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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Children's Budget
5 Act".

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

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by—

9 (1) redesignating paragraph (37), as added by
10 Public Law 111–352, as paragraph (39); and

1 (2) adding at the end the following:

2 “(40)(A) A detailed, separate analysis for the
3 prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, the fiscal
4 year for which the budget is submitted, and the en-
5 suing fiscal year identifying the amounts of gross
6 and net appropriations or obligational authority and
7 outlays that are directed to children within the
8 United States and territories including—

9 “(i) summaries of the total amount of such
10 appropriations or new obligational authority
11 and outlays requested for children and chil-
12 dren’s programs;

13 “(ii) an estimate of current levels of spend-
14 ing on children and children’s programs; and

15 “(iii) a detailed breakdown of spending on
16 children and children’s programs by agency, de-
17 partment, and initiative.

18 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘children’
19 means individuals under the age of 19.

20 “(C) In this paragraph, spending on children
21 includes—

22 “(i) Federal entitlement spending that
23 goes directly to children;

1 “(ii) outlays for programs and initiatives
2 that, consistent with their mission, deliver serv-
3 ices exclusively to children;

4 “(iii) outlays for programs and initiatives
5 that, while not serving children directly, have as
6 a core mission goal, the improvement of chil-
7 dren’s health, education, welfare, and general
8 well-being; and

9 “(iv) a share of funding for Federal pro-
10 grams and initiatives that deliver services to
11 both children and adults that is consistent with
12 the share of program benefits for children based
13 on the best available data.

14 “(D) In implementing this paragraph, including
15 determining what Federal activities or accounts con-
16 stitutes spending on children or children’s programs,
17 the Office of Management and Budget shall consult
18 periodically with the Committees on the Budget of
19 the Senate and the House, the Committees on Ap-
20 propriations of the Senate and the House, and the
21 Congressional Budget Office.”.

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