

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# **S. 503**

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## **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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