

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 503

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2021

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

5 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING PERMITTED USES OF INCENTIVE PAY-**  
6 **MENTS.**

7 Section 458 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 658a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (f)—

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

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
13 paragraph (3); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
15 following new paragraph:

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

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

25 “(g) **DEFINITIONS OF PARENTING TIME AGREEMENT**  
26 **AND NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.**—

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

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

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