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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Subsidy Termination  
5       for Overdue Payments Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD SUP-**  
2 **PORT OBLIGATIONS REQUIRED AS A CONDI-**  
3 **TION OF RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL AS-**  
4 **SISTANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections  
6 (b) and (c), an agency or instrumentality of the Federal  
7 Government may not provide financial assistance to an ap-  
8 plicant therefor unless the agency or instrumentality has  
9 obtained from the applicant a certification that the appli-  
10 cant is—

11 (1) not more than 60 days delinquent in the  
12 payment of any child support obligation imposed by  
13 a court or an order of an administrative process es-  
14 tablished under State law; or

15 (2) if so delinquent, in compliance with a plan  
16 or agreement entered into between the applicant and  
17 the person to whom the payment is to be made or  
18 a State providing services to the person with respect  
19 to the collection of the support.

20 (b) EXEMPTION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT  
21 IS SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT FOR FAILURE TO PAY  
22 CHILD SUPPORT.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to an  
23 amount of financial assistance to be provided to an appli-  
24 cant to the extent that the amount is subject to garnish-  
25 ment by reason of the failure of the applicant to pay a  
26 child support obligation.

1       (c) GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall  
2 not apply to an applicant for financial assistance with re-  
3 spect to any period for which the applicant has good cause  
4 (as determined by the agency or instrumentality involved)  
5 for having failed to pay a child support obligation de-  
6 scribed in subsection (a)(1), or having failed to enter into  
7 or comply with a plan or agreement described in sub-  
8 section (a)(2).

9       (d) REGULATIONS.—Within 6 months after the date  
10 of the enactment of this section, each agency or instru-  
11 mentality of the Federal Government that provides finan-  
12 cial assistance shall prescribe such regulations as may be  
13 necessary to comply with this section.

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