One Hundred Twelfth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twelve

An Act

To provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for
other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Intercountry Adoption Universal
Accreditation Act of 2012”.

SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS.
(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of title II and section 404
of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14901 et seq.),
and related implementing regulations, shall apply to any person
offering or providing adoption services in connection with a child
described in section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality
Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)(F)), to the same extent as they apply
to the offering or provision of adoption services in connection with
a Convention adoption. The Secretary of State, the Secretary of
Homeland Security, the Attorney General (with respect to section
404(b) of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14944)),
and the accrediting entities shall have the duties, responsibilities,
and authorities under title II and title IV of the Intercountry
Adoption Act of 2000 and related implementing regulations with
respect to a person offering or providing such adoption services,
irrespective of whether such services are offered or provided in
connection with a Convention adoption.
(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this section shall take
effect 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.
(c) TRANSITION RULE.—This Act shall not apply to a person
offering or providing adoption services as described in subsection
(a) in the case of a prospective adoption in which—
(1) an application for advance processing of an orphan
petition or petition to classify an orphan as an immediate
relative for a child is filed before the date that is 180 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act; or
(2) the prospective adoptive parents of a child have initiated
the adoption process with the filing of an appropriate applica-
tion in a foreign country sufficient such that the Secretary
of State is satisfied before the date that is 180 days after
the date of the enactment of this Act.
SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF COLLECTED FEES FOR ACCREDITING ENTITIES.

(a) Section 403 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14943) is amended by striking subsection (c).

(b) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Section 202(b) of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14922(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) REPORT ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING.—Not later than 90 days after an accrediting entity receives Federal funding authorized by section 403, the entity shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that describes—

"(A) the amount of such funding the entity received; and

"(B) how such funding was, or will be, used by the entity.".

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the terms "accrediting entity", "adoption service", "Convention adoption", and "person" have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14902).

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.