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To amend title 31 of the United States Code to require that Federal children's programs be separately displayed and analyzed in the President's budget.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “Children’s Budget
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.**

7 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
8 amended by—

1 (1) redesignating paragraph (33), as added by
2 Public Law 107–296, as paragraph (35); and

3 (2) adding at the end the following:

4 “(36)(A) A detailed, separate analysis for the
5 prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, the fiscal
6 year for which the budget is submitted, and the en-
7 suing fiscal year identifying the amounts of gross
8 and net appropriations or obligational authority and
9 outlays that are directed to children within the
10 United States and territories including—

11 “(i) summaries of the total amount of such
12 appropriations or new obligational authority
13 and outlays requested for children and chil-
14 dren’s programs;

15 “(ii) an estimate of current levels of spend-
16 ing on children and children’s programs;

17 “(iii) a detailed breakdown of spending on
18 children and children’s programs by agency, de-
19 partment, and initiative; and

20 “(iv) an estimate of the share of Federal
21 domestic spending that goes to children and
22 children’s programs.

23 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘children’
24 means individuals under the age of 19.

1 “(C) In this paragraph, spending on children
2 includes—

3 “(i) Federal entitlement spending that
4 goes directly to children;

5 “(ii) outlays for programs and initiatives
6 that, consistent with their mission, deliver serv-
7 ices exclusively to children;

8 “(iii) outlays for programs and initiatives
9 that, while not serving children directly, have as
10 a core mission goal, the improvement of chil-
11 dren’s health, education, welfare, and general
12 well-being; and

13 “(iv) a share of funding for Federal pro-
14 grams and initiatives that deliver services to
15 both children and adults that is consistent with
16 the percentage of program beneficiaries that are
17 children.

18 “(D) In implementing this paragraph, including
19 determining what Federal activities or accounts con-
20 stitutes spending on children or children’s programs,
21 the Office of Management and Budget shall consult
22 periodically with the Committees on the Budget of
23 the Senate and the House, the Committees on Ap-

- 1 appropriations of the Senate and the House, and the
- 2 Congressional Budget Office.”.

