

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 5096

To amend section 477 of the Social Security Act to improve supports for expectant and parenting youth who have experienced foster care by strengthening coordination with the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2026

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Support for Expectant
5 and Parenting Foster Youth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING EXPECTANT AND PARENTING YOUTH**
2 **HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES PROVIDED**
3 **THROUGH THE MATERNAL, INFANT, AND**
4 **EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) PURPOSE.—Section 477(a) of the Social Security
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 677(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and”;

9 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period and
10 inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(8) to connect foster youth in eligible families
13 (as such term is defined in section 511(l)) who re-
14 ceive services under this part with evidence-based
15 home visiting and support services provided under
16 section 511.”.

17 (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 477(b)(3) of such Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 677(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(L) A certification by the chief executive
21 officer of the State that the State has processes
22 in place to ensure that a youth participating in
23 the program under this section who is in an eli-
24 gible family (as such term is defined in section
25 511(l)) is provided with information regarding

1 evidence-based home visiting and support serv-
 2 ices provided in the State under section 511.”.

3 **SEC. 3. TAILORED CASE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE CO-**
 4 **ORDINATION SERVICES FOR PARENTING AND**
 5 **EXPECTANT YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERI-**
 6 **ENCED FOSTER CARE.**

7 Section 477(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
 8 U.S.C. 677(d)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State to which an
 10 amount is paid from its allotment under subsection
 11 (c)(1) may use the amount—

12 “(A) to provide tailored case management
 13 and resource coordination services to youth oth-
 14 erwise eligible for services under the State pro-
 15 gram under this section who are expectant or
 16 parenting; or

17 “(B) in any manner that is reasonably cal-
 18 culated to accomplish the purposes of this sec-
 19 tion.”.

20 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
 22 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
 23 of this Act and shall apply to payments under section 477
 24 of the Social Security Act pursuant to plans approved by

- 1 the Secretary of Health and Human Services on or after
- 2 such date.

