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A BILL

To reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 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 *This Act may be cited as the “Stronger Child Abuse*
 5 *Prevention and Treatment Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 *The table of contents of this Act is as follows:*

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1 **TITLE I—GENERAL PROGRAM**

2 **SEC. 101. REPEAL OF FINDINGS.**

3 *Section 2 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
4 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note) is repealed.*

5 **SEC. 102. REPEAL OF ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE**
6 **AND NEGLECT.**

7 *Section 102 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
8 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5102) is repealed.*

9 **SEC. 103. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION**
10 **RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.**

11 *Section 103 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
12 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104) is amended—*

13 (1) *in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “early*
14 *learning programs and” after “including”;*

15 (2) *in subsection (c)(1)(C)—*

16 (A) *in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the*
17 *end;*

18 (B) *in clause (iv), by adding “and” at the*
19 *end; and*

20 (C) *by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(v) the number of child fatalities and*
22 *near fatalities due to maltreatment, as re-*
23 *ported by States in accordance with the*
24 *uniform standards established pursuant to*

1 *subsection (d), and any other relevant infor-*
2 *mation related to such fatalities;”;* and

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

4 *“(d) UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR TRACKING AND RE-*
5 *PORTING OF CHILD FATALITIES RESULTING FROM MAL-*
6 *TREATMENT.—*

7 *“(1) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than*
8 *24 months after the date of the enactment of the*
9 *Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act,*
10 *the Secretary shall develop and issue final regulations*
11 *establishing uniform standards for the tracking and*
12 *reporting of child fatalities and near-fatalities result-*
13 *ing from maltreatment. As a condition on eligibility*
14 *for receipt of funds under section 106, the standards*
15 *established under this paragraph shall be used by*
16 *States for the tracking and reporting of such fatalities*
17 *under subsection (d) of such section.*

18 *“(2) MAINTENANCE OF STATE LAW.—Notwith-*
19 *standing the uniform standards developed under*
20 *paragraph (1), a State that defines or describes such*
21 *fatalities for any purpose other than tracking and re-*
22 *porting under this subsection may continue to use*
23 *that definition or description for such purpose.*

24 *“(3) NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.—In developing*
25 *regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall*

1 *submit such regulations to a negotiated rulemaking*
2 *process, which shall include the participants described*
3 *in paragraph (4).*

4 “(4) *PARTICIPANTS DESCRIBED.—The partici-*
5 *pants described in this paragraph are—*

6 “(A) *State and county officials responsible*
7 *for administering the State plans under this Act*
8 *and parts B and E of title IV of the Social Secu-*
9 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 621 et seq., 670 et seq.);*

10 “(B) *child welfare professionals with field*
11 *experience;*

12 “(C) *child welfare researchers;*

13 “(D) *domestic violence researchers;*

14 “(E) *domestic violence professionals;*

15 “(F) *child development professionals;*

16 “(G) *mental health professionals;*

17 “(H) *pediatric emergency medicine physi-*
18 *cians;*

19 “(I) *child abuse pediatricians, as certified*
20 *by the American Board of Pediatrics, who spe-*
21 *cialize in treating victims of child abuse;*

22 “(J) *forensic pathologists;*

23 “(K) *public health administrators;*

24 “(L) *public health researchers;*

25 “(M) *law enforcement;*

1 “(N) family court judges;
2 “(O) prosecutors;
3 “(P) medical examiners and coroners;
4 “(Q) a representative from the National
5 Center for Fatality Review and Prevention; and
6 “(R) such other individuals and entities as
7 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.”.

8 **SEC. 104. RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.**

9 Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
10 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
13 follows:

14 “(1) TOPICS.—The Secretary shall, in consulta-
15 tion with other Federal agencies and recognized ex-
16 perts in the field, carry out a continuing inter-
17 disciplinary program of research, including longitu-
18 dinal research, that is designed to provide informa-
19 tion needed to improve primary prevention of child
20 abuse and neglect, better protect children from child
21 abuse or neglect, and improve the well-being of vic-
22 tims of child abuse or neglect, with at least a portion
23 of such research being field initiated. Such research
24 program may focus on—

1 “(A) disseminating evidence-based treat-
2 ment directed to individuals and families experi-
3 encing trauma due to child abuse and neglect,
4 including efforts to improve the scalability of the
5 treatments and programs being researched;

6 “(B) developing a set of evidence-based ap-
7 proaches to support child and family well-being
8 and developing ways to identify, relieve, and
9 mitigate stressors affecting families in rural,
10 urban, and suburban communities;

11 “(C) establishing methods to promote racial
12 equity in the child welfare system, including a
13 focus on how neglect is defined, how services are
14 provided, and the unique impact on Native
15 American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian
16 communities;

17 “(D) improving service delivery or outcomes
18 for child welfare service agencies engaged with
19 families experiencing domestic violence, sub-
20 stance use disorder, or other complex needs;

21 “(E) the extent to which the number of un-
22 substantiated, unfounded, and false reported
23 cases of child abuse or neglect have contributed
24 to the inability of a State to respond effectively
25 to serious cases of child abuse or neglect;

1 “(F) the extent to which the lack of ade-
2 quate resources and the lack of adequate profes-
3 sional development of individuals required by
4 law to report suspected cases of child abuse and
5 neglect have contributed to the inability of a
6 State to respond effectively to serious cases of
7 child abuse and neglect;

8 “(G) the extent to which unsubstantiated re-
9 ports return as more serious cases of child abuse
10 or neglect;

11 “(H) the incidence and outcomes of child
12 abuse and neglect allegations reported within the
13 context of divorce, custody, or other family court
14 proceedings, and the interaction between family
15 courts and the child protective services system;

16 “(I) the information on the national inci-
17 dence of child abuse and neglect specified in
18 clauses (i) through (xi) of subparagraph (J); and

19 “(J) the national incidence of child abuse
20 and neglect, including—

21 “(i) the extent to which incidents of
22 child abuse and neglect are increasing or
23 decreasing in number and severity;

1 “(ii) the incidence of substantiated and
2 unsubstantiated reported child abuse and
3 neglect cases;

4 “(iii) the number of substantiated cases
5 that result in a judicial finding of child
6 abuse or neglect or related criminal court
7 convictions;

8 “(iv) the extent to which the number of
9 unsubstantiated, unfounded and false re-
10 ported cases of child abuse or neglect have
11 contributed to the inability of a State to re-
12 spond effectively to serious cases of child
13 abuse or neglect;

14 “(v) the extent to which the lack of ade-
15 quate resources and the lack of adequate
16 education of individuals required by law to
17 report suspected cases of child abuse and ne-
18 glect have contributed to the inability of a
19 State to respond effectively to serious cases
20 of child abuse and neglect;

21 “(vi) the number of unsubstantiated,
22 false, or unfounded reports that have re-
23 sulted in a child being placed in substitute
24 care, and the duration of such placement;

1 “(vii) the extent to which unsubstan-
2 tiated reports return as more serious cases
3 of child abuse or neglect;

4 “(viii) the incidence and prevalence of
5 physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and
6 physical and emotional neglect in substitute
7 care;

8 “(ix) the incidence and prevalence of
9 child maltreatment by a wide array of de-
10 mographic characteristics such as age, sex,
11 race, family structure, household relation-
12 ship (including the living arrangement of
13 the resident parent and family size), school
14 enrollment and education attainment, dis-
15 ability, grandparents as caregivers, labor
16 force status, work status in previous year,
17 and income in previous year;

18 “(x) the extent to which reports of sus-
19 pected or known instances of child abuse or
20 neglect involving a potential combination of
21 jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate,
22 Federal-State, and State-Tribal, are being
23 screened out solely on the basis of the cross-
24 jurisdictional complications; and

1 “(xi) the incidence and outcomes of
2 child abuse and neglect allegations reported
3 within the context of divorce, custody, or
4 other family court proceedings, and the
5 interaction between family courts and the
6 child protective services system.”;

7 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “para-
8 graph (1)(O)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(J)”;

9 (C) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
10 follows:

11 “(3) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.*—

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 4 years
13 after the date of the enactment of the *Stronger*
14 *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act*, the
15 Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Com-
16 mittee on Education and Labor of the House of
17 Representatives and the Committee on Health,
18 Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a
19 report that contains the results of the research
20 conducted under paragraph (2).

21 “(B) *NATIONAL INCIDENCE.*—The Secretary
22 shall ensure that research conducted, and data
23 collected, under paragraph (1)(J) are reported in
24 a way that will allow longitudinal comparisons

1 *as well as comparisons to the national incidence*
2 *studies conducted under this title.”; and*

3 *(D) by striking the second paragraph (4);*

4 *(2) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph*
5 *(2) to read as follows:*

6 *“(2) AREAS OF EMPHASIS.—Such technical as-*
7 *sistance—*

8 *“(A) shall focus on—*

9 *“(i) implementing strategies that can*
10 *leverage existing community-based and*
11 *State funded resources to prevent child*
12 *abuse and neglect and providing education*
13 *for individuals involved in prevention ac-*
14 *tivities;*

15 *“(ii) reducing racial bias in child wel-*
16 *fare systems, including how such systems*
17 *interact with health, law enforcement, and*
18 *education systems;*

19 *“(iii) promoting best practices for fam-*
20 *ilies experiencing domestic violence, sub-*
21 *stance use disorder, or other complex needs;*
22 *and*

23 *“(iv) providing professional develop-*
24 *ment and other technical assistance to child*
25 *welfare agencies to improve the under-*

1 *standing of and to help address the effects*
2 *of trauma and adverse childhood experi-*
3 *ences in parents and children in contact*
4 *with the child welfare system; and*

5 “(B) may include the identification of—

6 “(i) various methods and procedures
7 for the investigation, assessment, and pros-
8 ecution of child physical and sexual abuse
9 cases;

10 “(ii) ways to mitigate psychological
11 trauma to the child victim;

12 “(iii) effective programs carried out by
13 the States under titles I and II; and

14 “(iv) effective approaches being utilized
15 to link child protective service agencies with
16 health care, mental health care, and devel-
17 opmental services and early intervention to
18 improve forensic diagnosis and health eval-
19 uations, and barriers and shortages to such
20 linkages.”;

21 (3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (3);

22 and

23 (4) by striking subsection (e).

1 **SEC. 105. GRANTS TO STATES, INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL**
2 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE**
3 **AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 *Section 105 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
5 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106) is amended—*

6 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

7 *(A) by redesignating paragraph (7) as*
8 *paragraph (11);*

9 *(B) by striking paragraphs (1) through (6)*
10 *and inserting the following:*

11 *“(1) PREVENTION SERVICES.—The Secretary*
12 *may award grants under this subsection to entities to*
13 *establish or expand prevention services that reduce*
14 *incidences of child maltreatment and strengthen fami-*
15 *lies.*

16 *“(2) TRAUMATIC STRESS.—The Secretary may*
17 *award grants under this subsection to entities to ad-*
18 *dress instances of traumatic stress in families due to*
19 *child abuse and neglect, especially for families with*
20 *complex needs or families that exhibit high levels of*
21 *adverse childhood experiences.*

22 *“(3) PROMOTING A HIGH-QUALITY WORK-*
23 *FORCE.—The Secretary may award grants under this*
24 *subsection to entities to carry out programs or strate-*
25 *gies that promote a high-quality workforce in the*
26 *child welfare system through—*

1 “(A) improvements to recruitment, support,
2 or retention efforts; or

3 “(B) education for professionals and para-
4 professionals in the prevention, identification,
5 and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

6 “(4) IMPROVING COORDINATION.—The Secretary
7 may award grants under this subsection to entities to
8 carry out activities to improve intrastate coordina-
9 tion within the child welfare system. Such activities
10 may include—

11 “(A) aligning information technology sys-
12 tems;

13 “(B) improving information sharing re-
14 garding child and family referrals; or

15 “(C) creating collaborative voluntary part-
16 nerships among public and private agencies, the
17 State’s child protective services, local social serv-
18 ice agencies, community-based family support
19 programs, State and local legal agencies, devel-
20 opmental disability agencies, substance use dis-
21 order treatment providers, health care providers
22 and agencies, domestic violence prevention pro-
23 grams, mental health services, schools and early
24 learning providers, religious entities, and other
25 community-based programs.

1 “(5) *PRIMARY PREVENTION.*—*The Secretary may*
2 *award grants under this subsection to entities to*
3 *carry out or expand primary prevention programs or*
4 *strategies that address family or community protec-*
5 *tive factors.*

6 “(6) *NEGLECT DUE TO ECONOMIC INSECURITY.*—
7 *The Secretary may award grants under this sub-*
8 *section to entities to carry out programs or strategies*
9 *that reduce findings of child neglect due in full or in*
10 *part to family economic insecurity.*

11 “(7) *EDUCATION OF MANDATORY REPORTERS.*—
12 *The Secretary may award grants under this sub-*
13 *section to entities for projects that involve research-*
14 *based strategies for innovative education of mandated*
15 *child abuse and neglect reporters, and for victims to*
16 *understand mandatory reporting.*

17 “(8) *SENTINEL INJURIES.*—*The Secretary may*
18 *award grants under this subsection to entities to iden-*
19 *tify and test effective practices to improve early detec-*
20 *tion and management of injuries indicative of poten-*
21 *tial abuse in infants to prevent future cases of child*
22 *abuse and related fatalities.*

23 “(9) *INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS.*—*The Sec-*
24 *retary may award grants under this subsection to en-*
25 *tities to carry out innovative programs or strategies*

1 *to coordinate the delivery of services to help reduce*
2 *child abuse and neglect via partnerships among*
3 *health, mental health, education (including early*
4 *learning and care programs as appropriate), and*
5 *child welfare agencies and providers.*

6 “(10) *REDUCING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT*
7 *DUE TO THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OF A PARENT*
8 *OR CAREGIVER.—The Secretary may award grants*
9 *under this subsection to entities to carry out activities*
10 *to reduce child abuse and neglect due to the substance*
11 *use disorder of a parent or caregiver.”; and*

12 *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

13 “(12) *NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE.—*

14 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may*
15 *award a grant under this subsection to a non-*
16 *profit entity to provide for the ongoing operation*
17 *of a 24-hour, national, toll-free telephone hotline*
18 *to provide information and assistance to youth*
19 *victims of child abuse or neglect, parents, care-*
20 *givers, mandated reporters, and other concerned*
21 *community members, including through alter-*
22 *native modalities for communications (such as*
23 *texting or chat services) with such victims and*
24 *other information seekers.*

1 “(B) *PRIORITY.*—*In awarding grants de-*
2 *scribed in this paragraph, the Secretary shall*
3 *give priority to applicants with experience in*
4 *operating a hotline that provides assistance to*
5 *victims of child abuse, parents, caregivers, and*
6 *mandated reporters.*

7 “(C) *APPLICATION.*—*To be eligible to re-*
8 *ceive a grant described in this paragraph, a non-*
9 *profit entity shall submit an application to the*
10 *Secretary that shall—*

11 “(i) *contain such assurances and infor-*
12 *mation, be in such form, and be submitted*
13 *in such manner, as the Secretary shall pre-*
14 *scribe;*

15 “(ii) *include a complete description of*
16 *the entity’s plan for the operation of a na-*
17 *tional child abuse hotline, including de-*
18 *scriptions of—*

19 “(I) *the professional development*
20 *program for hotline personnel, includ-*
21 *ing technology professional develop-*
22 *ment to ensure that all persons affili-*
23 *ated with the hotline are able to effec-*
24 *tively operate any technological sys-*
25 *tems used by the hotline;*

1 “(II) the qualifications for hotline
2 personnel;

3 “(III) the methods for the cre-
4 ation, maintenance, and updating of a
5 comprehensive list of prevention and
6 treatment service providers;

7 “(IV) a plan for publicizing the
8 availability of the hotline throughout
9 the United States;

10 “(V) a plan for providing service
11 to non-English speaking callers, in-
12 cluding service through hotline per-
13 sonnel who have non-English language
14 capability;

15 “(VI) a plan for facilitating ac-
16 cess to the hotline and alternative mo-
17 dality services by persons with hearing
18 impairments and disabilities;

19 “(VII) a plan for providing crisis
20 counseling, general assistance, and re-
21 ferrals to youth victims of child abuse;
22 and

23 “(VIII) a plan to offer alternative
24 services to calling, such as texting or
25 live chat;

1 “(iii) demonstrate that the entity has
2 the capacity and the expertise to maintain
3 a child abuse hotline and a comprehensive
4 list of service providers;

5 “(iv) demonstrate the ability to provide
6 information and referrals for contacts, di-
7 rectly connect contacts to service providers,
8 and employ crisis interventions;

9 “(v) demonstrate that the entity has a
10 commitment to providing services to indi-
11 viduals in need; and

12 “(vi) demonstrate that the entity com-
13 plies with State privacy laws and has es-
14 tablished quality assurance practices.”; and

15 (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(b) GOALS AND PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary shall
18 ensure that each entity receiving a grant under this sec-
19 tion—

20 “(1) establishes quantifiable goals for the out-
21 come of the project funded with the grant; and

22 “(2) adequately measures the performance of the
23 project relative to such goals.

24 “(c) PERFORMANCE REPORT REQUIRED.—

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Each entity that receives a
2 grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary
3 a performance report that includes—

4 “(A) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the
5 project funded with the grant relative to the
6 goals established for such project under sub-
7 section (b)(1); and

8 “(B) data supporting such evaluation.

9 “(2) *SUBMISSION.*—The report under paragraph
10 (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary at such time,
11 in such manner, and containing such information as
12 the Secretary may require.

13 “(d) *CONTINUING GRANTS.*—The Secretary may only
14 award a continuing grant to an entity under this section
15 if such entity submits a performance report required under
16 subsection (c) that demonstrates effectiveness of the project
17 funded.”.

18 **SEC. 106. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NE-**
19 **GLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PRO-**
20 **GRAMS.**

21 (a) *DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.*—Sub-
22 section (a) of section 106 of the Child Abuse Prevention and
23 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a) is amended to read as
24 follows:

1 “(a) *DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.*—The
2 *Secretary shall make grants to the States, from allotments*
3 *under subsection (f) for each State that applies for a grant*
4 *under this section, for purposes of assisting the States in*
5 *improving and implementing a child protective services sys-*
6 *tem that is family-centered, integrates community services,*
7 *and is capable of providing rapid response to high-risk*
8 *cases, by carrying out the following:*

9 “(1) *Conducting the intake, assessment, screen-*
10 *ing, and investigation of reports of child abuse or ne-*
11 *glect.*

12 “(2) *Ensuring that reports concerning a child’s*
13 *living arrangements or subsistence needs are ad-*
14 *dressed through services or benefits and that no child*
15 *is separated from such child’s parent for reasons of*
16 *poverty.*

17 “(3) *Creating and improving the use of multi-*
18 *disciplinary teams and interagency, intra-agency,*
19 *interstate, and intrastate protocols to enhance fair in-*
20 *vestigations; and improving legal preparation and*
21 *representation.*

22 “(4) *Complying with the assurances in section*
23 *106(b)(2).*

1 “(5) *Establishing State and local networks of*
2 *child and family service providers that support child*
3 *and family well-being, which shall—*

4 “(A) *include child protective services, as*
5 *well as agencies and service providers, that ad-*
6 *dress family-strengthening, parenting skills,*
7 *child development, early childhood care and*
8 *learning, child advocacy, public health, mental*
9 *health, substance use disorder treatment, domes-*
10 *tic violence, developmental disabilities, housing,*
11 *juvenile justice, elementary and secondary edu-*
12 *cation, and child placement; and*

13 “(B) *address instances of child abuse and*
14 *neglect by incorporating evaluations that assess*
15 *the development of a child, including language*
16 *and communication, cognitive, physical, and so-*
17 *cial and emotional development, the need for*
18 *mental health services, including trauma-related*
19 *services, trauma-informed care, and parental*
20 *needs.*

21 “(6) *Ensuring child protective services is ad-*
22 *dressing the safety of children and responding to par-*
23 *ent and family needs, which shall include—*

24 “(A) *family-oriented efforts that emphasize*
25 *case assessment and follow up casework focused*

1 *on child safety and child and parent well-being,*
2 *which may include—*

3 “(i) *ensuring parents and children un-*
4 *dergo physical and mental health assess-*
5 *ments, as appropriate, and ongoing develop-*
6 *mental monitoring;*

7 “(ii) *multidisciplinary approaches to*
8 *assessing family needs and connecting the*
9 *family with services, including prevention*
10 *services under section 471 of the Social Se-*
11 *curity Act (42 U.S.C. 671);*

12 “(iii) *organizing a treatment team*
13 *with the goal of preventing child abuse and*
14 *neglect, and improving parent and child*
15 *well-being;*

16 “(iv) *case monitoring that supports*
17 *child well-being; and*

18 “(v) *differential response efforts; and*

19 “(B) *establishing and maintaining a rapid*
20 *response system that responds promptly to all re-*
21 *ports of child abuse or neglect, with special at-*
22 *tention to cases involving children under 3 years*
23 *of age.*

24 “(7) *Educating caseworkers, community service*
25 *providers, attorneys, health care professionals, par-*

1 *ents, and others engaged in the prevention, interven-*
2 *tion, and treatment of child abuse and neglect, which*
3 *shall include education on—*

4 *“(A) practices that help ensure child safety*
5 *and well-being;*

6 *“(B) approaches to family-oriented preven-*
7 *tion, intervention, and treatment of child abuse*
8 *and neglect;*

9 *“(C) early childhood, child, and adolescent*
10 *development, and the impact of adverse child-*
11 *hood experiences on such development;*

12 *“(D) the relationship between child abuse*
13 *and domestic violence, and support for non-abus-*
14 *ing parents;*

15 *“(E) strategies to work with families im-*
16 *pacted by substance use disorder and mental*
17 *health issues (and, when appropriate, be coordi-*
18 *nated with prevention efforts funded under sec-*
19 *tion 471 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
20 *671));*

21 *“(F) effective use of multiple services to ad-*
22 *dress family and child needs, including needs re-*
23 *sulting from trauma;*

24 *“(G) efforts to improve family and child*
25 *well-being;*

1 “(H) support for child welfare workers af-
2 fected by secondary trauma; and

3 “(I) supporting families and caregivers to
4 combat and prevent unsubstantiated, unfounded,
5 or false reports, including through education on
6 the rights of families and caregivers.

7 “(8) Creating or improving data systems that
8 allow for—

9 “(A) the identification of cases requiring
10 prompt responses;

11 “(B) real-time case monitoring that tracks
12 assessments, service referrals, follow-up, case re-
13 views, and progress toward parent and child
14 goals; and

15 “(C) sharing basic identifying data with
16 law enforcement, as necessary.

17 “(9) Improving the general child protective sys-
18 tem by developing, improving, and implementing
19 safety assessment tools, providing that such tools, pro-
20 tocols, and systems shall not authorize the separation
21 of any child from the legal parent or guardian of such
22 child solely on the basis of poverty, or without a judi-
23 cial order, except in the case of imminent harm.”.

24 (b) *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.*—

1 (1) *STATE PLAN.*—Paragraph (1) of section
2 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(1) *STATE PLAN.*—

6 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—To be eligible to receive
7 a grant under this section, a State shall submit
8 to the Secretary a State plan that—

9 “(i) specifies how the grant will be
10 used, and the State’s strategic plan, to treat
11 child abuse and neglect and enhance com-
12 munity-based, prevention-centered ap-
13 proaches that attempt to prevent child abuse
14 and neglect while strengthening and sup-
15 porting families whenever possible; and

16 “(ii) meets the requirements of this
17 subsection.

18 “(B) *COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.*—

19 “(i) *COORDINATION.*—Each State, to
20 the maximum extent practicable, shall co-
21 ordinate its State plan under this sub-
22 section with its State plan under part B of
23 title IV of the Social Security Act (42
24 U.S.C. 621 et seq.) relating to child and
25 family services and, in States electing to

1 *provide services under part E of title IV of*
2 *the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et*
3 *seq.) relating to foster care prevention serv-*
4 *ices, its State plan under such part E.*

5 *“(ii) CONSULTATION.—In developing a*
6 *State plan under this subsection, a State*
7 *shall consult with community-based preven-*
8 *tion and service agencies, parents and fami-*
9 *lies affected by child abuse or neglect in the*
10 *State, law enforcement, family court judges,*
11 *prosecutors who handle criminal child abuse*
12 *cases, and medical professionals engaged in*
13 *the treatment of child abuse and neglect.*

14 *“(C) DURATION AND SUBMISSION OF*
15 *PLAN.—Each State plan shall—*

16 *“(i) be submitted not less than every 5*
17 *years; and*

18 *“(ii) if necessary, revised by the State*
19 *to inform the Secretary of any substantive*
20 *changes, including—*

21 *“(I) any changes to State law or*
22 *regulations, relating to the prevention*
23 *of child abuse and neglect that may af-*
24 *fect the eligibility of the State under*
25 *this section; or*

1 “(II) any changes in the State’s
2 activities, strategies, or programs
3 under this section.”.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 106(b)
5 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42
6 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) CONTENTS.—A State plan submitted under
8 paragraph (1) shall contain a description of the ac-
9 tivities that the State will carry out using amounts
10 received under the grant to achieve the objectives of
11 this title, including—

12 “(A) an assurance in the form of a certifi-
13 cation by the Governor of the State that the
14 State has in effect and is enforcing a State law,
15 or has in effect and is operating a statewide pro-
16 gram, relating to child abuse and neglect that in-
17 cludes—

18 “(i) provisions or procedures for an in-
19 dividual to report known and suspected in-
20 stances of child abuse and neglect, including
21 a State law for mandatory reporting by in-
22 dividuals required to report such instances;

23 “(ii) procedures for the immediate
24 screening, risk and safety assessment, and
25 prompt investigation of such reports of al-

1 *leged abuse and neglect in order to ensure*
2 *the well-being and safety of children;*

3 *“(iii) procedures for immediate steps*
4 *to be taken to ensure and protect the safety*
5 *of a victim of child abuse or neglect and of*
6 *any other child under the same care who*
7 *may also be in danger of child abuse or ne-*
8 *glect and ensuring their placement in a safe*
9 *environment;*

10 *“(iv) methods to preserve the confiden-*
11 *tiality of all records in order to protect the*
12 *rights of the child and of the child’s parents*
13 *or guardians, including requirements ensur-*
14 *ing that reports and records made and*
15 *maintained pursuant to the purposes of this*
16 *Act shall only be made available to—*

17 *“(I) individuals who are the sub-*
18 *ject of the report;*

19 *“(II) Federal, State, or local gov-*
20 *ernment entities, or any agent of such*
21 *entities, as described in clause (xi) of*
22 *this subparagraph;*

23 *“(III) child abuse citizen review*
24 *panels;*

25 *“(IV) child fatality review panels;*

1 “(V) a grand jury or court, upon
2 a finding that information in the
3 record is necessary for the determina-
4 tion of an issue before the court or
5 grand jury; and

6 “(VI) other entities or classes of
7 individuals statutorily authorized by
8 the State to receive such information
9 pursuant to a legitimate State purpose;

10 “(v) provisions and procedures requir-
11 ing that in every case involving a victim of
12 child abuse or neglect which results in a ju-
13 dicial proceeding, a guardian ad litem, who
14 has received education appropriate to the
15 role, including education in early childhood,
16 child, and adolescent development, and do-
17 mestic violence, and who may be an attor-
18 ney or a court appointed special advocate
19 who has received education appropriate to
20 that role (or both), shall be appointed to
21 represent the child (who, for purposes of this
22 section, shall have any age limit elected by
23 the State pursuant to section 475(8)(B)(iii)
24 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 675(8)(B)(iii)) in such proceedings—

1 “(I) to obtain first-hand, a clear
2 understanding of the situation and
3 needs of such child; and

4 “(II) to make recommendations to
5 the court concerning the best interests
6 of such child;

7 “(vi) the establishment of citizen re-
8 view panels in accordance with subsection
9 (c);

10 “(vii) provisions and procedures to re-
11 quire that a representative of the child pro-
12 tective services agency shall, at the initial
13 time of contact with the individual subject
14 to a child abuse or neglect investigation, ad-
15 vise the individual of the complaints or alle-
16 gations made against the individual, in a
17 manner that is consistent with laws pro-
18 tecting the rights of the informant;

19 “(viii) provisions, procedures, and
20 mechanisms—

21 “(I) for the expedited termination
22 of parental rights in the case of any
23 infant determined to be abandoned
24 under State law; and

1 “(II) by which individuals who
2 disagree with an official finding of
3 child abuse or neglect can appeal such
4 finding;

5 “(ix) provisions addressing the profes-
6 sional development of representatives of the
7 child protective services system regarding
8 the legal duties of the representatives, which
9 may consist of various methods of inform-
10 ing such representatives of such duties (in-
11 cluding providing such education in dif-
12 ferent languages if necessary), in order to
13 protect the legal rights and safety of chil-
14 dren and their parents and caregivers from
15 the initial time of contact during investiga-
16 tion through treatment;

17 “(x) provisions for immunity from
18 civil or criminal liability under State and
19 local laws and regulations for individuals
20 making good faith reports of suspected or
21 known instances of child abuse or neglect, or
22 who otherwise provide information or as-
23 sistance, including medical evaluations or
24 consultations, in connection with a report,
25 investigation, or legal intervention pursuant

1 to a good faith report of child abuse or ne-
2 glect;

3 “(xi) provisions to require the State to
4 disclose confidential information to any
5 Federal, State, or local government entity,
6 or any agent of such entity, that has a need
7 for such information in order to carry out
8 its responsibilities under law to protect chil-
9 dren from child abuse and neglect;

10 “(xii) provisions requiring, and proce-
11 dures in place that facilitate the prompt
12 expungement of any records that are acces-
13 sible to the general public or are used for
14 purposes of employment or other back-
15 ground checks in cases determined to be un-
16 substantiated or false, except that nothing
17 in this section shall prevent State child pro-
18 tective services agencies from keeping infor-
19 mation on unsubstantiated reports in their
20 casework files to assist in future risk and
21 safety assessment;

22 “(xiii) provisions and procedures for
23 requiring criminal background record
24 checks that meet the requirements of section
25 471(a)(20) of the Social Security Act (42

1 *U.S.C. 671(a)(20)) for prospective foster*
2 *and adoptive parents and other adult rel-*
3 *atives and non- relatives residing in the*
4 *household;*

5 *“(xiv) provisions for systems of tech-*
6 *nology that support the State child protec-*
7 *tive services system and track reports of*
8 *child abuse and neglect from intake through*
9 *final disposition;*

10 *“(xv) provisions and procedures re-*
11 *quiring identification and assessment of all*
12 *reports involving children known or sus-*
13 *pected to be victims of sex trafficking (as*
14 *defined in section 103(12) of the Trafficking*
15 *Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.*
16 *7102 (12));*

17 *“(xvi) provisions, procedures, and*
18 *mechanisms that assure that the State does*
19 *not require reunification of a surviving*
20 *child with a parent who has been found by*
21 *a court of competent jurisdiction—*

22 *“(I) to have committed murder*
23 *(which would have been an offense*
24 *under section 1111(a) of title 18,*
25 *United States Code, if the offense had*

1 *occurred in the special maritime or*
2 *territorial jurisdiction of the United*
3 *States) of another child of such parent;*

4 “(II) *to have committed voluntary*
5 *manslaughter (which would have been*
6 *an offense under section 1112(a) of*
7 *title 18, United States Code, if the of-*
8 *fense had occurred in the special mari-*
9 *time or territorial jurisdiction of the*
10 *United States) of another child of such*
11 *parent;*

12 “(III) *to have aided or abetted,*
13 *attempted, conspired, or solicited to*
14 *commit such murder or voluntary*
15 *manslaughter;*

16 “(IV) *to have committed a felony*
17 *assault that results in the serious bod-*
18 *ily injury to the surviving child or an-*
19 *other child of such parent;*

20 “(V) *to have committed sexual*
21 *abuse against the surviving child or*
22 *another child of such parent; or*

23 “(VI) *to be required to register*
24 *with a sex offender registry under sec-*
25 *tion 113(a) of the Adam Walsh Child*

1 *Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42*
2 *U.S.C. 16913(a)); and*

3 “(xvii) *an assurance that, upon the*
4 *implementation by the State of the provi-*
5 *sions, procedures, and mechanisms under*
6 *clause (xvi), conviction of any one of the*
7 *felonies listed in clause (xvi) constitute*
8 *grounds under State law for the termi-*
9 *nation of parental rights of the convicted*
10 *parent as to the surviving children (al-*
11 *though case-by-case determinations of*
12 *whether or not to seek termination of paren-*
13 *tal rights shall be within the sole discretion*
14 *of the State);*

15 “(B) *an assurance that the State has in*
16 *place procedures for responding to the reporting*
17 *of medical neglect (including instances of with-*
18 *holding of medically indicated treatment from*
19 *infants with disabilities who have life-threat-*
20 *ening conditions), procedures or programs, or*
21 *both (within the State child protective services*
22 *system), to provide for—*

23 “(i) *coordination and consultation*
24 *with individuals designated by and within*
25 *appropriate health-care facilities;*

1 “(ii) prompt notification by individ-
2 uals designated by and within appropriate
3 health-care facilities of cases of suspected
4 medical neglect (including instances of
5 withholding of medically indicated treat-
6 ment from infants with disabilities who
7 have life-threatening conditions); and

8 “(iii) authority, under State law, for
9 the State child protective services system to
10 pursue any legal remedies, including the
11 authority to initiate legal proceedings in a
12 court of competent jurisdiction, as may be
13 necessary to prevent the withholding of
14 medically indicated treatment from infants
15 with disabilities who have life-threatening
16 conditions;

17 “(C) an assurance or certification that pro-
18 grams and education conducted under this title
19 address the unique needs of unaccompanied
20 homeless youth, including access to enrollment
21 and support services and that such youth are eli-
22 gible for under parts B and E of title IV of the
23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 621 et seq., 670
24 et seq.) and meet the requirements of the McKin-

1 *ney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.*
2 *11301 et seq.)*;

3 “(D) a description of—

4 “(i) policies and procedures (including
5 *appropriate referrals to child welfare service*
6 *systems and for other appropriate services*
7 *(including home visiting services and mu-*
8 *tual support and parent partner pro-*
9 *grams)) to address the needs of infants born*
10 *with and identified as being affected by sub-*
11 *stance use or withdrawal symptoms result-*
12 *ing from prenatal drug exposure, or a Fetal*
13 *Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, including a re-*
14 *quirement that health care providers in-*
15 *involved in the delivery or care of such in-*
16 *fant*s notify the child welfare services system
17 *of the occurrence of such condition in such*
18 *infants, except that such notification shall*
19 *not be construed to—*

20 “(I) establish a definition under
21 *Federal law of what constitutes child*
22 *abuse or neglect; or*

23 “(II) require prosecution for any
24 *illegal action;*

1 “(ii) the development of a plan of safe
2 care for the infant born and identified as
3 being affected by substance use or with-
4 drawal symptoms, or a Fetal Alcohol Spec-
5 trum Disorder to ensure the safety and well-
6 being of such infant following release from
7 the care of health care providers, including
8 through—

9 “(I) addressing the health and
10 substance use disorder treatment needs
11 of the infant and affected family or
12 caregiver; and

13 “(II) the development and imple-
14 mentation by the State of monitoring
15 systems regarding the implementation
16 of such plans to determine whether and
17 in what manner local entities are pro-
18 viding, in accordance with State re-
19 quirements, referrals to and delivery of
20 appropriate services for the infant and
21 affected family or caregiver;

22 “(iii) policies and procedures to make
23 available to the public on the State website
24 the data, findings, and information about
25 all cases of child abuse or neglect resulting

1 *in a child fatality or near fatality, includ-*
2 *ing a description of—*

3 *“(I) how the State will not create*
4 *an exception to such public disclosure,*
5 *except in a case in which—*

6 *“(aa) the State would like to*
7 *delay public release of case-spe-*
8 *cific findings or information (in-*
9 *cluding any previous reports of*
10 *domestic violence and subsequent*
11 *actions taken to assess and ad-*
12 *dress such reports) while a crimi-*
13 *nal investigation or prosecution of*
14 *such a fatality or near fatality is*
15 *pending;*

16 *“(bb) the State is protecting*
17 *the identity of a reporter of child*
18 *abuse or neglect; or*

19 *“(cc) the State is withholding*
20 *identifying information of mem-*
21 *bers of the victim’s family who*
22 *are not perpetrators of the fatality*
23 *or near fatality; and*

24 *“(II) how the State will ensure*
25 *that in providing the public disclosure*

1 *required under this clause, the State*
2 *will include—*

3 “*(aa) the cause and cir-*
4 *cumstances of the fatality or near*
5 *fatality;*

6 “*(bb) the age and gender of*
7 *the child; and*

8 “*(cc) any previous reports of*
9 *child abuse or neglect investiga-*
10 *tions that are relevant to the child*
11 *abuse or neglect that led to the fa-*
12 *tality or near fatality;*

13 “*(iv) how the State will use data col-*
14 *lected on child abuse or neglect to prevent*
15 *child fatalities and near fatalities;*

16 “*(v) how the State will implement ef-*
17 *forts to prevent child fatalities and near fa-*
18 *talities;*

19 “*(vi) the cooperation of State law en-*
20 *forcement officials, court of competent juris-*
21 *isdiction, and appropriate State agencies*
22 *providing human services in the investiga-*
23 *tion, assessment, prosecution, and treatment*
24 *of child abuse and neglect;*

1 “(vii) the steps the State will take to
2 improve the professional development, reten-
3 tion, and supervision of caseworkers and
4 how the State will measure the effectiveness
5 of such efforts;

6 “(viii) the State’s plan to ensure each
7 child under the age of 3 who is involved in
8 a substantiated case of child abuse or ne-
9 glect will be referred to the State’s child find
10 system under section 635(a)(5) of the Indi-
11 viduals with Disabilities Education Act (20
12 U.S.C. 1435(a)(5)) in order to determine if
13 the child is an infant or toddler with a dis-
14 ability (as defined in section 632(5) of such
15 Act (20 U.S.C. 1432(5)));

16 “(ix) the State’s plan to improve, as
17 part of a comprehensive State strategy led
18 by law enforcement, professional develop-
19 ment for child protective services workers
20 and their appropriate role in identifying,
21 assessing, and providing comprehensive
22 services for children who are sex trafficking
23 victims, in coordination with law enforce-
24 ment, juvenile justice agencies, runaway
25 and homeless youth shelters, and health,

1 *mental health, and other social service agen-*
2 *cies and providers;*

3 *“(x) the services to be provided under*
4 *the grant to individuals, families, or com-*
5 *munities, either directly or through refer-*
6 *rals, aimed at preventing the occurrence of*
7 *child abuse and neglect;*

8 *“(xi) the State’s efforts to ensure pro-*
9 *professionals who are required to report sus-*
10 *pected cases of child abuse and neglect are*
11 *aware of their responsibilities under sub-*
12 *paragraph (A)(i) and receive professional*
13 *development relating to performing such re-*
14 *sponsibilities that is specific to their profes-*
15 *sion and workplace;*

16 *“(xii) policies and procedures encour-*
17 *aging the appropriate involvement of fami-*
18 *lies in decisionmaking pertaining to chil-*
19 *dren who experienced child abuse or neglect;*

20 *“(xiii) the State’s efforts to improve*
21 *appropriate collaboration among child pro-*
22 *TECTIVE SERVICES AGENCIES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*
23 *SERVICES AGENCIES, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER*
24 *TREATMENT AGENCIES, AND OTHER AGENCIES IN*
25 *investigations, interventions, and the deliv-*

1 *ery of services and treatment provided to*
2 *children and families affected by child abuse*
3 *or neglect, including children exposed to do-*
4 *mestic violence, where appropriate;*

5 *“(xiv) policies and procedures regard-*
6 *ing the use of differential response, as ap-*
7 *plicable, to improve outcomes for children;*
8 *and*

9 *“(xv) the State’s efforts to reduce racial*
10 *bias in its child protective services system.”.*

11 *(3) LIMITATIONS.—Paragraph (3) of section*
12 *106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment*
13 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended—*

14 *(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking*
15 *“LIMITATION” and inserting “LIMITATIONS”;*

16 *(B) by striking “With regard to clauses (vi)*
17 *and (vii) of paragraph (2)(B),” and inserting*
18 *the following:*

19 *“(A) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN IDENTIFYING*
20 *INFORMATION.—With regard to subparagraphs*
21 *(A)(iv) and (D)(iii) of paragraph (2),”;*

22 *(C) by striking the period at the end and*
23 *inserting “; and”;* and

24 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(B) *PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT PRO-*
2 *CEEDINGS.—Nothing in paragraph (2) shall be*
3 *construed to limit the State’s flexibility to deter-*
4 *mine State policies relating to public access to*
5 *court proceedings to determine child abuse and*
6 *neglect, except that such policies shall, at a min-*
7 *imum, ensure the safety and well-being of the*
8 *child, parents, and families.”.*

9 (4) *DEFINITIONS.—Paragraph (4) of section*
10 *106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment*
11 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended—*

12 (A) *in the paragraph heading, by striking*
13 *“DEFINITIONS” and inserting “DEFINITION”;*

14 (B) *by striking “this subsection” and all*
15 *that follows through “means an act” and insert-*
16 *ing the following: “this subsection, the term ‘near*
17 *fatality’ means an act”;*

18 (C) *by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-*
19 *riod; and*

20 (D) *by striking subparagraph (B).*

21 (c) *CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—Section 106(c) of the*
22 *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.*
23 *5106a(c)) is amended—*

1 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “EXCEP-
2 TIONS.” and all that follows through “A State may”
3 and inserting “EXCEPTION.—A State may”;

4 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
6 striking “and where appropriate, specific cases,”;
7 and

8 (B) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “foster
9 care and adoption programs” and inserting “fos-
10 ter care, prevention, and permanency pro-
11 grams”; and

12 (3) by amending the first sentence of paragraph
13 (6) to read as follows: “Each panel established under
14 paragraph (1) shall prepare and make available to
15 the State and the public, on an annual basis, a report
16 containing a summary of the activities of the panel,
17 the criteria used for determining which activities the
18 panel engaged in, and recommendations or observa-
19 tions to improve the child protective services system
20 at the State and local levels, and the data upon which
21 these recommendations or observations are based.”.

22 (d) ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.—Section 106(d)
23 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42
24 U.S.C. 5106a(d)) is amended—

1 (1) *by amending paragraph (13) to read as fol-*
2 *lows:*

3 “(13) *The annual report containing the sum-*
4 *mary of the activities and recommendations of the cit-*
5 *izen review panels of the State required by subsection*
6 *(c)(6), and the actions taken by the State as a result*
7 *of such recommendations.”;*

8 (2) *in paragraph (15), by striking “subsection*
9 *(b)(2)(B)(ii)” and inserting “subsection (b)(2)(D)(i)”;*

10 (3) *in paragraph (16), by striking “subsection*
11 *(b)(2)(B)(xxi)” and inserting “subsection*
12 *(b)(2)(D)(viii)”;*

13 (4) *in paragraph (17), by striking “subsection*
14 *(b)(2)(B)(xxiv)” and inserting “subsection*
15 *(b)(2)(A)(xv)”;* *and*

16 (5) *in paragraph (18)—*

17 (A) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “sub-*
18 *section (b)(2)(B)(ii)” and inserting “subsection*
19 *(b)(2)(D)(i)”;*

20 (B) *in subparagraph (B), by striking “sub-*
21 *section (b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “subsection*
22 *(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;* *and*

23 (C) *in subparagraph (C), by striking “sub-*
24 *section (b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “subsection*
25 *(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;* *and*

1 (6) *by adding at the end the following:*

2 “(19) *The number of child fatalities and near fa-*
3 *talities from maltreatment and related information in*
4 *accordance with the uniform standards established*
5 *under section 103(d).”.*

6 (e) *ALLOTMENTS.—Section 106(f) of the Child Abuse*
7 *Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(f)) is*
8 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

9 “(6) *LIMITATION.—For any fiscal year for which*
10 *the amount allotted to a State or territory under this*
11 *subsection exceeds the amount allotted to the State or*
12 *territory under such subsection for fiscal year 2019,*
13 *the State or territory may use not more than 2 per-*
14 *cent of such excess amount for administrative ex-*
15 *penses.”.*

16 **SEC. 107. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.**

17 *Section 108 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
18 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106d) is amended—*

19 (1) *in subsection (b), by inserting “Indian tribes,*
20 *and tribal organizations,” after “States,”;*

21 (2) *by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)*
22 *as subsections (d) through (f), respectively; and*

23 (3) *by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-*
24 *lowing:*

1 “(c) *PROTECTING AGAINST SYSTEMIC CHILD SEXUAL*
2 *ABUSE.*—

3 “(1) *REPORTING AND TASK FORCE.*—*Not later*
4 *than 24 months after the date of the enactment of the*
5 *Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act,*
6 *each State task force established under section 107(c)*
7 *and expanded as described in paragraph (2) shall*
8 *study and make recommendations on the following,*
9 *with a focus on preventing systemic child sexual*
10 *abuse:*

11 “(A) *How to detect systemic child sexual*
12 *abuse that occurs in an organization.*

13 “(B) *How to prevent child sexual abuse and*
14 *systemic child sexual abuse from occurring in or-*
15 *ganizations, which shall include recommenda-*
16 *tions to improve—*

17 “(i) *practices and policies for the edu-*
18 *cation of parents, caregivers, and victims,*
19 *and age appropriate education of children,*
20 *about risk factors or signs of potential child*
21 *sexual abuse; and*

22 “(ii) *the efficacy of applicable State*
23 *laws and the role such laws play in deter-*
24 *ring or preventing incidences of child sexual*
25 *abuse.*

1 “(C) *The feasibility of making available the*
2 *disposition of a perpetrator within an organiza-*
3 *tion to—*

4 “(i) *the child alleging sexual abuse or*
5 *the child’s family; or*

6 “(ii) *an adult who was a child at the*
7 *time of the sexual abuse claim in question*
8 *or the adult’s family.*

9 “(2) *TASK FORCE COMPOSITION.—For purposes*
10 *of this subsection, a State task force shall include—*

11 “(A) *the members of the State task force de-*
12 *scribed in section 107(c) for the State; and*

13 “(B) *the following:*

14 “(i) *Family court judges.*

15 “(ii) *Individuals from religious orga-*
16 *nizations.*

17 “(iii) *Individuals from youth-serving*
18 *organizations, including youth athletics or-*
19 *ganizations.*

20 “(3) *REPORTING ON RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not*
21 *later than 6 months after a State task force makes*
22 *recommendations under paragraph (1), the State*
23 *maintaining such State task force shall—*

24 “(A) *make public the recommendations of*
25 *such report;*

1 “(B) report to the Secretary on the status of
2 adopting such recommendations; and

3 “(C) in a case in which the State declines
4 to adopt a particular recommendation, make
5 public the explanation for such declination.

6 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
7 section—

8 “(A) the terms ‘child sexual abuse’ and ‘sex-
9 ual abuse’ shall not be limited to an act or a
10 failure to act on the part of a parent or care-
11 taker;

12 “(B) the term ‘organization’ means any en-
13 tity that serves children; and

14 “(C) the term ‘systemic child sexual abuse’
15 means—

16 “(i) a pattern of informal or formal
17 policy or de facto policy to not follow State
18 and local requirements to report instances
19 of child sexual abuse in violation of State
20 and local mandatory reporting laws or pol-
21 icy; or

22 “(ii) a pattern of assisting individual
23 perpetrators in maintaining their careers
24 despite substantiated evidence of child sex-
25 ual abuse.”.

1 **SEC. 108. REPORTS.**

2 (a) *SCALING EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT OF CHILD*
3 *ABUSE AND NEGLECT.*—Section 110 of the Child Abuse
4 *Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106f) is amend-*
5 *ed to read as follows:*

6 **“SEC. 110. STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO SCALING EVI-**
7 **DENCE-BASED TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE**
8 **AND NEGLECT; STUDY AND REPORT ON MAR-**
9 **ITAL AGE OF CONSENT; STUDY AND REPORT**
10 **ON STATE MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS.**

11 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall conduct a
12 *study that examines challenges to, and best practices for,*
13 *the scalability of treatments that reduce the trauma result-*
14 *ing from child abuse and neglect and reduce the risk of re-*
15 *victimization, such as those allowable under sections 105*
16 *and 106.*

17 “(b) *CONTENT OF STUDY.*—The study described in
18 *subsection (a) shall be completed in a manner that considers*
19 *the variability among treatment programs and among pop-*
20 *ulations vulnerable to child abuse and neglect. The study*
21 *shall include, at minimum:*

22 “(1) *A detailed synthesis of the existing research*
23 *literature examining barriers and challenges to, and*
24 *best practices for the scalability of child welfare pro-*
25 *grams and services as well as programs and services*

1 *for vulnerable children and families in related fields,*
2 *including healthcare and education.*

3 “(2) *Data describing state and local providers’*
4 *experiences with scaling treatments that reduce the*
5 *trauma resulting from child abuse and neglect and re-*
6 *duce the risk of revictimization.*

7 “(3) *Consultation with experts in child welfare,*
8 *healthcare, and education.*

9 “(c) *REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date*
10 *of the enactment of the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention*
11 *and Treatment Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-*
12 *mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the*
13 *Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor of the*
14 *House of Representatives a report that contains the results*
15 *of the study conducted under subsection (a), including rec-*
16 *ommendations for best practices for scaling treatments that*
17 *reduce the trauma resulting from child abuse and neglect*
18 *and reduce the risk of revictimization.*

19 “(d) *STUDY AND REPORT ON MARITAL AGE OF CON-*
20 *SENT.—*

21 “(1) *STUDY.—The Secretary shall study, with*
22 *respect to each State—*

23 “(A) *the State law regarding the minimum*
24 *marriage age; and*

1 “(B) the prevalence of marriage involving a
2 child who is under the age of such minimum
3 marriage age.

4 “(2) *FACTORS.*—The study required under para-
5 graph (1) shall include an examination of—

6 “(A) the extent to which any statutory ex-
7 ceptions to the minimum marriage age in such
8 laws contribute to the prevalence of marriage in-
9 volving a child described in paragraph (1)(B);

10 “(B) whether such exceptions allow such a
11 child to be married without the consent of such
12 child; and

13 “(C) the impact of such exceptions on the
14 safety of such children.

15 “(3) *REPORT.*—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of enactment of the Stronger Child Abuse Preven-
17 tion and Treatment Act, the Secretary shall submit to
18 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
19 Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Edu-
20 cation and Labor of the House of Representatives a
21 report containing the findings of the study required
22 by this subsection, including any best practices.

23 “(e) *STUDY AND REPORT ON STATE MANDATORY RE-*
24 *PORTING LAWS.*—

1 “(1) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary shall collect infor-*
2 *mation on and otherwise study State laws for manda-*
3 *tory reporting of incidents of child abuse or neglect.*
4 *Such study shall examine trends in referrals and in-*
5 *vestigations of child abuse and neglect due to dif-*
6 *ferences in such State laws with respect to the inclu-*
7 *sion, as mandatory reporters, of the following individ-*
8 *uals:*

9 “(A) *Individuals licensed or certified to*
10 *practice in any health-related field licensed by*
11 *the State, employees of health care facilities or*
12 *providers licensed by the State, who are engaged*
13 *in the admission, examination, care or treatment*
14 *of individuals, including mental health and*
15 *emergency medical service providers.*

16 “(B) *Individuals employed by a school who*
17 *have direct contact with children, including*
18 *teachers, administrators, and independent con-*
19 *tractors.*

20 “(C) *Peace officers and law enforcement*
21 *personnel.*

22 “(D) *Clergy, including Christian Science*
23 *practitioners, except where prohibited on account*
24 *of clergy-penitent privilege.*

1 “(E) Day care and child care operators and
2 employees.

3 “(F) Employees of social services agencies
4 who have direct contact with children in the
5 course of employment.

6 “(G) Foster parents.

7 “(H) Court appointed special advocates
8 (employees and volunteers).

9 “(I) Camp and after-school employees.

10 “(J) An individual, paid or unpaid, who,
11 on the basis of the individual’s role as an inte-
12 gral part of a regularly scheduled program, ac-
13 tivity, or service, accepts responsibility for a
14 child.

15 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the
16 date of enactment of the Stronger Child Abuse Preven-
17 tion and Treatment Act, the Secretary shall submit to
18 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
19 Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Edu-
20 cation and Labor of the House of Representatives a
21 report containing the findings of the study required
22 by this subsection, including any best practices re-
23 lated to the inclusion, as mandatory reporters, of in-
24 dividuals described in paragraph (1).”.

1 **(b) REPORT ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN IN-**
2 **DIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES.—**

3 **(1) IN GENERAL.—***Not later than 2 years after*
4 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller*
5 *General, in consultation with the Indian tribes from*
6 *each of the 12 regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,*
7 *shall study child abuse and neglect in Indian Tribal*
8 *communities for the purpose of identifying vital in-*
9 *formation and making recommendations concerning*
10 *issues relating to child abuse and neglect in such com-*
11 *munities, and submit to the Committee on Health,*
12 *Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee*
13 *on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on*
14 *Education and Labor and the Committee on Natural*
15 *Resources of the House of Representatives a report on*
16 *such study, which shall include—*

17 **(A)** *the number of Indian tribes providing*
18 *primary child abuse and neglect prevention ac-*
19 *tivities;*

20 **(B)** *the number of Indian tribes providing*
21 *secondary child abuse and neglect prevention ac-*
22 *tivities;*

23 **(C)** *promising practices of Indian tribes*
24 *with respect to child abuse and neglect preven-*

1 *tion that are culturally-based or culturally-*
2 *adapted;*

3 *(D) information and recommendations on*
4 *how such culturally-based or culturally-adapted*
5 *child abuse and neglect prevention activities*
6 *could become evidence-based;*

7 *(E) the number of Indian tribes that have*
8 *accessed Federal child abuse and neglect preven-*
9 *tion programs;*

10 *(F) child abuse and neglect prevention ac-*
11 *tivities that Indian tribes provide using State*
12 *funds;*

13 *(G) child abuse and neglect prevention ac-*
14 *tivities that Indian tribes provide using Tribal*
15 *funds;*

16 *(H) Tribal access to State children's trust*
17 *fund resources, as described in section 202 of the*
18 *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42*
19 *U.S.C. 5116a);*

20 *(I) how a children's trust fund model could*
21 *be used to support prevention efforts regarding*
22 *child abuse and neglect of American Indian and*
23 *Alaska Native children;*

24 *(J) Federal agency technical assistance ef-*
25 *forts to address child abuse and neglect preven-*

1 *tion and treatment of American Indian and*
2 *Alaska Native children;*

3 *(K) Federal agency cross-system collabora-*
4 *tion to address child abuse and neglect preven-*
5 *tion and treatment of American Indian and*
6 *Alaska Native children;*

7 *(L) Tribal access to child abuse and neglect*
8 *prevention research and demonstration grants*
9 *under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
10 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.); and*

11 *(M) an examination of child abuse and ne-*
12 *glect data systems to identify what Tribal data*
13 *is being submitted, barriers to submitting data,*
14 *and recommendations on improving the collec-*
15 *tion of data from Indian Tribes.*

16 *(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—*

17 *(A) the term “Alaska Native” has the mean-*
18 *ing given the term in section 111 of the Child*
19 *Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.*
20 *5106g); and*

21 *(B) the terms “child abuse and neglect” and*
22 *“Indian tribe” have the meaning given the terms*
23 *in section 3 of the Child Abuse Prevention and*
24 *Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note).*

1 **SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *Section 112(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and*
3 *Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)) is amended—*

4 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

5 *(A) by striking “to carry out” through “fis-*
6 *cal year 2010” and inserting “to carry out this*
7 *title \$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2020”; and*

8 *(B) by striking “2011 through 2015” and*
9 *inserting “2021 through 2025”; and*

10 *(2) by striking paragraph (2)(A) and inserting*
11 *the following:*

12 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-*
13 *priated for a fiscal year under paragraph (1),*
14 *the Secretary shall make available 30 percent of*
15 *such amounts, or \$100,000,000, whichever is less,*
16 *to fund discretionary activities under this title.”.*

17 **SEC. 110. ELECTRONIC INTERSTATE DATA EXCHANGE SYS-**
18 **TEM.**

19 *Title I of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment*
20 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the*
21 *end the following:*

22 **“SEC. 115. ELECTRONIC INTERSTATE DATA EXCHANGE SYS-**
23 **TEM.**

24 *“(a) INTERSTATE DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM.—*

25 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and*
26 *Human Services shall consider the recommendations*

1 *included in the reports required under paragraph*
2 *(8)(A) and subsection (b)(2) in developing an elec-*
3 *tronic interstate data exchange system that allows*
4 *State entities responsible under State law for main-*
5 *taining child abuse and neglect registries to commu-*
6 *nicate information across State lines.*

7 “(2) *STANDARDS.—In developing the electronic*
8 *interstate data exchange system under paragraph (1),*
9 *the Secretary shall—*

10 “(A) *use interoperable standards developed*
11 *and maintained by intergovernmental partner-*
12 *ships, such as the National Information Ex-*
13 *change Model;*

14 “(B) *develop policies and governance stand-*
15 *ards that—*

16 “(i) *ensure consistency in types of in-*
17 *formation shared and not shared; and*

18 “(ii) *specify circumstances under*
19 *which data should be shared through the*
20 *interstate data exchange system; and*

21 “(C) *ensure that all standards and policies*
22 *adhere to the privacy, security, and civil rights*
23 *laws of each State and Federal law.*

24 “(3) *LIMITATION ON USE OF ELECTRONIC INTER-*
25 *STATE DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM.—The electronic*

1 *interstate data exchange system may only be used for*
2 *purposes relating to child safety.*

3 “(4) *PILOT PROGRAM.*—

4 “(A) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—Not later than 6
5 *months after the date of the enactment of this*
6 *section, the Secretary of Health and Human*
7 *Services shall begin implementation of a pilot*
8 *program to generate recommendations for the*
9 *full integration of the electronic interstate data*
10 *exchange system. Such pilot program shall in-*
11 *clude not less than 10 States and not more than*
12 *15 States.*

13 “(B) *COMPLETION.*—Not later than 30
14 *months after the date of the enactment of this*
15 *section, the Secretary of Health and Human*
16 *Services shall complete the pilot program de-*
17 *scribed in subparagraph (A).*

18 “(5) *INTEGRATION.*—The Secretary of Health
19 *and Human Services may assist States in the inte-*
20 *gration of this system into the infrastructure of each*
21 *State using funds appropriated under this subsection.*

22 “(6) *PARTICIPATION.*—As a condition on eligi-
23 *bility for receipt of funds under section 106, each*
24 *State shall—*

1 “(A) participate in the electronic interstate
2 data exchange system to the fullest extent possible
3 in accordance with State law (as determined by
4 the Secretary of Health and Human Services)
5 not later than December 31, 2027; and

6 “(B) prior to the participation described in
7 subparagraph (A), provide to the Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services an assurance that
9 the child abuse and neglect registry of such State
10 provides procedural due process protections with
11 respect to including individuals on such registry.

12 “(7) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Health
13 and Human Services may not access or store data
14 from the electronic interstate data exchange system,
15 unless the State to which such data pertains volun-
16 tarily shares such data with the Secretary of Health
17 and Human Services.

18 “(8) REPORTS.—The Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services shall prepare and submit to Con-
20 gress—

21 “(A) not later than 3 years after the date
22 of the enactment of this section, a report on the
23 recommendations from the pilot program de-
24 scribed in paragraph (4); and

1 “(B) not later than January 31, 2025, a re-
2 port on the progress made in implementing this
3 subsection.

4 “(9) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Of
5 the funds appropriated under section 112 for a fiscal
6 year—

7 “(A) for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021,
8 \$2,000,000 shall be reserved to carry out this sec-
9 tion; and

10 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2022 through
11 2025, \$1,000,000 shall be reserved to carry out
12 this section.

13 “(b) *WORKING GROUP.*—

14 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*— Not later than 60 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
16 of Health and Human Services shall convene a work-
17 ing group to study and make recommendations on the
18 following:

19 “(A) The feasibility of making publicly
20 available on the website of each State definitions
21 and standards of substantiated child abuse and
22 neglect for the State.

23 “(B) Whether background check require-
24 ments under this Act, the Child Care and Devel-
25 opment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.

1 9858 *et seq.*), and part *E* of title *IV* of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 *et seq.*) are com-
3 plementary or if there are discrepancies that
4 need to be addressed.

5 “(C) *How to improve communication be-*
6 *tween and across States, including through the*
7 *use of technology and the use of the electronic*
8 *interstate data exchange system established*
9 *under subsection (a), to allow for more accurate*
10 *and efficient exchange of child abuse and neglect*
11 *records.*

12 “(D) *How to reduce barriers and establish*
13 *best practices for the State to provide timely re-*
14 *sponses to requests from other States for infor-*
15 *mation contained in the State’s child abuse and*
16 *neglect registry through the electronic interstate*
17 *data exchange system established under sub-*
18 *section (a).*

19 “(E) *How to ensure due process for any in-*
20 *dividual included in a State’s child abuse and*
21 *neglect registry, including the following:*

22 “(i) *The level of evidence necessary for*
23 *inclusion in the State’s child abuse and ne-*
24 *glect registry.*

1 “(ii) *The process for notifying such in-*
2 *dividual of inclusion in the State’s child*
3 *abuse and neglect registry and the implica-*
4 *tions of such inclusion.*

5 “(iii) *The process for providing such*
6 *individual the opportunity to challenge such*
7 *inclusion, and the procedures for resolving*
8 *such challenge.*

9 “(iv) *The length of time an individ-*
10 *ual’s record is to remain in the State’s child*
11 *abuse and neglect registry, and the process*
12 *for removing such individual’s record.*

13 “(v) *The criteria for when such indi-*
14 *vidual’s child abuse and neglect registry*
15 *record may be—*

16 “(I) *made accessible to the general*
17 *public;*

18 “(II) *made available for purposes*
19 *of an employment check; and*

20 “(III) *be shared for the purposes*
21 *of participation in the electronic inter-*
22 *state data exchange system described in*
23 *subsection (a).*

24 “(2) *REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after*
25 *the date of the enactment of this section, the working*

1 *group convened under paragraph (1) shall submit a*
2 *report containing its recommendations to the Sec-*
3 *retary of Health and Human Services, the Committee*
4 *on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the*
5 *Senate, and the Committee on Education and Labor*
6 *of the House of Representatives.*

7 “(3) *CONSTRUCTION.*—*There shall be no require-*
8 *ment for any State to adopt the recommendations of*
9 *the working group, nor shall the Secretary of Health*
10 *and Human Services incentivize or coerce any State*
11 *to adopt any such recommendation.”*

12 **SEC. 111. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

13 (a) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.*—*The Child Abuse Pre-*
14 *vention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), as*
15 *amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, is further*
16 *amended—*

17 (1) *by striking “Committee on Education and*
18 *the Workforce” each place it appears and inserting*
19 *“Committee on Education and Labor”;*

20 (2) *in section 103(c)(1)(F), by striking “abused*
21 *and neglected children” and inserting “victims of*
22 *child abuse or neglect”;* and

23 (3) *in section 107(f), by striking “(42 U.S.C.*
24 *10603a)” and inserting “(34 U.S.C. 20104)”*.

25 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—

1 (1) *SECTION 103.*—*Section 103(b)(5) (42 U.S.C.*
2 *5104(b)(5)) is amended by striking “section*
3 *106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “section*
4 *106(b)(2)(D)(ii)”.*

5 (2) *SECTION 105.*—*Section 105(a)(11) (42 U.S.C.*
6 *5106(a)(11) (as redesignated by section 105(1)(A) of*
7 *this Act) is amended—*

8 (A) *in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-*
9 *tion 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “section*
10 *106(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;*

11 (B) *in subparagraph (C)—*

12 (i) *in clause (i)(II), by striking “sec-*
13 *tion 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “sec-*
14 *tion 106(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;*

15 (ii) *in clause (i)(IV), by striking “sec-*
16 *tion 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)(II)” and inserting*
17 *“section 106(b)(2)(D)(ii)(II)”;* and

18 (iii) *in clause (ii), by striking “clauses*
19 *(ii) and (iii) of section 106(b)(2)(B)” and*
20 *inserting “clauses (i) and (ii) of section*
21 *106(b)(2)(D)”;*

22 (C) *in subparagraph (D)—*

23 (i) *in clause (i)(I), by striking “section*
24 *106(b)(2)(B)(iii)(I)” and inserting “section*
25 *106(b)(2)(D)(ii)(I)”;*

1 (ii) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “sec-
2 tion 106(b)(2)(B)(ii)” and inserting “sec-
3 tion 106(b)(2)(D)(i)”;

4 (iii) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “sec-
5 tion 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “sec-
6 tion 106(b)(2)(D)(ii)(I)”;

7 (iv) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “sec-
8 tion 106(b)(2)(B)(i)” and inserting “section
9 106(b)(2)(A)(i)”;

10 (v) in clause (iii)(IV), by striking “sec-
11 tion 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “sec-
12 tion 106(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;

13 (vi) in clause (v), by striking “section
14 106(b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “section
15 106(b)(2)(D)(ii)”;

16 (D) in subparagraph (E), by striking “sec-
17 tion 106(b)(2)(B)(ii)” and inserting “section
18 106(b)(2)(D)(i)”;

19 (E) in subparagraph (G)(ii), by striking
20 “clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 106(b)(2)(B)”
21 and inserting “clauses (i) and (ii) of section
22 106(b)(2)(D)”.

23 (3) SECTION 114.—Section 114(1)(B) (42 U.S.C.
24 5108(1)(B)) is amended by striking “clauses (ii) and

1 *(iii) of section 106(b)(2)(B)” and inserting “clauses*
 2 *(i) and (ii) of section 106(b)(2)(D)”.*

3 (4) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents*
 4 *in section 1(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and*
 5 *Treatment Act is amended—*

6 (A) *by striking the items relating to sections*
 7 *2 and 102;*

8 (B) *by inserting after the item relating to*
 9 *section 114 the following:*

“Sec. 115. Electronic interstate data exchange system.”; and

10 (C) *by striking the item relating to section*
 11 *110, and inserting the following:*

*“Sec. 110. Study and report relating to scaling evidence-based treatment of child
 abuse and neglect; study and report on marital age of consent;
 study and report on State mandatory reporting laws.”.*

12 **TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED**
 13 **GRANTS FOR THE PREVEN-**
 14 **TION OF CHILD ABUSE AND**
 15 **NEGLECT**

16 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

17 *Subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Child*
 18 *Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116) are*
 19 *amended to read as follows:*

20 “(a) *PURPOSE.—The purposes of this title are—*

21 (1) *to establish and maintain support for com-*
 22 *munity-based family strengthening services and state-*
 23 *wide systems-building approaches to the extent prac-*

1 *ticable, to ensure the development, operation, expan-*
2 *sion, coordination, and evaluation of quality services,*
3 *initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child*
4 *abuse and neglect; and*

5 *“(2) to promote improved access for diverse pop-*
6 *ulations with demonstrated need, including low-in-*
7 *come families, racial and ethnic minorities, families*
8 *with children or caregivers with disabilities, under-*
9 *served communities, and rural communities, to fam-*
10 *ily strengthening services in order to more effectively*
11 *prevent child abuse and neglect.*

12 *“(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make grants*
13 *under this title on a formula basis to the entity designated*
14 *by the State as the lead entity (referred to in this title as*
15 *the ‘lead entity’) under section 202(1) for the following pur-*
16 *poses:*

17 *“(1) Providing programs, activities, and initia-*
18 *tives to help families build protective factors linked to*
19 *the prevention of child abuse and neglect, such as*
20 *knowledge of parenting and child development, paren-*
21 *tal resilience, social connections, time-limited and*
22 *need-based concrete support, and social and emotional*
23 *development of children, that—*

24 *“(A) are accessible to diverse populations,*
25 *effective, and culturally appropriate;*

1 “(B) build upon existing strengths;

2 “(C) offer assistance to families;

3 “(D) provide early, comprehensive support
4 for parents;

5 “(E) promote the development of healthy fa-
6 miliary relationships and parenting skills, espe-
7 cially in young parents and parents with very
8 young children;

9 “(F) increase family stability;

10 “(G) improve family access to formal and
11 informal community-based resources, including
12 health and mental health services, time-limited
13 and need-based concrete supports, and services
14 and supports to meet the needs of families with
15 children or caregivers with disabilities; and

16 “(H) support the additional needs of fami-
17 lies with children with disabilities, including
18 through respite care.

19 “(2) Fostering the development of a continuum
20 of preventive services to strengthen families through
21 State- and community-based collaborations and both
22 public and private partnerships.

23 “(3) Financing the start-up, maintenance, ex-
24 pansion, or redesign of core services described in sec-
25 tion 205, where communities have identified gaps and

1 *decided to prioritize the establishment of such services,*
2 *to the extent practicable given funding levels and*
3 *community priorities.*

4 “(4) *Maximizing funding through leveraging*
5 *Federal, State, local, public, and private funds to*
6 *carry out the purposes of this title.*

7 “(5) *Developing or enhancing statewide and*
8 *local networks to operate, expand, or enhance commu-*
9 *nity-based family strengthening services, initiatives,*
10 *and activities that promote child, parent, family, and*
11 *community health and well-being and prevent child*
12 *abuse and neglect.*

13 “(6) *Promoting the development of, and coordi-*
14 *nation with, existing community coalitions of net-*
15 *works of family strengthening services that utilize cul-*
16 *turally responsive providers in order to enhance child,*
17 *family, and community well-being and prevent child*
18 *abuse and neglect in all families.*

19 “(7) *Financing public information activities*
20 *that focus on parent and child development and child*
21 *abuse and neglect prevention.*

22 “(8) *To the extent practicable—*

23 “(A) *promoting the development and imple-*
24 *mentation of a statewide systems-building strat-*
25 *egy to address the unmet needs identified in the*

1 *inventory described in section 204(3), including*
2 *the participation of public and private stake-*
3 *holders, community-based organizations, legisla-*
4 *tors, parents and other relevant stakeholders, and*
5 *State agencies, including the child welfare agen-*
6 *cy, the public health agency, housing agency,*
7 *and the State education agency, to scale evi-*
8 *dence-based, evidence-informed, and promising*
9 *programs that expand access to family strength-*
10 *ening services and reduce the numbers of chil-*
11 *dren entering the foster care system;*

12 “(B) *developing comprehensive outreach*
13 *strategies to engage families with various risk*
14 *factors, including families who have experienced*
15 *trauma or domestic violence, parents with sub-*
16 *stance use disorder, and families with children*
17 *or caregivers with disabilities; and*

18 “(C) *providing capacity-building supports*
19 *to local programs to improve desired outcomes*
20 *for children and families, such as—*

21 “(i) *technical assistance, including*
22 *support for local programs to collect out-*
23 *come data that helps improve service deliv-*
24 *ery;*

25 “(ii) *professional development; and*

1 “(iii) peer support networks, including
2 through developing a problem-solving
3 forum.”.

4 **SEC. 202. ELIGIBILITY.**

5 Section 202 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
6 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116a) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(A) the Governor of the State has designated a
11 lead entity to administer funds under this title for the
12 purposes identified under the authority of this title,
13 including to develop, implement, operate, enhance, or
14 expand community-based family strengthening serv-
15 ices designed to prevent child abuse and neglect;”;

16 (B) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
17 serting the following:

18 “(D) the Governor of the State has given consid-
19 eration to the capacity and expertise of all entities re-
20 questing to be designated under subparagraph (A);”;
21 and

22 (2) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
24 serting the following:

1 “(A) has demonstrated ongoing meaningful
2 partnerships with parents in the development,
3 operation, and oversight of State- and commu-
4 nity-based family strengthening services designed
5 to prevent child abuse and neglect;”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “com-
7 munity-based and prevention-focused programs
8 and activities designed to strengthen and support
9 families” and inserting “community-based fam-
10 ily strengthening services designed”;

11 (C) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
12 serting the following:

13 “(C) has the capacity to provide operational
14 support (both financial and programmatic), pro-
15 fessional development, technical assistance, and
16 evaluation assistance, to community-based orga-
17 nizations;”;

18 (D) by striking subparagraph (D) and in-
19 serting the following:

20 “(D) will integrate efforts with individuals
21 and organizations experienced in working in
22 partnership with low-income families, racial and
23 ethnic minorities, families with children or care-
24 givers with disabilities, sexual and gender mi-
25 nority youth, victims of domestic violence, and

1 *with the child abuse and neglect prevention ac-*
2 *tivities in the State, and demonstrate a financial*
3 *commitment to those activities; and*

4 “(E) will take into consideration access for
5 *diverse populations and unmet need when dis-*
6 *tributing funds to local programs under section*
7 *205.”.*

8 **SEC. 203. AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

9 *Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
10 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116b) is amended—*

11 (1) *by striking subsection (a) and inserting the*
12 *following:*

13 “(a) *RESERVATION.—For the purpose of making allot-*
14 *ments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations and mi-*
15 *grant programs, the Secretary shall reserve 5 percent of the*
16 *amount appropriated under section 210(a) for each fiscal*
17 *year, except that, if making such reservation would cause*
18 *the total amount allotted to States under this section for*
19 *a fiscal year to be less than such total for fiscal year 2019,*
20 *the Secretary shall reserve 1 percent of the amount appro-*
21 *priated under section 210(a) for the year for such purpose.”;*
22 *and*

23 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*

24 “(d) *LIMITATION.—For any fiscal year for which the*
25 *amount allotted to a State under subsection (b) exceeds the*

1 *amount allotted to the State under such subsection for fiscal*
2 *year 2019, the State’s lead entity may use not more than*
3 *10 percent of such excess amount for administrative ex-*
4 *penses.”.*

5 **SEC. 204. APPLICATION.**

6 *Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
7 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d) is amended—*

8 *(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by*
9 *striking “specified by the Secretary as essential to*
10 *carrying out the provisions of section 202, including”*
11 *and inserting “and assurances required in para-*
12 *graphs (2) and (3) of section 202 and types of infor-*
13 *mation specified by the Secretary as essential in car-*
14 *rying out the provisions of section 201(b), including”;*

15 *(2) in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4), by striking*
16 *“community-based and prevention-focused programs*
17 *and activities designed to strengthen and support*
18 *families” and inserting “community-based family*
19 *strengthening services designed”;*

20 *(3) in paragraph (3) by striking “community-*
21 *based and prevention-focused programs and activi-*
22 *ties” and inserting “community-based family*
23 *strengthening services designed”;*

24 *(4) in paragraph (5), by striking “and preven-*
25 *tion-focused programs and activities designed to*

1 *strengthen and support families to prevent child*
2 *abuse and neglect;” and inserting “services and state-*
3 *wide strategies designed to strengthen and support*
4 *families to promote child, family, and community*
5 *well-being and prevent child abuse and neglect;”;*

6 *(5) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the*
7 *following:*

8 *“(6) a description of the State’s capacity and*
9 *commitment to ensure the meaningful involvement of*
10 *parents who are or have been consumers of preventa-*
11 *tive supports, including the involvement of parents of*
12 *diverse populations, such as low-income families,*
13 *families with children or caregivers with disabilities,*
14 *racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other*
15 *underrepresented or underserved groups, family advo-*
16 *cates, and adult victims of child abuse or neglect who*
17 *can provide leadership in the planning, implementa-*
18 *tion, and evaluation of the programs and policy deci-*
19 *sions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the de-*
20 *sired outcomes for such efforts;”;*

21 *(6) by redesignating paragraph (12) as para-*
22 *graph (15);*

23 *(7) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (11)*
24 *as paragraphs (8) through (12), respectively;*

1 (8) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(7) a description of the process and criteria the
4 lead entity will use to identify and select communities
5 in which to build a continuum of family strength-
6 ening services, including an assurance that the proc-
7 ess will ensure access for all families, including fami-
8 lies in communities with high rates of child abuse
9 and neglect relative to other communities in the
10 State;”;

11 (9) by striking paragraph (9), as so redesign-
12 ated, and inserting the following:

13 “(9) a description of outreach activities that the
14 lead entity and local grantees will undertake to maxi-
15 mize the participation of low-income families, racial
16 and ethnic minorities, families with children or care-
17 givers with disabilities, sexual and gender minority
18 youth, victims of domestic violence, homeless families
19 and those at risk of homelessness, and members of
20 other underserved or underrepresented groups;”.

21 (10) by striking paragraph (10), as so redesign-
22 ated, and inserting the following:

23 “(10) a plan for providing operational support,
24 professional development, and technical assistance to
25 grantees, other State and local programs and pro-

1 *viders, families, and other entities involved in*
2 *strengthening families and preventing child abuse*
3 *and neglect;”;*

4 *(11) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated, by*
5 *striking “and its members (where appropriate)” and*
6 *inserting “of community-based family strengthening*
7 *services and statewide initiatives”;* and

8 *(12) by striking paragraph (12), as so redesign-*
9 *ated, and inserting the following:*

10 *“(12) a description of the actions that the appli-*
11 *cant entity will take to inform systemic changes in*
12 *State policies, practices, procedures, and regulations*
13 *to improve the delivery of community-based family*
14 *strengthening services designed to promote child, fam-*
15 *ily, and community well-being, and to prevent child*
16 *abuse and neglect;*

17 *“(13) a description of how the lead entity will*
18 *incorporate research evidence in its process for select-*
19 *ing community-based family strengthening services;*

20 *“(14) an assurance that, in issuing regulations*
21 *to improve the delivery of community-based family*
22 *strengthening services designed to promote child, fam-*
23 *ily, and community well-being, and to prevent child*
24 *abuse and neglect, the State will—*

1 “(A) take into account how such regulations
2 will impact activities funded under this Act; and

3 “(B) where appropriate, attempt to avoid
4 duplication of efforts, minimize costs of compli-
5 ance with such regulations, and maximize local
6 flexibility with respect to such regulations; and”.

7 **SEC. 205. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

8 Section 205 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
9 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116e) is amended to read as follows:

10 **“SEC. 205. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

11 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Grants from the lead entity made
12 under this title shall be used to develop, implement, operate,
13 expand, and enhance community-based family strength-
14 ening services designed to prevent child abuse and neglect
15 that—

16 “(1) assess community assets and needs and de-
17 velop a strategy to create a comprehensive continuum
18 of effective services that strengthen and support fami-
19 lies to prevent child abuse and neglect, through a
20 planning process involving parents, local and public
21 agencies, local nonprofit organizations and service
22 providers, and private sector representatives in mean-
23 ingful ways;

24 “(2) develop or enhance existing place-based fam-
25 ily strengthening services, other parenting support

1 *services, and connections and coordination among key*
2 *family services in the community by reaching spaces*
3 *familiar to such families; and*

4 *“(3) help families build protective factors that*
5 *support child and family well-being and help prevent*
6 *child abuse and neglect, including knowledge of par-*
7 *enting and child development, parental resilience, so-*
8 *cial connections, time-limited and need-based concrete*
9 *support, and social and emotional development of*
10 *children.*

11 *“(b) LOCAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding grants,*
12 *the lead entity shall consider, consistent with the needs of*
13 *the State and community, how the grantee—*

14 *“(1) demonstrates the ability to form collabora-*
15 *tions across a range of services or initiatives and the*
16 *commitment to engage in long-term planning and*
17 *strategic development for community-based family*
18 *strengthening services as well as provide on-going*
19 *problem solving support;*

20 *“(2) involves parents, including parents of chil-*
21 *dren with disabilities, diverse racial and ethnic*
22 *groups, and members of other underrepresented or un-*
23 *derserved populations, in the development, implemen-*
24 *tation, oversight, and evaluation of services;*

1 “(3) addresses the need for place-based services
2 and the need to reach families in hard-to-reach areas
3 through approaches that provide core family strength-
4 ening services;

5 “(4) promotes improved access to family
6 strengthening services for diverse populations and en-
7 sures that the services address identified needs of all
8 families; and

9 “(5) demonstrates an understanding of the
10 sources of child and family trauma and the strategies
11 that mitigate the impact of and prevent adverse child-
12 hood experiences.

13 “(c) *LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.*—Grant funds from the
14 lead entity shall be used for community-based family
15 strengthening services designed to prevent child abuse and
16 neglect, which may include the following:

17 “(1) Developing a strategy based on supporting
18 a comprehensive continuum of preventive, family-cen-
19 tered services that strengthen and support families to
20 prevent child abuse and neglect, especially to young
21 parents, to parents with young children, and to par-
22 ents who are adult victims of domestic violence or
23 child abuse or neglect, through public-private partner-
24 ships.

1 “(2) *Addressing the needs of families in hard-to-*
2 *reach areas by creating access to place-based family*
3 *strengthening services.*

4 “(3) *Performing an assessment of community*
5 *needs, including by partnering, at the option of the*
6 *grantee, with an organization that already has per-*
7 *formed a needs assessment (such as a Maternal, In-*
8 *fant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program*
9 *under section 511 of the Social Security Act (42*
10 *U.S.C. 711) or a Head Start program under the*
11 *Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).*

12 “(4) *Supporting outreach for services, including*
13 *by coordinating with existing family strengthening*
14 *services such as home visiting and other early inter-*
15 *vention programs.*

16 “(5) *Providing, promoting the development or*
17 *enhancement of, or connecting families to, core serv-*
18 *ices that include—*

19 “(A) *parenting support and parent edu-*
20 *cation programs, including services that help*
21 *parents and other caregivers support children’s*
22 *development;*

23 “(B) *parent leadership skills development*
24 *programs that support parents’ personal growth*
25 *as leaders in their families and communities;*

1 “(C) mutual support groups for parents,
2 children, and parent partners;

3 “(D) respite and crisis care; and

4 “(E) referrals to optional community and
5 social services, including—

6 “(i) domestic violence services;

7 “(ii) screening and referrals to early
8 intervention;

9 “(iii) voluntary home visiting pro-
10 grams;

11 “(iv) health and mental health services,
12 including referrals for information on the
13 State Medicaid plan under title XIX of the
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
15 seq.);

16 “(v) early care and learning programs
17 including child care and Head Start pro-
18 grams and Early Head Start programs
19 under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831
20 et seq.);

21 “(vi) nutrition programs, including
22 the special supplemental nutrition program
23 for women, infants, and children established
24 under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
25 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) and the supple-

1 *mental nutrition assistance program estab-*
2 *lished under the Food and Nutrition Act of*
3 *2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);*

4 *“(vii) education and workforce develop-*
5 *ment programs, including adult literacy,*
6 *child development, wellness, and family so-*
7 *cioeconomic mobility programs; and*

8 *“(viii) services and supports to meet*
9 *the needs of families with children or care-*
10 *givers with disabilities, such as early inter-*
11 *vention services for infants and toddlers*
12 *with disabilities and their families, as early*
13 *intervention services are defined in section*
14 *632 of the Individuals with Disabilities*
15 *Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1432).*

16 *“(6) Providing leadership in mobilizing local*
17 *public and private resources to support the provision*
18 *of community-based family strengthening services de-*
19 *signed to prevent child abuse and neglect.*

20 *“(7) Developing and maintaining meaningful*
21 *partnerships with parents relating to the develop-*
22 *ment, operation, evaluation, and oversight of the pro-*
23 *grams and services.*

24 *“(8) Coordinating with other community-based*
25 *family strengthening services designed to prevent*

1 *child abuse and neglect in the development, operation,*
2 *and expansion of networks where appropriate.*

3 “(d) *PRIORITY.*—When awarding grants, a lead entity
4 shall give priority to effective community-based efforts that
5 serve low-income communities and are focused on com-
6 prehensive approaches to serving young parents or parents
7 with young children.”.

8 **SEC. 206. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

9 *Section 206 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
10 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116f) is amended—*

11 *(1) in paragraphs (1), (5), (6), and (8), by strik-*
12 *ing “community-based and prevention-focused pro-*
13 *grams and activities designed to strengthen and sup-*
14 *port families” and inserting “community-based fam-*
15 *ily strengthening services designed”;*

16 *(2) in paragraph (1), by striking “meets” and*
17 *inserting “meet”;*

18 *(3) in paragraph (2), by striking “including core*
19 *and optional services as described in section 202”;*

20 *(4) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the*
21 *following:*

22 *“(3) shall demonstrate how they have addressed*
23 *unmet needs identified by the inventory required*
24 *under section 204;”.*

1 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(4) shall describe the number of families served,
4 including families with children or caregivers with
5 disabilities, and the involvement of a diverse represen-
6 tation of families in the design, operation, and eval-
7 uation of both community-based family strengthening
8 services and networks of such services;”;

9 (6) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(7) shall describe—

12 “(A) the number of programs funded
13 disaggregated by urban, suburban, and rural
14 community type;

15 “(B) the number of children and families
16 served under each such program disaggregated by
17 urban, suburban, and rural community type;
18 and

19 “(C) the number of programs that partner
20 with outside entities and the services such out-
21 side entities provide;”;

22 (7) in paragraph (8)—

23 (A) by striking “leadership of” and insert
24 “partnership with”; and

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and
2 inserting “; and”; and

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

4 “(9) shall describe the extent to which there is
5 evidence to support the effectiveness of activities con-
6 ducted under this title for the program’s intended
7 purpose, or, in instances where such evidence is not
8 available, shall describe barriers and challenges to de-
9 veloping evidence of effectiveness.”.

10 **SEC. 207. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED**
11 **FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.**

12 Section 207 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
13 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116g) is amended—

14 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
15 striking “such sums as may be necessary” and insert-
16 ing “not more than 5 percent”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “community-
18 based and prevention-focused programs and activities
19 designed to strengthen and support families” and in-
20 serting “community-based family strengthening serv-
21 ices designed”.

22 **SEC. 208. DEFINITIONS.**

23 Section 208 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
24 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h) is amended—

1 (1) *by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as*
2 *paragraphs (2) and (1), respectively, and transferring*
3 *paragraph (1) as redesignated to appear before para-*
4 *graph (2) as redesignated; and*

5 (2) *by striking paragraph (1) (as so redesign-*
6 *ated) and inserting the following:*

7 “(1) *COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY STRENGTH-*
8 *ENING SERVICES.—The term ‘community-based fam-*
9 *ily strengthening services’ includes organizations such*
10 *as family resource programs, family support pro-*
11 *grams, voluntary home visiting programs, respite*
12 *care services, parenting education, mutual support*
13 *groups for parents, children, parent partner pro-*
14 *grams, and other community programs or networks of*
15 *such programs that provide activities that are de-*
16 *signed to prevent child abuse and neglect.”.*

17 **SEC. 209. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Child Abuse Preven-*
19 *tion and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116 et seq.) is amend-*
20 *ed—*

21 (1) *by redesignating section 209 as section 210;*
22 *and*

23 (2) *by inserting after section 208 the following:*

1 **“SEC. 209. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 *“Nothing in this title shall be construed to prohibit*
3 *grandparents, kinship care providers, foster parents, adop-*
4 *tive parents, or any other individual in a parenting role*
5 *from receiving or participating in services and programs*
6 *under this title.”.*

7 **(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—*The table of contents*
8 *in section 1(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
9 *ment Act is amended by striking the item relating to section*
10 *209 and inserting the following:*

“Sec. 209. Rule of construction.

“Sec. 210. Authorization of appropriations.”.

11 **SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 *Section 210 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
13 *ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116 et seq.), as redesignated by sec-*
14 *tion 209 of this Act, is amended—*

15 (1) *by striking “There are” and inserting the fol-*
16 *lowing:*

17 **“(a) IN GENERAL.**—*There are”;*

18 (2) *by striking “to carry out” through “fiscal*
19 *year 2010” and inserting “to carry out this title*
20 *\$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2020”;*

21 (3) *by striking “2011 through 2015” and insert-*
22 *ing “2021 through 2025”; and*

23 (4) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(b) *TREATMENT OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS IN CER-*
2 *TAIN FISCAL YEARS.—For any fiscal year for which the*
3 *amount appropriated under subsection (a) exceeds the*
4 *amount appropriated under such subsection for fiscal year*
5 *2019, the Secretary shall consider non-Federal funds and*
6 *in-kind contributions as part of the State contribution for*
7 *the activities specified in section 204(4).”.*

8 **SEC. 211. STUDY AND REPORT.**

9 (a) *STUDY RELATING TO NEW PREVENTION PRO-*
10 *GRAMS.—*

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of*
12 *the United States shall complete a study, using data*
13 *reported by States to the Secretary of Health and*
14 *Human Services under section 206 of the Child Abuse*
15 *Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116f), as*
16 *amended by this Act—*

17 (A) *to determine how many families and*
18 *children in the first 3 years after the date of the*
19 *enactment of this Act are served annually*
20 *through programs funded under title II of the*
21 *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42*
22 *U.S.C. 5116 et seq.); and*

23 (B) *to compare the number of such families*
24 *and children served annually in the first 3 years*
25 *after the date of the enactment of this Act to the*

1 *number of such families and children served in*
2 *fiscal year 2019.*

3 (2) *CONTENTS.—The study required under para-*
4 *graph (1) shall include the following for each of the*
5 *first 3 years after the date of the enactment of this*
6 *Act:*

7 (A) *An examination of how many families*
8 *received evidence-based programming under title*
9 *II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment*
10 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5116 et seq.).*

11 (B) *An examination of the extent to which*
12 *local programs conduct evaluations using funds*
13 *provided under such title and the findings of*
14 *such evaluations.*

15 (C) *An examination of whether findings of*
16 *effectiveness in evaluation studies vary by urban,*
17 *suburban, or rural community type.*

18 (D) *An examination of whether programs*
19 *partnering with other entities are more effective*
20 *than those that do not partner with other enti-*
21 *ties.*

22 (E) *An examination of barriers to imple-*
23 *ment evidence-based programming or to conduct*
24 *evaluations in instances where such activities do*
25 *not occur.*

1 (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 4 years after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
3 United States shall submit to the Committee on Health,
4 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-
5 mittee on Education and Labor of the House of Representa-
6 tives a report that contains the results of the study con-
7 ducted under paragraph (1).

8 **TITLE III—ADOPTION** 9 **OPPORTUNITIES**

10 **SEC. 301. PURPOSE.**

11 Section 201 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
12 ment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111)
13 is amended—

14 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**CON-**
15 **GRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF**
16 **PURPOSE**” and inserting “**PURPOSE**”;

17 (2) by striking subsection (a); and

18 (3) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) by striking “(b) *PURPOSE.*—”;

20 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
21 by inserting “sexual and gender minority youth”
22 after “particularly older children, minority chil-
23 dren,”; and

24 (C) in paragraph (1), by inserting “services
25 and,” after “post-legal adoption”.

1 **SEC. 302. REPORT AND GUIDANCE ON UNREGULATED CUS-**
2 **TODY TRANSFERS.**

3 *The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adop-*
4 *tion Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111 et seq.) is amended*
5 *by inserting after section 201 the following:*

6 **“SEC. 202. REPORT AND GUIDANCE ON UNREGULATED CUS-**
7 **TODY TRANSFERS.**

8 *“(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
9 *that:*

10 *“(1) Some adopted children may be at risk of ex-*
11 *periencing an unregulated custody transfer because*
12 *the challenges associated with adoptions (including*
13 *the child’s mental health needs and the difficulties*
14 *many families face in acquiring support services)*
15 *may lead families to seek out unregulated custody*
16 *transfers.*

17 *“(2) Some adopted children experience trauma,*
18 *and the disruption and placement in another home by*
19 *unregulated custody transfer creates additional trau-*
20 *ma and instability for children.*

21 *“(3) Children who experience an unregulated*
22 *custody transfer may be placed with families who*
23 *have not completed required child welfare or criminal*
24 *background checks or clearances.*

25 *“(4) Social services agencies and courts are often*
26 *unaware of the placement of children through unregu-*

1 *lated custody transfer and therefore do not conduct*
2 *assessments on the child’s safety and well-being in*
3 *such placements.*

4 *“(5) Such lack of placement oversight places a*
5 *child at risk for future abuse and increases the chance*
6 *that the child may experience—*

7 *“(A) abuse or neglect;*

8 *“(B) contact with unsafe adults or youth;*
9 *and*

10 *“(C) exposure to unsafe or isolated environ-*
11 *ments.*

12 *“(6) The caregivers with whom a child is placed*
13 *through unregulated custody transfer often have no*
14 *legal responsibility with respect to such child, placing*
15 *the child at risk for additional unregulated custody*
16 *transfers.*

17 *“(7) Such caregivers also may not have complete*
18 *records with respect to such child, including the*
19 *child’s birth, medical, or immigration records.*

20 *“(8) A child adopted through intercountry adop-*
21 *tion may be at risk of not acquiring United States*
22 *citizenship if an unregulated custody transfer occurs*
23 *before the adoptive parents complete all necessary*
24 *steps to finalize the adoption of such child.*

1 “(9) *Engaging in, or offering to engage in, un-*
2 *regulated custody transfer places children at risk of*
3 *harm.*

4 “(b) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—*

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after*
6 *the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary*
7 *of Health and Human Services shall provide to the*
8 *Committee on Education and Labor of the House of*
9 *Representatives, the Committee on Ways and Means*
10 *of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Fi-*
11 *nance of the Senate, and the Committee on Health,*
12 *Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report*
13 *on unregulated custody transfers of children, includ-*
14 *ing of adopted children.*

15 “(2) *ELEMENTS.—The report required under*
16 *paragraph (1) shall include—*

17 “(A) *the causes, methods, and characteris-*
18 *tics of unregulated custody transfers, including*
19 *the use of social media and the internet;*

20 “(B) *the effects of unregulated custody*
21 *transfers on children, including the lack of as-*
22 *essment of a child’s safety and well-being by so-*
23 *cial services agencies and courts due to such un-*
24 *regulated custody transfer;*

1 “(C) *the prevalence of unregulated custody*
2 *transfers within each State and across all States;*
3 *and*

4 “(D) *recommended policies for preventing,*
5 *identifying, and responding to unregulated cus-*
6 *tody transfers, including of adopted children,*
7 *that include—*

8 “(i) *amendments to Federal and State*
9 *law to address unregulated custody trans-*
10 *fers;*

11 “(ii) *amendments to child protection*
12 *practices to address unregulated custody*
13 *transfers; and*

14 “(iii) *methods of providing the public*
15 *information regarding adoption and child*
16 *protection.*

17 “(c) *GUIDANCE TO STATES.—*

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days*
19 *after the date specified in subsection (b)(1), the Sec-*
20 *retary shall issue guidance and technical assistance to*
21 *States related to preventing, identifying, and respond-*
22 *ing to unregulated custody transfers, including of*
23 *adopted children.*

24 “(2) *ELEMENTS.—The guidance required under*
25 *paragraph (1) shall include—*

1 “(A) education materials related to pre-
2 venting, identifying, and responding to unregu-
3 lated custody transfers for employees of State,
4 local, and Tribal agencies that provide child wel-
5 fare services;

6 “(B) guidance on appropriate pre-adoption
7 education and post-adoption services for domes-
8 tic and international adoptive families to pro-
9 mote child permanency; and

10 “(C) the assistance available through the
11 National Resource Center for Special Needs
12 Adoption under section 203(b)(9).

13 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of the
15 several States, the District of Columbia, and any
16 commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United
17 States.

18 “(2) UNREGULATED CUSTODY TRANSFER.—The
19 term ‘unregulated custody transfer’ means the aban-
20 donment of a child, by the child’s parent, legal guard-
21 ian, or a person or entity acting on behalf, and with
22 the consent, of such parent or guardian—

23 “(A) by placing a child with a person who
24 is not—

1 “(i) the child’s parent, step–parent,
2 grandparent, adult sibling, legal guardian,
3 or other adult relative;

4 “(ii) a friend of the family who is an
5 adult and with whom the child is familiar;
6 or

7 “(iii) a member of the Federally recog-
8 nized Indian tribe of which the child is also
9 a member;

10 “(B) with the intent of severing the rela-
11 tionship between the child and the parent or
12 guardian of such child; and

13 “(C) without—

14 “(i) reasonably ensuring the safety of
15 the child and permanency of the placement
16 of the child, including by conducting an of-
17 ficial home study, background check, and
18 supervision; and

19 “(ii) transferring the legal rights and
20 responsibilities of parenthood or guardian-
21 ship under applicable Federal and State
22 law to a person described in subparagraph
23 (A).”.

1 **SEC. 303. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.**

2 (a) *NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR SPECIAL*
3 *NEEDS ADOPTION.*—Section 203(b)(9) of the *Child Abuse*
4 *Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of*
5 *1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113(b)(9))* is amended by inserting “not
6 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the
7 *Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act*, estab-
8 lish and” before “maintain”.

9 (b) *PLACEMENT WITH ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.*—Section
10 203(b)(11)(C) of the *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment*
11 *and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C.*
12 *5113(b)(11)(C))* is amended by striking “such children”
13 and inserting “the children and youth described in the mat-
14 ter preceding paragraph (1) of section 201”.

15 (c) *PRE-ADOPTION SERVICES.*—Section 203(c)(1) of
16 the *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption*
17 *Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113(c)(1))* is amended by
18 striking “post” and inserting “pre- and post-”.

19 (d) *SERVICES.*—Section 203(c)(2) of the *Child Abuse*
20 *Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of*
21 *1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113(c)(2))* is amended by inserting “and
22 the development of such services,” after “not supplant, serv-
23 ices”.

24 (e) *ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO ADOPTION ACROSS*
25 *JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.*—Section 203(e)(1) of the

1 *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Re-*
2 *form Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113(e)(1)) is amended—*

3 (1) *by striking “with, States,” and inserting*
4 *“with States, Indian Tribes,”; and*

5 (2) *by inserting “, including through the use of*
6 *web-based tools such as the electronic interstate case-*
7 *processing system referred to in section 437(g) of the*
8 *Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(g))” before the*
9 *period at the end.*

10 **SEC. 304. STUDY AND REPORT ON SUCCESSFUL ADOP-**
11 **TIONS.**

12 *Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-*
13 *ment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114)*
14 *is amended to read as follows:*

15 **“SEC. 204. STUDY AND REPORT ON SUCCESSFUL ADOP-**
16 **TIONS.**

17 “(a) *STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study (di-*
18 *rectly or by grant to, or contract with, public or private*
19 *nonprofit research agencies or organizations) on adoption*
20 *outcomes and the factors (including parental substance use*
21 *disorder) affecting those outcomes.*

22 “(b) *REPORT.—Not later than the date that is 36*
23 *months after the date of the enactment of the Stronger Child*
24 *Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act the Secretary shall*

1 *submit a report to Congress that includes the results of the*
2 *study required under subsection (a).”.*

3 **SEC. 305. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 *Section 205(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and*
5 *Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C.*
6 *5115(a)) is amended—*

7 *(1) by striking “fiscal year 2010” and inserting*
8 *“fiscal year 2020”; and*

9 *(2) by striking “fiscal years 2011 through 2015”*
10 *and inserting “fiscal years 2021 through 2025”.*

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