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Improving outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking, and other purposes.

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

A BILL

Improving outcomes for youth at risk for sex trafficking,
and 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Improving Outcomes for Youth At Risk for Sex Traf-
6 ficking Act of 2013”.

7 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

TITLE I—ADDRESSING THE RISKS THAT MAKE YOUTH VULNERABLE TO SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES

- Sec. 101. Identifying and screening youth at risk of sex trafficking.
 Sec. 102. Supporting normalcy for children in foster care.
 Sec. 103. Improvements to another planned permanent living arrangement as a permanency option.
 Sec. 104. Restrictions on and improvements to placement in child care institutions or other settings that are not a foster family home.
 Sec. 105. Redirecting funds for block grants to States for social services to improve child welfare and address issues of domestic sex trafficking.
 Sec. 106. Nonapplication of cost allocation requirements for State expenditures related to identifying and screening youth at risk of sex trafficking and other negative outcomes and supporting normalcy.
 Sec. 107. Information on children in foster care placed in child care institutions or other settings that are not a foster family home in annual reports using AFCARS data; consultation.

TITLE II—EMPOWERING OLDER YOUTH VULNERABLE TO DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES

- Sec. 201. Empowering foster youth age 14 and older in the development of their own case plan and transition planning for a successful adulthood.
 Sec. 202. Ensuring foster youth have a birth certificate, social security card, and a bank account.
 Sec. 203. Education improvements for older youth.
 Sec. 204. Increased funding for housing assistance for victims of sex trafficking and other youth and additional changes to support successful transitions to adulthood through the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program.
 Sec. 205. Authority for monthly caseworker visits to occur electronically for foster youth age 18 or older.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 301. Pilot program to support placement stability for children in therapeutic foster care.
 Sec. 302. Presidential award for excellence in the field of child welfare.
 Sec. 303. Determination of budgetary effects.
 Sec. 304. Extension of effective date for State law amendment.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

- 3 (1) Recent reports on sex trafficking estimate
 4 that hundreds of thousands of children and youth
 5 are at risk for domestic sex trafficking.

1 (2) The risk is compounded every year for the
2 up to 30,000 young people who are “emancipated”
3 from foster care.

4 (3) The current child welfare system does not
5 effectively identify, prevent, or intervene when a
6 child or youth presents as trafficked or at risk for
7 trafficking.

8 (4) Within the current foster care system, many
9 young adults are housed in congregate care facilities
10 or group homes, which often are targeted by traf-
11 fickers.

12 (5) Within the current foster care system, chil-
13 dren and youth are routinely denied the opportunity
14 to participate in normal, age or developmentally ap-
15 propriate activities such as joining 4-H and other
16 clubs, participating in school plays, playing sports,
17 going to camp, and visiting a friend.

18 (6) A lack of normalcy and barriers to partici-
19 pation in age or developmentally appropriate activi-
20 ties, which are endemic features of the current child
21 welfare system, contribute to increased vulnerability
22 for trafficking, homelessness, and other negative
23 outcomes for children and youth in foster care.

24 (7) The latest research in adolescent brain de-
25 velopment indicates that young people learn through

1 experience and through trial and error and as part
2 of healthy brain development young people need to
3 take on increasing levels of decisionmaking through
4 their teenage years.

5 (8) In order to combat domestic sex trafficking
6 and to improve outcomes for children and youth in
7 foster care, systemic changes need to be made to the
8 current child welfare system that focus on—

9 (A) the reduction of youth in congregate
10 care facilities and group homes;

11 (B) greater youth interaction with case
12 planning while in foster care;

13 (C) improved policies and procedures that
14 encourage age or developmentally appropriate
15 activities for children in foster care and permit
16 more opportunities for such children to make
17 meaningful and permanent connects with caring
18 adults; and

19 (D) with regard to domestic sex traf-
20 ficking, improved identification, prevention, and
21 intervention by the child welfare agency in col-
22 laboration with the courts, local law enforce-
23 ment agencies, and other social service pro-
24 viders.

1 **TITLE I—ADDRESSING THE**
2 **RISKS THAT MAKE YOUTH**
3 **VULNERABLE TO SEX TRAF-**
4 **FICKING AND OTHER NEGA-**
5 **TIVE OUTCOMES**

6 **SEC. 101. IDENTIFYING AND SCREENING YOUTH AT RISK**
7 **OF SEX TRAFFICKING.**

8 Section 471(a)(9) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 671(a)(9)) is amended—

- 10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;
- 11 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”
12 after the semicolon; and
- 13 (3) by adding at the end the following:
- 14 “(C) not later than—
- 15 “(i) January 1, 2015, demonstrate to
16 the Secretary that it has developed, in con-
17 sultation with the child protective services
18 agency for the State, policies and proce-
19 dures for identifying and screening, and to
20 determine appropriate State action and
21 services, any child who the State has rea-
22 sonable cause to believe is a victim of sex
23 trafficking (as defined in section 103(10)
24 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
25 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(10))) or a severe

1 form of trafficking in persons described in
 2 paragraph (9)(A) of that Act (22 U.S.C.
 3 7102(9)(A)) or is at risk of being a victim
 4 of either kind of trafficking (including at
 5 the option of the State, any individual who
 6 has not attained age 26 without regard to
 7 whether that individual is or was in foster
 8 care under the responsibility of the State);
 9 and

10 “(ii) January 1, 2016, demonstrate to
 11 the Secretary that it is implementing, in
 12 consultation with the child protective serv-
 13 ices agency for the State, the policies and
 14 procedures developed under clause (i).”.

15 **SEC. 102. SUPPORTING NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOS-**
 16 **TER CARE.**

17 (a) REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STAND-
 18 ARD.—

19 (1) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO THE STAND-
 20 ARD.—Section 475 of the Social Security Act (42
 21 U.S.C. 675) is amended by adding at the end the
 22 following:

23 “(9)(A) The term ‘reasonable and prudent par-
 24 ent standard’ means the standard characterized by
 25 careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain

1 a child’s health, safety, and best interests while at
2 the same time encouraging the child’s emotional and
3 developmental growth, that a caregiver shall use
4 when determining whether to allow a child in foster
5 care under the responsibility of the State to partici-
6 pate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social ac-
7 tivities.

8 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
9 term ‘caregiver’ means a foster parent with whom a
10 child in foster care has been placed or a designated
11 official for a child care institution in which a child
12 in foster care has been placed.

13 “(10)(A) The term ‘age or developmentally ap-
14 propriate’ means activities or items that are gen-
15 erally accepted as suitable for children of the same
16 chronological age or level of maturity or that are de-
17 termined to be developmentally appropriate for a
18 child, based on the development of cognitive, emo-
19 tional, physical, and behavioral capacities that are
20 typical for an age or age group.

21 “(B) In the case of a specific child, the term
22 means activities or items that are suitable for that
23 child based on the developmental stages attained by
24 the child with respect to the child’s cognitive, emo-
25 tional, physical, and behavioral capacities.”.

1 (2) STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.—Section
2 471(a)(24) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 671(a)(24)) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “include a” and inserting
5 “(A) includes a”;

6 (B) by striking “and that such prepara-
7 tion” and inserting “that such preparation”;

8 (C) by inserting “, and that such prepara-
9 tion shall include knowledge and skills relating
10 to the reasonable and prudent parent standard
11 for the child’s participation in age or develop-
12 mentally appropriate activities, including knowl-
13 edge and skills relating to the developmental
14 stages of a child’s cognitive, emotional, physical,
15 and behavioral capacities, and knowledge and
16 skills relating to applying the standard to deci-
17 sions such as whether to allow the child to en-
18 gage in social, extracurricular, and enrichment
19 activities, including sports, field trips, and over-
20 night activities lasting one or more days, and to
21 decisions involving the signing of permission
22 slips and arranging of transportation for the
23 child to and from social, extracurricular, and
24 enrichment activities” before the semicolon.

1 (b) NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE IN-
2 STITUTIONS.—Paragraph (10) of section 471(a) of the So-
3 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)) is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 “(10) provides—

6 “(A) for the establishment or designation
7 of a State authority or authorities that shall be
8 responsible for establishing and maintaining
9 standards for foster family homes and child
10 care institutions which are reasonably in accord
11 with recommended standards of national orga-
12 nizations concerned with standards for such in-
13 stitutions or homes, including standards related
14 to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and
15 protection of civil rights, and which shall permit
16 use of the reasonable and prudent parenting
17 standard;

18 “(B) that the standards so established
19 under subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the
20 State to any foster family home or child care
21 institution receiving funds under this part or
22 part B of this title and shall require, as a con-
23 dition of any contract entered into by the State
24 agency and a child care institution, the pres-
25 ence on-site of at least 1 official who, with re-

1 spect to any child placed at the child care insti-
2 tution, is designated to be the caregiver who is
3 authorized to apply the reasonable and prudent
4 parent standard to decisions involving the
5 child’s access to age or developmentally appro-
6 priate items and participation in age or develop-
7 mentally appropriate activities, and who is pro-
8 vided with training in how to use and apply the
9 reasonable and prudent parent standard in the
10 same manner as prospective foster parents are
11 provided such training under paragraph (24);

12 “(C) that the standards so established
13 under subparagraph (A) include policies and
14 procedures to safeguard foster parents and pri-
15 vate entities under contract by the State
16 against frivolous lawsuits involving the applica-
17 tion of the reasonable and prudent parent
18 standard; and

19 “(D) that a waiver of any standards so es-
20 tablished under subparagraph (A) may be made
21 only on a case-by-case basis for nonsafety
22 standards (as determined by the State) in rel-
23 ative foster family homes for specific children in
24 care;”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by
 2 this section shall take effect on the date that is 1 year
 3 after the date of enactment of this Act, without regard
 4 to whether regulations have been promulgated by that
 5 date to implement the amendments made by this section.

6 **SEC. 103. IMPROVEMENTS TO ANOTHER PLANNED PERMA-**
 7 **NENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AS A PERMA-**
 8 **NENCY OPTION.**

9 (a) ELIMINATION OF THE OPTION FOR CHILDREN
 10 UNDER AGE 16.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 475(5)(C) of the So-
 12 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)) is amended
 13 by inserting “only in the case of a child who has at-
 14 tained age 16” before “(in cases where the State
 15 agency has documented”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 17 422(b)(8)(A)(iii)(II) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 18 622(b)(8)(A)(iii)(II)) is amended by inserting “,
 19 subject to the requirements of paragraphs (5)(C)
 20 and (10) of section 475” after “arrangement”.

21 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part E of title IV of the So-
 23 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended
 24 by inserting after section 475 the following new sec-
 25 tion:

1 “ADDITIONAL CASE PLAN AND CASE REVIEW SYSTEM
2 REQUIREMENTS

3 “SEC. 475A. (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ANOTHER
4 PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT.—In the
5 case of any child for whom another planned permanent
6 living arrangement is the permanency plan for the child,
7 the following requirements shall apply for purposes of ap-
8 proving the case plan for the child and the case system
9 review procedure for the child:

10 “(1) DOCUMENTATION OF INTENSIVE, ONGO-
11 ING, UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS FOR FAMILY PLACE-
12 MENT.—At each permanency hearing held with re-
13 spect to the child, the State agency documents the
14 intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the hear-
15 ing, unsuccessful efforts made by the State agency
16 to return the child home or secure a placement for
17 the child with a fit and willing relative, a legal
18 guardian, or an adoptive parent, including through
19 efforts that utilize search technology to find biologi-
20 cal family members for children in the child welfare
21 system.

22 “(2) REDETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATENESS
23 OF PLACEMENT AT EACH PERMANENCY HEARING.—
24 At each permanency hearing held with respect to the
25 child, the court or administrative body appointed or

1 approved by the court conducting the hearing on the
2 permanency plan for the child shall do the following:

3 “(A) Ask the child if the child wants to be
4 adopted.

5 “(B) Make a judicial determination of a
6 compelling reason with respect to each of the
7 following options for why it continues to not be
8 in the best interests of the child to—

9 “(i) return home;

10 “(ii) be placed for adoption;

11 “(iii) be placed with a legal guardian;

12 or

13 “(iv) be placed with a fit and willing
14 relative.

15 “(C) Make a new determination that an-
16 other planned permanent living arrangement is
17 the appropriate permanency plan for this child
18 and submit findings as to why, as of the date
19 of the hearing, another planned permanent liv-
20 ing arrangement is the best permanency plan
21 for the child.

22 “(D) Identify the barriers to permanency
23 plans other than another planned permanent
24 living arrangement for the child.

1 “(E) Require the State agency to docu-
2 ment at the next permanency hearing held with
3 respect to the child the intensive, ongoing, ef-
4 forts made by the State agency to address such
5 barriers and allow a different permanency plan
6 for the child.

7 “(3) DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR EN-
8 GAGING IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPRO-
9 PRIATE ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS.—The
10 State agency shall appear before the court or admin-
11 istrative body appointed or approved by the court
12 and demonstrate, not less frequently than every 6
13 months while the child is placed in another planned
14 permanent living arrangement—

15 “(A) the steps the State agency is taking,
16 including with respect to reducing barriers such
17 as paper work or other documentation, to en-
18 sure the child has regular, ongoing opportuni-
19 ties to engage in age or developmentally appro-
20 priate activities, including social events; and

21 “(B) that an individual, other than a case-
22 worker, is the caregiver for the child for pur-
23 poses of the reasonable and prudent parent
24 standard, including with respect to authority
25 for signing permission slips and giving informal

1 permission for the child to participate in age or
2 developmentally appropriate activities, including
3 social events.”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (i) PART B.—Section 422(b)(8)(A)(ii)
7 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 622(b)(8)(A)(ii)) is amended by inserting
9 “and in accordance with the requirements
10 of section 475A” after “section 475(5)”.

11 (ii) PART E.—Section 471(a)(16) of
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
13 671(a)(16)) is amended—

14 (I) by inserting “and in accord-
15 ance with the requirements of section
16 475A” after “section 475(1)”; and

17 (II) by striking “section
18 475(5)(B)” and inserting “section
19 475(5) and 475A”.

20 (B) DEFINITIONS.—Section 475 of the So-
21 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675) is amended—

22 (i) in paragraph (1), in the matter
23 preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting
24 “meets the requirements of section 475A
25 and” after “written document which”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (5)(C), as amended
2 by section 102(a)(1) and subsection (a)(1),
3 is amended—

4 (I) by inserting “, as of the date
5 of the hearing,” after “compelling rea-
6 son for determining”; and

7 (II) by inserting “subject to the
8 requirements of section 475A(a),”
9 after “another planned permanent liv-
10 ing arrangement,”.

11 (c) COLLECTED CHILD SUPPORT DIRECTED TO THE
12 YOUTH.—

13 (1) FOSTER YOUTH IN ANOTHER PLANNED
14 PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT.—Section
15 457(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 657(e)(1)) is amended by inserting “unless the per-
17 manency plan for the child is another planned per-
18 manent living arrangement, in which case the
19 amounts collected (without any reimbursement to
20 the Federal Government) shall be deposited in an
21 account established in the child’s name at an insured
22 depository institution (as defined in section 3 of the
23 Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)) or
24 an insured credit union (as defined in section 101 of
25 the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752)) and

1 used at the discretion of the child (and, until the
2 child attains age 18, in consultation with the child’s
3 caregiver) for payment of fees or other costs attrib-
4 utable to the child’s participation in age or develop-
5 mentally appropriate activities” before the semi-
6 colon.

7 (2) FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO HAVE AGED
8 OUT OF FOSTER CARE.—Section 457 of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 657) is amended—

10 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
11 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “(d) and (e)”
12 and inserting “(d), (e), and (f)”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(f) YOUTH AGE 18 OR OLDER IN FOSTER CARE.—
16 Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section,
17 amounts collected by a State as child support for months
18 in any period on behalf of a child who is in foster care
19 under the responsibility of the State on the date the child
20 attains 18 years of age or such higher age as the State
21 has elected under section 475(8)(B)(iii) shall be paid to
22 the child (without any reimbursement to the Federal Gov-
23 ernment).”.

24 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
2 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
3 shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 (2) DELAY OF CHILD SUPPORT AMENDMENT
6 PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION REQUIRED.—In
7 the case of a State plan approved under section 454
8 of the Social Security Act which requires State legis-
9 lation (other than legislation appropriating funds) in
10 order for the plan to meet the additional require-
11 ments imposed by the amendments made by sub-
12 section (c), the State plan shall not be regarded as
13 failing to comply with the additional requirements
14 solely on the basis of the failure of the plan to meet
15 the additional requirements before the first day of
16 the first calendar quarter beginning after the close
17 of the first regular session of the State legislature
18 that begins after the date of enactment of this Act.
19 For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case
20 of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each
21 year of such session shall be deemed to be a sepa-
22 rate regular session of the State legislature.

1 **SEC. 104. RESTRICTIONS ON AND IMPROVEMENTS TO**
2 **PLACEMENT IN CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS**
3 **OR OTHER SETTINGS THAT ARE NOT A FOS-**
4 **TER FAMILY HOME.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENT.**—Section
6 475(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 675(5)(A)) is amended—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “, and” and insert-
9 ing a semicolon;

10 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the comma at the
11 end and inserting “; and”; and

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

13 “(iii) if the child is to be placed in a
14 child care institution, an emergency group
15 setting that is expected to last for more
16 than 15 days, or any other setting that is
17 not a foster family home, the State agency
18 must appear before a court and verify
19 that—

20 “(I) a family group decision-
21 making meeting was held at which it
22 was determined that such placement
23 is in the best interests of the child; or

24 “(II) efforts have been made (by
25 an individual experienced in using in-
26 tensive search technology) to locate

1 relatives or other potential guardians
2 for the child but that those family-
3 finding efforts, while ongoing, have
4 thus far been unsuccessful in locating
5 an alternative placement; and

6 “(iv) within 90 days of placement of
7 the child in the child care institution or
8 other setting that is not a foster family
9 home, and every 90 days thereafter while
10 the child remains in such setting, the State
11 agency shall—

12 “(I) reconsider whether such
13 placement continues to be in the best
14 interests of the child and supports the
15 ongoing development of the child; and

16 “(II) ensure that the child’s case
17 plan is updated to reflect the result of
18 such reconsideration;”.

19 (b) DEFINITION OF FOSTER FAMILY HOME.—Sec-
20 tion 472(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 672(c)(1)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “For purposes of this part,” and
23 inserting “DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
24 part.”; and

1 (2) by striking “(1) the term” and all that fol-
2 lows through “(2) the term”, and inserting the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(1) FOSTER FAMILY HOME.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘foster fam-
6 ily home’ means the home of an individual or
7 family licensed or approved by the State in
8 which it is situated as meeting the standards
9 established for such licensing or approval, that
10 provides 24-hour substitute care for children
11 placed away from their parents or other care-
12 takers, and that provides such care for—

13 “(i) not more than 3 foster children
14 who have not attained age 2;

15 “(ii) not more than 4 foster children
16 who have attained age 2 but have not at-
17 tained age 5;

18 “(iii) not more than 4 foster children
19 who have attained age 5 but have not at-
20 tained age 13; and

21 “(iv) not more than 4 foster children
22 who have attained age 13.

23 “(B) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—The maximum
24 number of children permitted under a clause of
25 subparagraph (A) may be decreased by a State

1 and only may be increased by a State for any
 2 one or more of the following reasons:

3 “(i) To allow siblings to remain to-
 4 gether.

5 “(ii) To allow a child with an estab-
 6 lished, meaningful relationship with the
 7 family, such as a former foster child, to re-
 8 main with the family.

9 “(iii) To allow a family to provide
 10 care to a child who has a severe emotional
 11 or physical disability.

12 “(2) CHILD CARE INSTITUTION.—The term”.

13 (c) REDUCTION IN FEDERAL MATCH FOR PLACE-
 14 MENT IN A SETTING OTHER THAN A FOSTER FAMILY
 15 HOME.—Section 474 of the Social Security Act (42
 16 U.S.C. 674) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “subject
 18 to subsection (h)” before “an amount equal to the
 19 Federal”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(h) REDUCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE
 22 FOR PLACEMENT IN A SETTING OTHER THAN A FOSTER
 23 FAMILY HOME.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
 25 (a) and any regulations promulgated under section

1 1123A(b)(3), no Federal payment shall be made
2 under subsection (a)(1) for amounts expended dur-
3 ing a quarter for foster care maintenance payments
4 under section 472 for any child in a congregate care
5 placement for—

6 “(A) in the case of a child who has not at-
7 tained age 13, more than 15 consecutive or
8 nonconsecutive days; and

9 “(B) in the case of a child who has at-
10 tained age 13, more than 365 consecutive days
11 or 548 nonconsecutive days, whichever occurs
12 first.

13 “(2) DETERMINATIONS OF AGE OF CHILDREN
14 AND LENGTH OF PLACEMENTS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
16 make determinations relating to the age of chil-
17 dren and length of congregate care placements
18 on the basis of the most recent best data avail-
19 able.

20 “(B) DATA COLLECTION.—The Secretary
21 may require States to submit such information
22 and data as necessary to carry out this sub-
23 section.

24 “(3) DEFINITION OF CONGREGATE CARE
25 PLACEMENT.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, the
2 term ‘congregate care placement’ means place-
3 ment in a child care institution or any other
4 setting that is not a foster family home.

5 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term does not
6 include placement in any of the following:

7 “(i) A setting specializing in providing
8 prenatal or post-partum supports for
9 youth.

10 “(ii) A setting specializing in pro-
11 viding supports for parenting teens.

12 “(iii) In the case of a child who has
13 attained 18 years of age, a supervised set-
14 ting in which the child is living independ-
15 ently.

16 “(iv) In the case of a child with a se-
17 vere physical disability, an institution spe-
18 cializing in treatment for children with
19 such disabilities.

20 “(v) An emergency placement in a
21 setting that is not a foster family home
22 that does not exceed 15 days.”.

23 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section take effect on October 1, 2015.

1 **SEC. 105. REDIRECTING FUNDS FOR BLOCK GRANTS TO**
 2 **STATES FOR SOCIAL SERVICES TO IMPROVE**
 3 **CHILD WELFARE AND ADDRESS ISSUES OF**
 4 **DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING.**

5 (a) REPEAL OF BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR SO-
 6 CIAL SERVICES.—Sections 2001 through 2004 and sec-
 7 tions 2006 and 2007 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 1397–1397c, 1397e–1397f) are repealed.

9 (b) CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAMS.—

10 (1) REDIRECTING FUNDING.—Section 425 of
 11 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 625) is amend-
 12 ed—

13 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “;
 14 RESERVATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS” after
 15 “APPROPRIATIONS”;

16 (B) by inserting “(a)” before “To”;

17 (C) by striking “2016.” and inserting
 18 “2014, and \$725,000,000 for each of fiscal
 19 years 2015 through 2016.”; and

20 (D) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(b) From the amounts specified in subsection (a) for
 22 a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2015), the Sec-
 23 retary shall reserve \$400,000,000 for payments to States
 24 from allotments under section 423(f).”.

25 (2) REQUIRED USE OF REDIRECTED FUND-
 26 ING.—

1 (A) PURPOSES.—Section 421 of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 621) is amended—

3 (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting “,
4 including the domestic sex trafficking of
5 children” after “children”;

6 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking
7 “and” after the semicolon;

8 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
9 paragraph (6); and

10 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (4),
11 the following:

12 “(5) providing funding to support implementa-
13 tion of the reasonable and prudent parent standard
14 and the participation of children in foster care,
15 adoptive, or kinship care families in age or develop-
16 mentally appropriate activities; and”.

17 (B) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.—Section
18 423 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 623)
19 is amended—

20 (i) in subsection (a), by striking “The
21 sum appropriated pursuant to section 425
22 for each fiscal year shall be allotted by the
23 Secretary” and inserting “From the
24 amount described in section 425(a) for any
25 fiscal year that remains after applying sec-

1 tion 425(b) for the fiscal year, the Sec-
 2 retary shall make allotments to States”;
 3 and

4 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 “(f) ADDITIONAL STATE ALLOTMENTS FOR EXPLOI-
 7 TATION PREVENTION AND NORMALCY.—

8 “(1) EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND NOR-
 9 MALCY ALLOTMENTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with fiscal
 11 year 2015, in addition to any allotment for a
 12 State determined under subsection (a) for a fis-
 13 cal year, the Secretary shall determine for each
 14 State for which an allotment is made under
 15 that subsection for the fiscal year, an additional
 16 allotment equal to the sum of—

17 “(i) the exploitation prevention
 18 amount determined for the State for the
 19 fiscal year under paragraph (2); and

20 “(ii) the normalcy support amount de-
 21 termined for the State for the fiscal year
 22 under paragraph (3).

23 “(B) USE OF ALLOTMENT AMOUNTS.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The exploitation
 25 prevention amount of a State allotment

1 made under this subsection for a fiscal
2 year shall only be used by a State to carry
3 out the purpose described in section 421(2)
4 in accordance with clause (ii) and the nor-
5 maley support amount of a State allotment
6 made under this subsection for a fiscal
7 year shall only be used to carry out the
8 purpose described in section 421(5) in ac-
9 cordance with clause (iii).

10 “(ii) PERMISSIVE USES FOR EXPLOI-
11 TATION PREVENTION FUNDS.—In addition
12 to other activities to prevent the neglect,
13 abuse, or exploitation of children, funds
14 made available from the exploitation pre-
15 vention amount of a State allotment made
16 under this subsection for a fiscal year may
17 be used for any or all of the following:

18 “(I) Establishment of a hotline
19 uniquely prepared to receive calls
20 from youth in foster care, or other
21 youth, concerning neglect, sexual or
22 physical abuse, or exploitation, and
23 whose staff, which may include
24 trained foster care alumni, are
25 equipped to provide such youth with

1 guidance and reassurance related to
2 reporting such neglect, abuse, or ex-
3 ploitation, and are able to offer other
4 supports (including appropriate refer-
5 rals for mental health or law enforce-
6 ment services) for such youth.

7 “(II) Healthy relationship train-
8 ing for youth.

9 “(III) Efforts to identify prior
10 child sex abuse among children and
11 youth brought to the attention of the
12 child welfare agency and to provide
13 treatment and services, including
14 mental health treatment needed as a
15 result of being trafficked, to enable
16 such children and youth to recover,
17 including through support of non-
18 profit agencies, such as children’s ad-
19 vocacy centers, that provide com-
20 prehensive treatment and services to
21 child victims of sexual abuse.

22 “(IV) Activities related to identi-
23 fying and preventing labor trafficking
24 of children in foster care.

1 “(V) Treatment for victims of
2 trafficking and sexual abuse that rec-
3 ognizes the pervasiveness of trauma
4 and makes a commitment to identify
5 and address it early, seeks to under-
6 stand the connection between pre-
7 senting symptoms and behaviors and
8 an individual’s past trauma history,
9 and provides trauma-specific treat-
10 ment that is developmentally focused
11 and specialized as needed to address
12 complex trauma-related consequences.

13 “(iii) USES FOR NORMALCY SUPPORT
14 FUNDS.—

15 “(I) REQUIRED AND PERMISSIVE
16 USES.—Funds made available from
17 the normalcy support amount of a
18 State allotment made under this sub-
19 section for a fiscal year shall be used
20 for any or all of activities described in
21 subclause (II) and any or all of the
22 costs described in subclause (III) and
23 may be used for activities described in
24 subclause (IV).

1 “(II) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2 REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT
3 STANDARD.—Activities related to im-
4 plementation of the reasonable and
5 prudent parent standard, including
6 (but not limited to) any of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(aa) Recruitment of foster
9 parents and training for case-
10 workers on how to retain and
11 support the foster families as-
12 signed to them through the provi-
13 sion of an ongoing relationship
14 with those families.

15 “(bb) Training for foster
16 parents on the reasonable and
17 prudent parent standard.

18 “(cc) Reviewing State licens-
19 ing standards and other State or
20 local safety certifications or pro-
21 visions to ensure that such stand-
22 ards, certifications, and provi-
23 sions do not impede the ability of
24 children in foster care to partici-
25 pate in age or developmentally

1 appropriate social, enrichment,
2 and extracurricular activities.

3 “(dd) Removing barriers to
4 full application of the reasonable
5 and prudent parenting standard
6 and to normalcy for children in
7 foster care.

8 “(ee) Developing a list of
9 age or developmentally appro-
10 priate activities and other infor-
11 mation to assist caregivers in the
12 application of the reasonable and
13 prudent parenting standard.

14 “(ff) Reviewing liability pro-
15 visions in the State to clarify the
16 ability of caregivers to apply the
17 reasonable and prudent parenting
18 standard while continuing to en-
19 sure their accountability.

20 “(gg) Training on identifica-
21 tion of prior sexual abuse, keep-
22 ing children safe from sexual
23 abuse, and keeping children and
24 youth safe from trafficking.

1 “(III) PARTICIPATION FEES,
2 TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER NOR-
3 MALCY-RELATED COSTS.—To pay di-
4 rectly, or to reimburse, payment for
5 any trips fees, uniforms, materials, or
6 costs associated with the participation
7 of children in foster care, or, at the
8 discretion of the State, in kinship care
9 or guardianship arrangements, in age
10 or developmentally appropriate activi-
11 ties, including entertainment or rec-
12 reational activities that are age or de-
13 velopmentally appropriate and typical
14 for children in the general public, to
15 pay for costs associated with permit-
16 ting age or developmentally appro-
17 priate access of children in foster care
18 to cell phones and computers, and to
19 pay for costs associated with pro-
20 viding transportation for children in
21 foster care to and from part-time em-
22 ployment.

23 “(IV) EDUCATIONAL STA-
24 BILITY.—Activities related to com-
25 plying with the requirements of sec-

1 tion 471(a)(30) and paragraphs
2 (1)(G) and (4)(A) of section 475, as
3 added by section 204 of the Fostering
4 Connections to Success and Increasing
5 Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public
6 Law 110–351).

7 “(iv) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Ex-
8 penditures from the normalcy support
9 amount of a State allotment made under
10 this subsection for a fiscal year that are
11 described in clause (iii)(II) shall not be
12 considered to be expenditures for foster
13 care maintenance payments under this
14 part.

15 “(C) EVALUATION AND REPORT ON USES
16 FOR EXPLOITATION PREVENTION FUNDS.—The
17 Secretary shall conduct, by grant, contract, or
18 interagency agreement, an evaluation of the ac-
19 tivities carried out with funds made available
20 from the exploitation prevention amount of
21 State allotments made under this subsection
22 and, not later than October 1, 2018, shall sub-
23 mit a report to Congress that includes best
24 practices for the use of such funds.

1 “(2) DETERMINATION OF EXPLOITATION PRE-
2 VENTION AMOUNT.—With respect to a State and a
3 fiscal year, the exploitation prevention amount is
4 equal to the product of \$200,000,000 and the ratio
5 of—

6 “(A) the amount of the allotment deter-
7 mined under subsection (a) for the State for the
8 fiscal year (without regard to any amounts real-
9 lotted to the State under subsection (e) for the
10 year); to

11 “(B) the sum of the allotments determined
12 for all States for the fiscal year under sub-
13 section (a) (as so determined).

14 “(3) DETERMINATION OF NORMALCY SUPPORT
15 AMOUNT.—With respect to a State and a fiscal year,
16 the normalcy support amount is equal to the product
17 of \$200,000,000 and the ratio of—

18 “(A) the amount of the allotment deter-
19 mined under subsection (a) for the State for the
20 fiscal year (without regard to any amounts real-
21 lotted to the State under subsection (e) for the
22 year); to

23 “(B) the sum of the allotments determined
24 for all States for the fiscal year under sub-
25 section (a) (as so determined).

1 “(4) REALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—The amount
2 of any allotment made to a State for a fiscal year
3 under this subsection which the State certifies to the
4 Secretary will not be required for carrying out the
5 purposes specified in paragraph (1)(B), shall be re-
6 allotted to other States in the same manner as un-
7 used amounts of allotments made under subsection
8 (a) are reallocated under subsection (e). Amounts re-
9 allotted to a State under this paragraph shall be
10 deemed to be part of the allotment made to the
11 State under this subsection for a fiscal year and only
12 may be used to carry out the purposes specified in
13 paragraph (1)(B).”.

14 (C) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—Section 424
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 624) is
16 amended—

17 (i) in subsection (a)—

18 (I) by striking “allotment” and
19 inserting “allotments”; and

20 (II) by striking “section 422 an”
21 and inserting “section 422, and in ad-
22 dition, from the allotment made under
23 section 423(f), each State that has
24 such a plan shall be entitled to pay-
25 ment, of a total”;

1 (ii) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (I) by striking “the allotment”
3 and inserting “each of the allot-
4 ments”; and

5 (II) by striking “amount” each
6 place it appears and inserting “total
7 amount”; and

8 (iii) in paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B)
9 of subsection (f), by striking “subsection
10 (a) for the fiscal year” each place it ap-
11 pears, and inserting “the portion of the
12 payment made to a State for the fiscal
13 year under this section that is attributable
14 to the allotment determined under section
15 423(a)”.

16 (D) PAYMENTS TO INDIAN TRIBAL ORGA-
17 NIZATIONS.—Section 428(b) of the Social Secu-
18 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 628(b)) is amended by in-
19 serting “under subsection (a) or (f) of” before
20 “section 423”.

21 (c) PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES.—

22 (1) REDIRECTING FUNDING.—Section 436(a) of
23 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(a)) is
24 amended by striking “2016.” and inserting “2014,

1 and \$1,095,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015
2 through 2016.”.

3 (2) REQUIRED USE OF PORTIONS OF REDIRECTED FUNDING.—
4

5 (A) INCLUSION OF RESIDENTIAL FAMILY
6 TREATMENT PROGRAMS, INTENSIVE FAMILY-
7 FINDING, AND PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIO-
8 LENCE IN FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES.—

9 Section 431(a) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 629a(a)) is amended—

11 (i) in paragraph (1)—

12 (I) in subparagraph (E), by
13 striking “and” after the semicolon;

14 (II) in subparagraph (F), by
15 striking the period at the end and in-
16 serting a semicolon; and

17 (III) by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(G) residential family treatment pro-
20 grams;

21 “(H) intensive family-finding efforts that
22 utilize search technology developed by public or
23 private entities and coordinated efforts with
24 public and private entities to locate and rees-
25 tablish relationships with biological family mem-

1 bers or other guardians for children in the child
 2 welfare system, and once identified, work to re-
 3 establish those relationships and explore ways
 4 to find a permanent family placement for the
 5 children;

6 “(I) services designed to identify and ad-
 7 dress domestic violence that endangers children
 8 and results in the placement of children in fos-
 9 ter care.”; and

10 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
 11 lowing:

12 “(10) RESIDENTIAL FAMILY TREATMENT PRO-
 13 GRAM.—The term ‘residential family treatment pro-
 14 gram’ means a program that enables parents and
 15 their children to live in a safe environment for a pe-
 16 riod of not less than 6 months and provides, on-site
 17 or by referral, substance abuse treatment services,
 18 children’s early intervention services, family coun-
 19 seling, medical, and mental health services, nursery
 20 and pre-school, and other services that are designed
 21 to provide comprehensive treatment that supports
 22 the family.”.

23 (B) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Section
 24 436(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 629f(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(6) SUPPORT FOR PRESERVING INTACT FAMI-
4 LIES, INCLUDING THROUGH RESIDENTIAL FAMILY
5 TREATMENT PROGRAMS.—

6 “(A) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall
7 reserve \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years
8 2015 through 2016 for allotment in accordance
9 with section 433(f).

10 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A State to which
11 an amount is paid from amounts reserved
12 under subparagraph (A) shall use the amount
13 to provide family preservation services and shall
14 use at least 10 percent of such amount for pro-
15 viding such services through residential family
16 treatment programs.

17 “(7) POST-PERMANENCY SERVICES.—

18 “(A) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall
19 reserve \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2015 through 2016 for allotment in accordance
21 with section 433(f).

22 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A State to which
23 an amount is paid from amounts reserved
24 under subparagraph (A) shall use the amount
25 to provide post-permanency services, including

1 with respect to family reunification, guardian-
2 ship, and adoption.

3 “(8) THERAPEUTIC SERVICES.—

4 “(A) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall
5 reserve \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years
6 2015 through 2016 for allotment in accordance
7 with section 433(f).

8 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A State to which
9 an amount is paid from amounts reserved
10 under subparagraph (A) shall use the amount
11 to provide services to parents and foster fami-
12 lies that are similar to the services provided in
13 therapeutic foster care programs for parents
14 and foster families.

15 “(9) FAMILY CONNECTION GRANTS.—The Sec-
16 retary shall reserve \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal
17 years 2015 through 2016 for awarding grants under
18 section 427.”.

19 (C) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
20 436(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 629f(b)(3)) is amended by striking “After ap-
22 plying” and all that follows through “percent”
23 and inserting “The Secretary shall reserve
24 \$9,150,000”.

1 (3) PAYMENT TO STATES.—Section 434(a) of
2 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629d(a)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “and”
5 after the semicolon;

6 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
7 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

9 “(3) the lesser of —

10 “(A) 75 percent of the total expenditures
11 by the State in accordance with paragraphs
12 (6)(B), (7)(B), and (8)(B), respectively, of sec-
13 tion 436(b) during the fiscal year or the imme-
14 diately succeeding fiscal year; or

15 “(B) the allotment amount of the State
16 under section 433(f) for the fiscal year.”.

17 (4) ALLOTMENT.—Section 433 of the Social Se-
18 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 629c) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following:

20 “(f) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS RESERVED TO SUPPORT
21 PRESERVING INTACT FAMILIES, INCLUDING THROUGH
22 RESIDENTIAL FAMILY TREATMENT PROGRAMS.—

23 “(1) TERRITORIES.—From the amounts re-
24 served pursuant to paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), re-
25 spectively, of section 436(b) for any fiscal year, the

1 Secretary shall allot, separately with respect to each
2 such amount reserved, to each jurisdiction specified
3 in subsection (b) of this section, an amount deter-
4 mined in the same manner as the allotment to each
5 of such jurisdictions is determined under section 423
6 (without regard to the initial allotment of \$70,000
7 to each State).

8 “(2) OTHER STATES.—From the amounts re-
9 served pursuant to paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), re-
10 spectively, of section 436(b) for any fiscal year that
11 remains after applying paragraph (1) of this sub-
12 section for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot,
13 separately with respect to each such amount re-
14 served, to each State (other than an Indian tribe)
15 not specified in subsection (b) of this section, an
16 amount equal to such remaining amount multiplied
17 by the supplemental nutrition assistance program
18 benefits percentage of the State (as defined in sub-
19 section (c)(2) of this section) for the fiscal year, ex-
20 cept that in applying subsection (c)(2)(A) of this
21 section, ‘subsection (f)(2)’ shall be substituted for
22 ‘such paragraph (1)’.”.

23 (5) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
24 432(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 629b(a)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (4), by inserting “(other
2 than expenditures by the State from funds re-
3 served under paragraphs (6), (7), (8), and (9)
4 respectively, of section 436(b)” after “the re-
5 maining expenditures”; and

6 (B) in paragraph (8)(B)—

7 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “, and
8 specifically the planned expenditures by the
9 State in accordance with paragraphs
10 (6)(B), (7)(B), and (8)(B), respectively, of
11 section 436(b)” before the semicolon; and

12 (ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “, and
13 specifically with respect to the services and
14 programs for which funds are reserved
15 under paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), respec-
16 tively, of section 436(b),” after “subpart
17 1”.

18 (d) COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—

19 (1) REDIRECTING FUNDING.—Section
20 436(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 629f(b)(2)) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000”
22 and inserting “\$180,000,000”.

23 (2) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—Section
24 438(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 629h(a)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “,
2 including the requirements under section
3 471(a)(9)(C) relating to protecting children
4 from domestic sex trafficking)” after “E”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
7 “, and to ensure collaboration between the
8 courts, child welfare agencies, law enforce-
9 ment, Court Appointed Special Advocates,
10 and social service agencies in the identi-
11 fication, prevention, and intervention of do-
12 mestic sex trafficking of children” after
13 “concurrent planning”;

14 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
15 (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (D) and
16 (E), respectively; and

17 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (A), the following:

19 “(B) to coordinate between court, child
20 welfare, law enforcement, and social service
21 agencies with respect to the recruitment, en-
22 couragement, and retention of foster and adop-
23 tive parents, guardians and relative caregivers
24 who are willing and able to meet the reasonable
25 and prudent parent standard;

1 “(C) to ensure that court processes encour-
2 age and facilitate participation in age or devel-
3 opmentally appropriate activities by youth in
4 foster care and enhance the opportunities of
5 such youth to make positive connections with
6 their peers, their siblings and with caring
7 adults;” and

8 (C) in paragraph (4)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “cases; and” and inserting “cases, includ-
11 ing on the reasonable and prudent parent
12 standard for caregivers and improved over-
13 sight of such cases where another planned
14 permanent living arrangement is the per-
15 manency plan;”;

16 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
17 (B) as subparagraph (C) and realigning
18 the left margin so as to align with para-
19 graph (4); and

20 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
21 (A), the following:

22 “(B) to provide for the training of court, child
23 welfare, law enforcement, Court Appointed Special
24 Advocates, and social service agencies personnel on

1 the identification, prevention, and intervention of do-
2 mestic sex trafficking; and”.

3 (3) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—Section
4 438(c)(3)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629h(c)(3)(A))
5 is amended—

6 (A) in clause (i), by striking “\$9,000,000”
7 and inserting “\$129,000,000”;

8 (B) in clause (iii), by striking
9 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$35,000,000”;
10 and

11 (C) in clause (iv), by striking
12 “\$1,000,000” and inserting “\$6,000,000”.

13 (4) IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE.—Section
14 426 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 626) is amended—

15 (A) in the section heading, by inserting “;
16 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE”;

17 (B) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROCE-
19 DURES FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM DOMESTIC
20 SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.—
21 Out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
22 priated, there are appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal
23 year 2015, \$49,000,000, to remain available until ex-
24 pended, for the purpose of providing technical assistance
25 to child welfare agencies, each highest State court that

1 receives funds under section 438, and law enforcement
2 agencies in implementing the requirements under section
3 471(a)(9)(C) (relating to protecting children from domes-
4 tic sex trafficking). The Secretary shall consult with the
5 Attorney General on the provision of technical assistance
6 under this subsection.”.

7 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) TITLE XX.—Title XX of such Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.) is amended—

10 (A) in the title heading, by striking
11 “BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR SO-
12 CIAL SERVICES” and inserting “HEALTH
13 PROFESSIONS DEMONSTRATIONS, EN-
14 VIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONDITION
15 DETECTION,”;

16 (B) in the heading for subtitle A, by strik-
17 ing “**Block Grants to States for Social**
18 **Services**” and inserting “**Health Profes-**
19 **sions Demonstrations and Environ-**
20 **mental Health Condition Detection**”;

21 (C) by redesignating sections 2005, 2008,
22 and 2009 as sections 2001, 2002, and 2003 re-
23 spectively;

1 (D) in section 2002(d)(2) (as redesignated
2 by subparagraph (C)), by striking “Section
3 2005(a)” and inserting “Section 2001(a)”; and

4 (E) in section 2003(f)(2) (as so redesign-
5 ated), by striking “Section 2005(a)” and in-
6 serting “Section 2001(a)”.

7 (2) TANF TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 404(d) of the
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 604(d)) is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 “(d) AUTHORITY TO USE PORTION OF GRANT FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a
14 State may use not more than 30 percent of the
15 amount of any grant made to the State under sec-
16 tion 403(a) for a fiscal year for any or all of the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(A) To develop, strengthen, and carry out
19 programs for the prevention, detection, assess-
20 ment, and treatment of, intervention in, inves-
21 tigation of, and response to elder abuse, ne-
22 glect, and exploitation under section 721 of the
23 Older Americans Act of 1965.

1 “(B) To carry out a State program pursu-
2 ant to the Child Care and Development Block
3 Grant Act of 1990.

4 “(C) To provide special services for per-
5 sons with developmental or physical disabilities,
6 or persons with visual or auditory impairments,
7 to maximize the potential of such persons and
8 to enable such persons to live in the least re-
9 strictive environment possible. Such services
10 may include personal and family counseling,
11 respite care, family supports, recreation, trans-
12 portation, aid to assist with independent func-
13 tioning in the community, training in mobility,
14 communication skills, the use of special aids
15 and appliances, and self-sufficiency skills. Resi-
16 dential and medical services may be included
17 only as an integral but subordinate part of such
18 services.

19 “(2) APPLICABLE RULES.—Any amount paid to
20 a State under this part that is used to carry out a
21 program or special services specified in paragraph
22 (1) shall not be subject to the requirements of this
23 part, but shall be subject to the requirements that
24 apply to Federal funds provided directly under the
25 provision of law to carry out the program, or, in the

1 case of special services described in paragraph
2 (1)(C), in accordance with such reporting and other
3 requirements as the Secretary shall specify, and the
4 expenditure of any amount so used shall not be con-
5 sidered to be an expenditure under this part.”.

6 (3) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (A) Section 422(b) of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 622(b)) is amended—

9 (i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

10 (I) by striking “administers or
11 supervises” and inserting “adminis-
12 tered or supervised”; and

13 (II) by striking “subtitle 1 of
14 title XX” and inserting “subtitle A of
15 title XX (as in effect before the repeal
16 of such subtitle)”; and

17 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
18 “under subtitle 1 of title XX,”.

19 (B) Section 471(a) of the Social Security
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)) is amended—

21 (i) in paragraph (4), by striking “,
22 under subtitle 1 of title XX of this Act,”;
23 and

24 (ii) in paragraph (8), by striking
25 “XIX, or XX” and inserting “or XIX”.

1 (C) Section 472(h)(1) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 672(h)(1)) is amended by striking the
3 second sentence.

4 (D) Section 473(b) of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 673(b)) is amended—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “(3)”
7 and inserting “(2)”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking
9 “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting
10 “paragraph (1)”; and

11 (iii) by striking paragraph (2) and re-
12 designating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
13 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

14 (E) Section 1128(h) of the Social Security
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7(h)) is amended—

16 (i) by adding “or” at the end of para-
17 graph (2); and

18 (ii) by striking paragraph (3) and re-
19 designating paragraph (4) as paragraph
20 (3).

21 (F) Section 1128A(i)(1) of such Act (42
22 U.S.C. 1320a-7a(i)(1)) is amended by striking
23 “or subtitle 1 of title XX of this Act”.

24 (G) Section 1132(a)(1) of the Social Secu-
25 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-2(a)(1)) is amended

1 by striking “XIX, or XX” and inserting “or
2 XIX”.

3 (H) Section 1902(e)(13)(F)(iii) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396a(e)(13)(F)(iii)) is amended—

6 (i) by striking “EXCLUSIONS” and in-
7 serting “EXCLUSION”; and

8 (ii) by striking “an agency that deter-
9 mines eligibility for a program established
10 under the Social Services Block Grant es-
11 tablished under title XX or”.

12 (I) Section 16(k)(5)(B)(i) of the Food and
13 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
14 2025(k)(5)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “, or
15 title XX,”.

16 (J) Section 402(b)(3) of the Personal Re-
17 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconcili-
18 ation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(3)) is
19 amended by striking subparagraph (B) and re-
20 designating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph
21 (B).

22 (K) Section 245A(h)(4)(I) of the Immigra-
23 tion Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C.
24 1255a(h)(4)(I)) is amended by striking “, XVI,
25 and XX” and inserting “and XVI”.

1 (L) Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell
2 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) is
3 amended—

4 (i) in subsection (a)(2)—

5 (I) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (aa) by striking “—” and all
7 that follows through “(i)”;

8 (bb) by striking “or” at the
9 end of clause (i); and

10 (cc) by striking clause (ii);

11 and

12 (II) in subparagraph (D)(ii), by
13 striking “or title XX”; and

14 (ii) in subsection (o)(2)(B)—

15 (I) by striking “or title XX” each
16 place it appears; and

17 (II) by striking “or XX”.

18 (M) Section 201(b) of the Indian Child
19 Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1931(b)) is
20 amended by striking “titles IV–B and XX”
21 each place it appears and inserting “part B of
22 title IV”.

23 (N) Section 3803(c)(2)(C) of title 31,
24 United States Code, is amended by striking
25 clause (vi) and redesignating clauses (vii)

1 through (xvi) as clauses (vi) through (xv), re-
2 spectively.

3 (O) Section 14502(d)(3) of title 40, United
4 States Code, is amended—

5 (i) by striking “and title XX”; and

6 (ii) by striking “, 1397 et seq.”.

7 (P) Section 2006(a)(15) of the Public
8 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300z–5(a)(15))
9 is amended by striking “and title XX”.

10 (Q) Section 203(b)(3) of the Older Ameri-
11 cans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3013(b)(3)) is
12 amended by striking “XIX, and XX” and in-
13 serting “and XIX”.

14 (R) Section 213 of the Older Americans
15 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3020d) is amended by
16 striking “or title XX”.

17 (S) Section 306(d) of the Older Americans
18 Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3026(d)) is amended in
19 each of paragraphs (1) and (2) by striking “ti-
20 tles XIX and XX” and inserting “title XIX”.

21 (T) Section 2605 of the Low-Income Home
22 Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
23 8624) is amended in each of subsections (b)(4)
24 and (j) by striking “under title XX of the So-
25 cial Security Act,”.

1 (U) Section 602 of the Child Development
2 Associate Scholarship Assistance Act of 1985
3 (42 U.S.C. 10901) is repealed.

4 (V) Section 3(d)(1) of the Assisted Suicide
5 Funding Restriction Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C.
6 14402(d)(1)) is amended by striking subpara-
7 graph (C) and redesignating subparagraphs (D)
8 through (K) as subparagraphs (C) through (J),
9 respectively.

10 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeals and amendments
11 made by this section take effect on October 1, 2014.

12 **SEC. 106. NONAPPLICATION OF COST ALLOCATION RE-**
13 **QUIREMENTS FOR STATE EXPENDITURES RE-**
14 **LATED TO IDENTIFYING AND SCREENING**
15 **YOUTH AT RISK OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND**
16 **OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES AND SUP-**
17 **PORTING NORMALCY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 474 of the Social Security
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 674), as amended by section 104(b), is
20 amended by adding at the end the following:

21 “(i) ELIMINATION OF COST ALLOCATION REQUIRE-
22 MENTS FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO IDENTIFYING
23 AND SCREENING YOUTH AT RISK OF SEX TRAFFICKING
24 AND OTHER NEGATIVE OUTCOMES AND SUPPORTING
25 NORMALCY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall treat
2 as necessary for the proper and efficient administra-
3 tion of the State plan all expenditures submitted by
4 a State under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sub-
5 section (a)(3) for training related to the require-
6 ments described in paragraph (2), and all expendi-
7 tures submitted by a State under subsection
8 (a)(3)(E) for activities related to the development
9 and implementation of requirements described in
10 paragraph (2), without regard to whether individuals
11 participating in such activities include individuals
12 providing care or services for children for whom as-
13 sistance may be provided under this part.

14 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-
15 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

16 “(A) The requirements of paragraph
17 (9)(C) of section 471(a) (relating to identifying
18 and screening youth at risk for sex trafficking).

19 “(B) The reasonable and prudent parent
20 standard, as defined in section 475(9) and im-
21 plemented under paragraphs (10) and (24) of
22 section 471(a).

23 “(C) The requirements of section
24 477(b)(3)(D) (related to training on youth de-
25 velopment to help caregivers and caseworkers

1 understand and address issues confronting
2 youth preparing for a successful transition to
3 adulthood).”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) takes effect on October 1, 2014.

6 **SEC. 107. INFORMATION ON CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**
7 **PLACED IN CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS OR**
8 **OTHER SETTINGS THAT ARE NOT A FOSTER**
9 **FAMILY HOME IN ANNUAL REPORTS USING**
10 **AFCARS DATA; CONSULTATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 479A of the Social Secu-
12 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 679b) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
14 the following:

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

16 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after
17 the semicolon;

18 (3) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking the period
19 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (4) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(7) include in the report submitted pursuant
22 to paragraph 5 for fiscal year 2015 or any suc-
23 ceeding fiscal year, State-by State data on children
24 in foster care who have been placed in a child care

1 institution or other setting that is not a foster fam-
2 ily home, including—

3 “(A) the number of children in such place-
4 ments and their ages, including separately, the
5 number and ages of children who have a perma-
6 nency plan of another planned permanent living
7 arrangement;

8 “(B) the duration of the placement in such
9 settings (including for children who have a per-
10 manency plan of another planned permanent
11 living arrangement);

12 “(C) the types of child care institutions
13 used (including, but not limited to, group
14 homes, residential treatment, shelters, or other
15 congregate care settings);

16 “(D) with respect to each child care insti-
17 tution or other setting that is not a foster fam-
18 ily home, the number of children in foster care
19 residing in each such institution or non-foster
20 family home; and

21 “(E) any clinically diagnosed special need
22 of such children; and

23 “(8) include in the report submitted pursuant
24 to paragraph 5 for fiscal year 2015 or any suc-
25 ceeding fiscal year, State-by-State data on children

1 in foster care who are pregnant or parenting teens.”;
2 and

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

4 “(b) CONSULTATION ON OTHER ISSUES.—The Sec-
5 retary shall consult with States and organizations with an
6 interest in child welfare, including organizations that pro-
7 vide adoption and foster care services, and shall take into
8 account requests from Members of Congress, in selecting
9 other issues to be analyzed and reported on under this
10 section using data available to the Secretary, including
11 data reported by States through the Adoption and Foster
12 Care Analysis and Reporting System and to the National
13 Youth in Transition Database.”.

14 (b) GAO REPORT ON SHELTER CARE PLACE-
15 MENTS.—The Comptroller General of the United States
16 shall review State placements of children at risk for foster
17 care placement and of children in foster care in emergency
18 and non-emergency shelter care, and, not later than 1 year
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, submit a report
20 to Congress that includes the following:

21 (1) Information relating to the prevalence of
22 such placements.

23 (2) The Federal and State expenditures for
24 such placements for the most recent year for which
25 data is available.

1 (3) Information relating to the length of place-
2 ments in shelter care.

3 (4) With respect to children for whom shelter
4 care is the initial placement for the child, an anal-
5 ysis of the effect of that placement on the perma-
6 nency outcomes for such children.

7 (5) Such additional information, including rec-
8 ommendations for administrative or legislative ac-
9 tion, as the Comptroller General determines appro-
10 prium.

11 **TITLE II—EMPOWERING OLDER**
12 **YOUTH VULNERABLE TO DO-**
13 **MESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING**
14 **AND OTHER NEGATIVE OUT-**
15 **COMES**

16 **SEC. 201. EMPOWERING FOSTER YOUTH AGE 14 AND OLDER**
17 **IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN CASE**
18 **PLAN AND TRANSITION PLANNING FOR A**
19 **SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOOD.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 475(1)(B) of the Social
21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(1)(B)) is amended by adding
22 at the end the following: “With respect to a child who has
23 attained age 14, the plan developed under this paragraph
24 for the child, the permanency plan required for the child
25 under paragraph (5)(C), and any revisions or additions

1 to such plans, shall be developed in consultation with the
2 child and, at the option of the child, with up to 2 members
3 of the case planning team who are chosen by the child
4 and who are not the child’s foster parent or caseworker.
5 A State may reject an individual selected by a child to
6 be a member of the case planning team at any time if
7 the State has good cause to believe that the individual
8 would not act in the best interests of the child. One indi-
9 vidual selected by a child to be a member of the child’s
10 case planning team may be designated to be the child’s
11 advisor and, as necessary, advocate, with respect to the
12 application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard
13 to the child.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE YOUTH
15 14 AND OLDER IN TRANSITION PLANNING.—Section 475
16 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 675) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1)(D), by striking “Where
18 appropriate, for a child age 16” and inserting “For
19 a child age 14”; and

20 (2) in paragraph (5)—

21 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “16”
22 and inserting “14”; and

23 (B) in subparagraph (I), by striking “16”
24 and inserting “14”.

1 (c) TRANSITION PLANNING FOR A SUCCESSFUL
2 ADULTHOOD.—Paragraphs (1)(D), (5)(C)(i), and
3 (5)(C)(iii) of section 475 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 675) are
4 each amended by striking “independent living” and insert-
5 ing “a successful adulthood”.

6 (d) LIST OF RIGHTS.—Section 475A of the Social Se-
7 curity Act, as added by section 103(b)(1), is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(b) LIST OF RIGHTS.—The case plan for any child
10 in foster care under the responsibility of the State or with
11 respect to whom adoption or kinship guardianship, assist-
12 ance is made available under this part, who has attained
13 age 14 shall include a written document that describes the
14 child’s rights with respect to education, health, visitation,
15 and court participation, and to staying safe and avoiding
16 exploitation and a signed acknowledgment by the child
17 that the child has been provided them with a written copy
18 of such document.”.

19 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
21 Human Services shall submit a report to Congress regard-
22 ing the implementation of the amendments made by this
23 section. The report shall include—

24 (1) an analysis of how States are administering
25 the requirement of section 475(1)(B) of the Social

1 Security Act, as amended by subsection (a) of this
2 Act, to permit a child in foster care who has at-
3 tained age 14 to select up to 2 members of the
4 child’s case planning team from individuals who are
5 not the child’s foster parent or caseworker; and

6 (2) a description of best practices of States with
7 respect to the administration of such requirement.

8 **SEC. 202. ENSURING FOSTER YOUTH HAVE A BIRTH CER-**
9 **TIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, AND A**
10 **BANK ACCOUNT.**

11 (a) CASE REVIEW SYSTEM REQUIREMENT.—Section
12 475(5)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(I))
13 is amended—

14 (1) by striking “and receives assistance” and
15 inserting “receives assistance”; and

16 (2) by inserting before the period, the following:
17 “and is not discharged from care without being pro-
18 vided with an official birth certificate, a social secu-
19 rity card issued by the Commissioner of Social Secu-
20 rity, and a fee-free (or low-fee) transaction account
21 (as defined in section 19(b)(1)(C) of the Federal Re-
22 serve Act (12 U.S.C. 461(b)(1)(C))) established in
23 the child’s name at an insured depository institution
24 (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit In-
25 surance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)) or an insured credit

1 union (as defined in section 101 of the Federal
2 Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752)), unless the
3 child, after consultation with the child’s selected
4 members of the child’s case planning team (if any),
5 elects to not have such an account established”.

6 (b) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section 474 of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 674), as amended by
8 sections 104(b) and 106(a), is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 “(j) REDUCED FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE
11 FOR ADMINISTRATION FOR FAILURE TO ENSURE FOSTER
12 YOUTH HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY
13 CARD, AND A BANK ACCOUNT.—If the Secretary finds
14 with respect to a fiscal year quarter that a State has failed
15 to comply with the requirement under section 475(5)(I)
16 to provide each child in foster care under the responsibility
17 of the State with an official birth certificate, a social secu-
18 rity card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security,
19 and a fee-free (or low-fee) transaction account (as defined
20 in section 19(b)(1)(C) of the Federal Reserve Act (12
21 U.S.C. 461(b)(1)(C))) established in the child’s name at
22 an insured depository institution (as defined in section 3
23 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813))
24 or an insured credit union (as defined in section 101 of
25 the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752)) before

1 the child is discharged from such care, (unless the child
2 elects, after consultation with the child’s selected members
3 of the child’s case planning team (if any), to not have such
4 an account established) then, notwithstanding subsection
5 (a) of this section and any regulations promulgated under
6 section 1123A(b)(3), the Secretary shall reduce the Fed-
7 eral matching percentage for expenditures described in
8 subsection (a)(3)(E) for the succeeding fiscal year quarter
9 by 1 percentage point for every multiple of 10 children
10 for whom the Secretary determines the State failed to
11 comply with such requirements (but not to exceed 25 per-
12 centage points).”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section take effect on October 1, 2015.

15 **SEC. 203. EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR OLDER YOUTH.**

16 (a) EXPANDING AND CLARIFYING THE USE OF EDU-
17 CATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 477(i)(3) of the So-
19 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677(i)(3)) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (A) by striking “on the date” and all that
22 follows through “23” and inserting “to remain
23 eligible until they attain 26”; and

24 (B) by inserting “, but in no event may a
25 youth participate in such program for more

1 than 5 years (whether or not such years are
2 consecutive)” before the period.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
4 477(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 677(i)), as amended
5 by paragraph (1), is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “who
7 have attained age 16” before the period;

8 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (6);
9 and

10 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
11 through (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), re-
12 spectively.

13 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
14 by this subsection take effect on October 1, 2014.

15 (b) PROMOTING AWARENESS OF FEDERAL FINAN-
16 CIAL AID AND OTHER POST-SECONDARY SUPPORTS OR
17 SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN, OR FORMERLY IN, FOSTER
18 CARE.—

19 (1) INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
21 Health and Human Services and the Secretary
22 of Education (in this subsection referred to as
23 the “Secretaries”) shall jointly develop and ad-
24 minister an information clearinghouse that con-
25 tains the information described in subparagraph

1 (B) relating to youth in foster care under the
2 responsibility of a State, youth for whom adop-
3 tion assistance payments or kinship guardian-
4 ship assistance payments are made under sec-
5 tion 473 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 673), and youth who were formerly in foster
7 care and shall engage in outreach activities to
8 make such youth aware of the such informa-
9 tion.

10 (B) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The
11 clearinghouse established under this subsection
12 shall provide information on the following:

13 (i) Federal financial aid available for
14 youth described in subparagraph (A).

15 (ii) Any special Federal financial aid
16 rules that may apply to such youth, includ-
17 ing treatment as an independent student in
18 accordance with section 480(d)(1)(B) of
19 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
20 U.S.C. 1087vv(d)(1)(B)).

21 (iii) The Free Application for Federal
22 Student Aid (FAFSA), including questions
23 and provisions specific to such youth.

24 (iv) Any Federal post-secondary edu-
25 cation supports or services available to

1 such youth, including through the Federal
2 TRIO programs under chapter 1 of sub-
3 part 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–
5 11 et seq.) and demonstration projects pro-
6 vided with support or assistance from the
7 Fund for the Improvement of Postsec-
8 ondary Education established under sec-
9 tion 741 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1138).

10 (v) The vouchers available for edu-
11 cation and training under the John H.
12 Chafee Foster Care Independence Program
13 in accordance with section 477(i) of the
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677(i)).

15 (vi) Such additional information as
16 the Secretaries determine appropriate.

17 (C) IMPLEMENTATION.—The information
18 clearinghouse required under subparagraph (A)
19 shall be established and accessible by the public
20 not later than the date that is 6 months after
21 the date of enactment of this Act. The Secre-
22 taries shall collaborate with respect to the col-
23 lection and dissemination of information in the
24 clearinghouse to the public and shall regularly
25 update such information.

1 (D) FUNDING.—There is appropriated to
2 carry out this paragraph, \$1,000,000 for fiscal
3 year 2015 and each fiscal year thereafter, to re-
4 main available until expended.

5 (2) TITLE IV—E STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.—
6 Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 671(a)) is amended—

8 (A) in paragraph (32), by striking “and”
9 after the semicolon;

10 (B) in paragraph (33), by striking the pe-
11 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (33), the
13 following:

14 “(34) provides that the State agency regularly
15 shall provide children in foster care under the re-
16 sponsibility of the State, children for whom adoption
17 assistance payments or kinship guardianship assist-
18 ance payments are made under section 473, and
19 children who were formerly in foster care with notice
20 of, and access to, the information clearinghouse of
21 Federal financial aid and other post-secondary sup-
22 ports or services for former foster youth established
23 under section 203(b) of the Improving Outcomes for
24 Youth At Risk for Sex Trafficking Act of 2013.”.

1 **SEC. 204. INCREASED FUNDING FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND**
3 **OTHER YOUTH AND ADDITIONAL CHANGES**
4 **TO SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS TO**
5 **ADULTHOOD THROUGH THE JOHN H. CHAFEE**
6 **FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF SEX
8 TRAFFICKING AND OTHER YOUTH.—Section 477(a)(5) of
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677(a)(5)) is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 “(5)(A) to provide financial, housing, coun-
12 seling, employment, education, and other appro-
13 priate support and services to former foster care re-
14 cipients between 16 and 26 years of age so that
15 those individuals can take on increasing and age or
16 developmentally appropriate responsibilities and have
17 the ability to form and maintain appropriate and
18 healthy relationships; and

19 “(B) to provide housing assistance to youth
20 who have aged out of foster care, who have not at-
21 tained age 26, and who are pregnant, parenting, or
22 a victim of sex trafficking (as defined in section
23 103(10) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
24 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(10))) or a severe form of
25 trafficking in persons described in paragraph (9)(A)

1 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 7102(9)(A)) or are at risk
2 of being a victim of either kind of trafficking;”.

3 (b) FUNDING.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 477 of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(k) FUNDING FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR VIC-
8 TIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING AND OTHER YOUTH AND FOR
9 EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS.—In addition to
10 any other amounts made available under subsection (h)
11 to carry out this section, there are appropriated for each
12 fiscal year—

13 “(1) for payments under section 474(a)(4),
14 \$440,000,000, which shall be available only to carry
15 out the purposes described in subsection (a)(5)(B)
16 and allotted to States in accordance with subsection
17 (c)(5); and

18 “(2) for payments under section 474(e),
19 \$60,000,000, which shall be allotted to States under
20 subsection (c)(3) for education and training vouch-
21 ers for youth who age out of foster care in the same
22 manner as amounts appropriated pursuant to sub-
23 section (h)(2) are allotted to States for such vouch-
24 ers.”.

25 (2) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 477(c) of such
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 677(c)) is amended—

3 (i) in paragraph (3)—

4 (I) by inserting “and the amount
5 appropriated under subsection (k)(2)
6 for a fiscal year” after “subsection
7 (h)(2) for a fiscal year”; and

8 (II) by striking “multiplied by
9 the amount” and inserting “multiplied
10 by the sum of the amounts”; and

11 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(5) HOUSING ASSISTANCE ALLOTMENT.—In
14 addition to other amounts allotted to States under
15 this subsection, the Secretary shall determine a
16 methodology for allotting the amounts made avail-
17 able under subsection (k)(1) for carrying out the
18 purposes described in subsection (a)(5)(B) to those
19 States that satisfy the requirements of subpara-
20 graphs (F) and (J)(iii) of subsection (b)(3).”.

21 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 477(b)(3)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
23 677(b)(3)(B)) is amended by inserting “para-
24 graphs (1) and (3) of” before “subsection (c)”.

1 (3) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—Section 474 of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 674) is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (a)(4)(A)(ii), by striking
4 “section 477(c)(1)” and inserting “paragraphs
5 (1) and (5) of section 477(e)”; and

6 (B) in subsection (e)—

7 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
8 ing “DISCRETIONARY”; and

9 (ii) in the matter preceding paragraph
10 (1), by inserting “(and from amounts ap-
11 propriated under section 477(k)(2), the
12 Secretary shall make a grant to a State
13 with a plan approved under this part)”
14 after “may make a grant to a State with
15 a plan approved under this part”.

16 (4) DEMONSTRATION OF PROGRAM COORDINA-
17 TION.—Section 477(b)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
18 677(b)(3)) is amended—

19 (A) in subparagraph (F)—

20 (i) by striking “the State will make
21 every effort” and inserting “demonstrates
22 the efforts made by the State”; and

23 (ii) by striking “part B of title III of
24 the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Pre-
25 vention Act of 1974)” and inserting “the

1 Runaway and Homeless Youth Act), giving
2 priority to programs with demonstrated
3 success in serving transition aged at-risk
4 youth, tenant-based assistance provided
5 under the family unification program
6 under section 8(x)(2)(B) of the United
7 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.
8 1437f(x)(2)(B)), benefits or assistance pro-
9 vided under the temporary assistance for
10 needy families program funded under part
11 A of this title, the low-income housing
12 credit for units occupied by students de-
13 scribed in section 42(i)(3)(D) of the Inter-
14 nal Revenue Code of 1986, the programs
15 under chapter 1 of subpart 2 of part A of
16 title IV of the Higher Education Act of
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11 et seq.),” and
18 (B) in subparagraph (J)—

19 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and”
20 after the semicolon;

21 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
22 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(iii) to ensure that the program is
 2 coordinated with other appropriate edu-
 3 cation and training programs, including
 4 the programs under chapter 1 of subpart 2
 5 of part A of title IV of the Higher Edu-
 6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11
 7 et seq.).”.

8 (c) OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.—Section 477 of the So-
 9 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 677), as amended by sub-
 10 sections (a) and (b), is amended—

11 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INDE-**
 12 **PENDENCE**” and inserting “**SUCCESSFUL TRAN-**
 13 **SITION TO ADULTHOOD**”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “iden-
 16 tify” and all that follows through the semicolon,
 17 and inserting “support all youth that have ex-
 18 perienced foster care and who are age 16 or
 19 older in their transition to adulthood;”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “who are
 21 likely” and all that follows through the semi-
 22 colon, and inserting “who experience foster care
 23 and are age 16 or older achieve meaningful,
 24 permanent connections with a caring adult;”;

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “who are
2 likely” and all that follows through the semi-
3 colon, and inserting “that experience foster care
4 and who are age 16 and older engage in age or
5 developmentally appropriate activities, positive
6 youth development, and experiential learning
7 that reflects what their peers in intact families
8 experience;”;

9 (D) in paragraph (6), by striking “, to
10 youths who have aged out of foster care”; and

11 (E) in paragraph (7), by inserting “(other
12 than assistance described in paragraph (5)(B))”
13 after “subsection”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)(D), by striking “ado-
16 lescents” and inserting “youth”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
19 “21” and inserting “26”;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
21 “21” and inserting “26”;

22 (iii) in subparagraph (D)—

23 (I) by inserting “on youth devel-
24 opment” after “to provide training”;

25 and

1 (II) by striking “adolescents pre-
2 paring for independent living” and all
3 that follows through the period and
4 inserting “youth preparing for a suc-
5 cessful transition to adulthood and a
6 permanent connection with a caring
7 adult.”;

8 (iv) in subparagraph (H), by striking
9 “adolescents” each place it appears and in-
10 sserting “youth”; and

11 (v) in subparagraph (K)—

12 (I) by striking “an adolescent”
13 and inserting “a youth”; and

14 (II) by striking “the adolescent”
15 each place it appears and inserting
16 “the youth”; and

17 (4) in subsection (f), by striking paragraph (2)
18 and inserting the following:

19 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
20 12 months after the date of enactment of the Im-
21 proving Outcomes for Youth At Risk for Sex Traf-
22 ficking Act of 2013, the Secretary shall submit to
23 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
24 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of
25 the Senate a report on the National Youth in Tran-

1 sition Database and any other databases in which
2 States report outcome measures relating to children
3 in foster care and children who have aged out of fos-
4 ter care or left foster care for kinship guardianship
5 or adoption. The report shall include the following:

6 “(A) A description of the reasons for entry
7 into foster care and of the foster care experi-
8 ences, such as length of stay, number of place-
9 ment settings, and case goal, of 17-year-olds
10 who are surveyed by the National Youth in
11 Transition Database and an analysis of the
12 comparison of that description with the reasons
13 for entry and foster care experiences of children
14 who exit from foster care before attaining age
15 17.

16 “(B) A description of the characteristics of
17 the individuals who report poor outcomes at
18 ages 19 and 21 to the National Youth in Tran-
19 sition Database.

20 “(C) An analysis of the comparison of out-
21 comes for youth who are surveyed by the Na-
22 tional Youth in Transition Database with the
23 outcomes for youth of the same age in the gen-
24 eral population, particularly with respect to the
25 how well youth who remain in foster care fare

1 relative to their peers, and with respect to iden-
2 tifying benchmarks for determining what con-
3 stitutes a poor outcome for youth who remain
4 in foster care.

5 “(D) An analysis of the association be-
6 tween types of placement, number of overall
7 placements, time spent in foster care, and other
8 factors, and outcomes at ages 19 and 21.

9 “(E) An analysis of the differences in out-
10 comes for children in foster care at age 19 and
11 21 among States, and of the extent to which
12 improved outcomes are being achieved in States
13 that have elected a higher eligibility age for fos-
14 ter care under section 475(8)(B)(iii).”.

15 (d) COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF HOUSING
16 ASSISTANCE BEST PRACTICES.—

17 (1) REQUIREMENT TO COLLECT BEST PRAC-
18 TICES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
19 ices shall collect and make publicly available infor-
20 mation regarding best practices for providing hous-
21 ing assistance for youth who have aged out of foster
22 care and for youth who are pregnant, parenting, vic-
23 tims of sex trafficking, or are at risk of being vic-
24 tims of sex trafficking.

1 (2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall solicit
2 comments from States on the best practices collected
3 and made publicly available under paragraph (1)
4 and not later than 1 year after the date on which
5 such best practices are first made publicly available,
6 issue regulations based on such best practices and
7 State comments.

8 (3) DEFINITION OF SEX TRAFFICKING.—In this
9 subsection, the term “sex trafficking” has the mean-
10 ing given that term in section 103(10) of the Traf-
11 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
12 7102(10)) and includes a severe form of trafficking
13 in persons described in paragraph (9)(A) of that Act
14 (22 U.S.C. 7102(9)(A)).

15 **SEC. 205. AUTHORITY FOR MONTHLY CASEWORKER VISITS**
16 **TO OCCUR ELECTRONICALLY FOR FOSTER**
17 **YOUTH AGE 18 OR OLDER.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 422(a)(17) of the Social
19 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 622(a)(17)) is amended by insert-
20 ing “(which, if the child has attained age 18, may occur
21 by telephone or using a voice over Internet Protocol)”
22 after “on a monthly basis”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
24 this section takes effect on the date of enactment of this
25 Act.

1 **TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS**

2 **SEC. 301. PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PLACEMENT STA-**
3 **BILITY FOR CHILDREN IN THERAPEUTIC FOS-**
4 **TER CARE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 472 of the Social Security
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 672) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(j) PILOT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PLACEMENT STA-
9 BILITY FOR CHILDREN IN THERAPEUTIC FOSTER
10 CARE.—

11 “(1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall conduct
12 a pilot program under which, in the case of a child
13 who is in a foster family home, for whom monthly
14 foster care maintenance payments are made under
15 this section, or on whose behalf adoption assistance
16 payments or kinship guardianship assistance pay-
17 ments are being made under section 473, and who
18 is receiving therapeutic foster care, a State shall be
19 authorized to divide the monthly foster care mainte-
20 nance payment, adoption assistance payment, or kin-
21 ship guardianship assistance payment (as the case
22 may be) in such portions as the State, in consulta-
23 tion with the Secretary, may elect, and to pay such
24 portions to the child’s foster or adoptive parent or

1 parents, or relative guardian, and the therapeutic
2 foster care program, respectively.

3 “(2) PARTICIPANTS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 10
5 States shall be approved to participate in the
6 pilot program established under this subsection.

7 “(B) TRIBAL PROGRAMS.—An Indian
8 tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium
9 with a plan approved under section 479B may
10 be approved to participate in the program and
11 if so approved, shall count towards the State
12 participation limit in subparagraph (A).

13 “(3) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit
14 annual reports to the Committee on Ways and
15 Means of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committee on Finance of the Senate on the pilot
17 project established under this section. Each report
18 submitted shall include an analysis of the extent to
19 which the pilot program encourages placement sta-
20 bility for children in therapeutic foster care, together
21 with such other information and recommendations
22 as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 302. PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE**
2 **FIELD OF CHILD WELFARE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in consultation
4 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, may
5 make Presidential awards to individuals contributing to
6 excellence in the field of child welfare, including child wel-
7 fare case workers, child welfare advocates, foster parents,
8 and foster youth.

9 (b) NOMINATIONS.—The Governor of each State, in
10 consultation with youth representatives and representa-
11 tives of youth advocacy boards, shall nominate 2 individ-
12 uals each year for the award established in subsection (a).
13 At least one of the nominees for a year shall be a child
14 welfare case worker. A nominee shall not be a previous
15 recipient of an award under this section.

16 (c) SELECTION.—In any year, not more than 30
17 awards may be made under this section.

18 (d) PRESENTATION.—The President, or his designee,
19 shall present the awards at an appropriate ceremony in
20 Washington, DC.

21 **SEC. 303. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

22 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
23 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
24 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
25 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
26 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record

1 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
2 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
3 vote on passage.

4 **SEC. 304. EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR STATE LAW**
5 **AMENDMENT.**

6 In the case of a State plan approved under part B
7 or E of title IV of the Social Security Act which the Sec-
8 retary of Health and Human Services determines requires
9 State legislation (other than legislation appropriating
10 funds) in order for the plan to meet the additional require-
11 ments imposed by this Act, the State plan shall not be
12 regarded as failing to comply with the requirements of
13 such part solely on the basis of the failure of the plan
14 to meet such additional requirements before the first day
15 of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of
16 the first regular session of the State legislature that ends
17 after the 1-year period beginning with the date of enact-
18 ment of this Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
19 in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session,
20 each year of the session is deemed to be a separate regular
21 session of the State legislature.

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