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To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize adoption incentives payments under section 473A of that Act and to provide incentives for the adoption of older children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. BUNNING 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 “Adoption Incentive

5 Program Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**

7 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—

3 (A) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “1998
4 through 2002” and inserting “2004 through
5 2008”; and

6 (B) in subsection (h)—

12 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
13 “2003” and inserting “2008”.

14 (2) OLDER CHILD BASELINE.—

15 (A) DETERMINATIONS OF NUMBER OF
16 ADOPTIONS.—Section 473A(c)(2) of the Social
17 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 673b(c)(2)) is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 “(2) DETERMINATION OF NUMBERS OF ADOP-
20 TIONS BASED ON AFCARS DATA.—The Secretary
21 shall determine the numbers of foster child adop-
22 tions and of older child adoptions in a State during
23 each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008, for purposes
24 of this section, on the basis of data meeting the re-
25 quirements of the system established pursuant to

1 section 479, as reported by the State and approved
2 by the Secretary by August 1 of the succeeding fis-
3 cal year.”.

4 (B) ADOPTION INCENTIVE PAYMENT.—

7 (i) by striking “\$2,000” and inserting
8 “\$6,000”; and

9 (ii) by striking “special needs” each
10 place it appears and inserting “older
11 child”.

12 (C) DEFINITIONS.—Section 473A(g) of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 673b(g)) is
14 amended—

15 (i) by striking paragraph (2) and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(2) OLDER CHILD ADOPTION.—The term
18 ‘older child adoption’ means the final adoption of a
19 child who has attained age 9 and—

20 “(A) at the time of adoptive placement,
21 was in foster care under the supervision of the
22 State; or

1 (ii) by striking paragraph (4), and in-
2 serting the following:

3 “(4) BASE NUMBER OF OLDER CHILD ADOP-
4 TIONS.—The term ‘base number of older child adop-
5 tions for a State’ means—

6 “(A) with respect to fiscal year 2004, the
7 number of older child adoptions in the State in
8 fiscal year 2003; and

9 “(B) with respect to any subsequent fiscal
10 year, the number of older child adoptions in the
11 State in the fiscal year for which the number is
12 the greatest in the period that begins with fiscal
13 year 2003 and ends with the fiscal year pre-
14 ceding such fiscal year.”.

15 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (A) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
17 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—Section
18 473A(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 673b(b)(4)) is amended by striking “fis-
20 cal years 2001 and 2002” and inserting “each
21 of fiscal years 2004 through 2008”.

22 (B) DATA REQUIREMENTS.—Section
23 473A(c)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
24 U.S.C. 673b(c)(1)) is amended to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State is in compliance
2 with this subsection for a fiscal year if the State has
3 provided to the Secretary the data described in para-
4 graph (2) for the fiscal year that precedes the fiscal
5 year for which the State seeks a grant under this
6 section.”.

7 (C) DEFINITION OF BASE NUMBER OF
8 FOSTER CHILD ADOPTIONS.—Section
9 473A(g)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 673b(g)(3)) is amended

11 (i) by striking “means” and all that
12 follows through “any subsequent fiscal
13 year,” and inserting “means, with respect
14 to a fiscal year;”; and

15 (ii) by striking “such subsequent fis-
16 cal year” and inserting “such fiscal year”.

17 (D) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section
18 473A(i)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 673b(i)(4)) is amended by striking
20 “1998 through 2000” and inserting “2004
21 through 2008”.

22 (b) DISCRETIONARY CAP ADJUSTMENT.—

23 (1) SECTION 251.—Section 251(b)(2)(G) of the
24 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control
25 Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(G)) is amended—

5 (B) in clause (i), by striking
6 “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$43,000,000”.

10 (A) by striking “1999, 2000, 2001, 2002,
11 or 2003” and inserting “2004, 2005, 2006,
12 2007, or 2008”; and

13 (B) by striking “\$20,000,000” and insert-
14 ing “\$43,000,000”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section take effect on October 1, 2003.

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