

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3283

To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States to use incentive payments available under the child support enforcement program to improve parent-child relationships, increase child support collections, and improve outcomes for children by supporting parenting time arrangements for noncustodial parents in uncontested agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANDING PERMITTED USES OF INCENTIVE**
 2 **PAYMENTS.**

3 Section 458 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 658a) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (f)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”
 7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 9 paragraph (3); and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
 11 following new paragraph:

12 “(2) to develop, implement, and evaluate proce-
 13 dures for establishing a parenting time arrangement
 14 when establishing an initial or modified child sup-
 15 port order or a medical support order (including pro-
 16 cedures for carrying out a parenting time arrange-
 17 ment made prior to the establishment or modifica-
 18 tion of any such order); or”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 20 section:

21 “(g) DEFINITIONS OF PARENTING TIME ARRANGE-
 22 MENT AND NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.—

23 “(1) PARENTING TIME ARRANGEMENT.—For
 24 purposes of subsection (f)(2), the term ‘parenting
 25 time arrangement’ means an arrangement governing
 26 how much time a child spends with the child’s custo-

1 dial parent and the child's noncustodial parent that
2 is mutually agreed to by the parents and is not con-
3 tested by either parent in any forum.

4 “(2) NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.—For purposes
5 of paragraph (1), the term ‘noncustodial parent’
6 means the parent of a child that the child does not
7 live with for the majority of the child's time.”.

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