

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 503

AN ACT

To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States to use incentive payments available under the child support enforcement program to improve parent-child relationships, increase child support collections, and improve outcomes for children by supporting parenting time agreements for noncustodial parents in uncontested agreements, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Adequate
5 Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and daugh-
6 ters Act of 2021” or the “PARENTS Act of 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING PERMITTED USES OF INCENTIVE PAY-**
8 **MENTS.**

9 Section 458 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 658a) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (f)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”
13 and inserting a semicolon;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
15 paragraph (3); and

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
17 following new paragraph:

18 “(2) to develop, implement, and evaluate proce-
19 dures for establishing a parenting time agreement
20 when establishing an initial or modified child sup-
21 port order or a medical support order (including pro-
22 cedures for carrying out a parenting time agreement
23 made prior to the establishment or modification of
24 any such order); or”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(g) DEFINITIONS OF PARENTING TIME AGREEMENT
4 AND NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.—

5 “(1) PARENTING TIME AGREEMENT.—For pur-
6 poses of subsection (f)(2), the term ‘parenting time
7 agreement’ means an agreement governing how
8 much time a child spends with the child’s custodial
9 parent and the child’s noncustodial parent that is
10 mutually agreed to by the parents and is not con-
11 tested by either parent in any forum.

12 “(2) NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.—For purposes
13 of paragraph (1), the term ‘noncustodial parent’
14 means the parent of a child that the child does not
15 live with for the majority of the child’s time.”.

Passed the Senate July 27, 2021.

Attest:

Secretary.

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