sections 102
6 and 103 shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
7 after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 **TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

9 **SEC. 401. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

10 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
11 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
12 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
13 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
14 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
15 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
16 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
17 vote on passage.

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