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To amend title 31, United States Code, to require that Federal children's programs be separately displayed and analyzed in the President's budget, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Children’s Budget
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.**

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(40)(A) A detailed, separate analysis for the
2 prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, the fiscal
3 year for which the budget is submitted, and the en-
4 suing fiscal year identifying—

5 “(i) the amounts of gross and net appro-
6 priations or obligational authority and outlays
7 that are directed to children within the United
8 States and territories including—

9 “(I) summaries of the total amount of
10 such appropriations or new obligational au-
11 thority and outlays requested for children
12 and children’s programs;

13 “(II) an estimate of levels of spending
14 on children and children’s programs; and

15 “(III) a detailed breakdown of spend-
16 ing on children and children’s programs by
17 agency and initiative; and

18 “(ii) the amount of tax expenditures relat-
19 ing to children.

20 “(B) In this paragraph—

21 “(i) the term ‘children’ means individuals
22 under 19 years of age;

23 “(ii) the term ‘spending on children’ in-
24 cludes—

1 “(I) Federal entitlement spending
2 that goes directly to children;

3 “(II) outlays for programs and initia-
4 tives that, consistent with their mission,
5 deliver services exclusively to children;

6 “(III) outlays for programs and initia-
7 tives that, while not serving children di-
8 rectly, have as a core mission goal the im-
9 provement of children’s health, education,
10 welfare, or general well-being; and

11 “(IV) the share of funding for Federal
12 programs and initiatives that deliver serv-
13 ices to both children and adults that is
14 consistent with the share of program bene-
15 fits for children based on the best available
16 data; and

17 “(iii) the term ‘tax expenditures’ has the
18 meaning given that term in section 3 of the
19 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Con-
20 trol Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622).

21 “(C) In implementing this paragraph, including
22 determining what Federal activities or accounts con-
23 stitutes spending on children or children’s programs
24 and tax expenditures relating to children, the Office
25 of Management and Budget shall consult periodi-

1 cally with the Committee on the Budget and the
2 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the
3 Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Ap-
4 propriations of the House of Representatives, and
5 the Congressional Budget Office.”.

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