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H. R. 267

To require States to impose criminal penalties on persons who willfully fail to pay child support, as a condition of Federal funding of State child support enforcement programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mrs. ROUKEMA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES IMPOSE CRIMI-**
4 **NAL PENALTIES ON PERSONS WHO WILL-**
5 **FULLY FAIL TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT.**

6 (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 454 of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (32);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (33) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (33) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(34) provide that the State shall have in effect
8 criminal penalties for the willful failure to pay child
9 support.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 1999, and
12 shall apply to payments under title IV of the Social Secu-
13 rity Act for calendar quarters beginning on or after such
14 date, without regard to whether regulations to implement
15 such amendments are promulgated by such date.

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