

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6498

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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; REFERENCES.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Protecting Children Across State Lines Act”.

4 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly
5 provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal
6 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,
7 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
8 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the Child
9 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et
10 seq.).

11 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.**

12 Section 104(a) (42 U.S.C. 5105(a)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(I)—

14 (A) by striking “and” at the end of clause
15 (ix);

16 (B) by redesignating clause (x) as clause
17 (xi); and

18 (C) by inserting after clause (ix), the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(x) the extent to which reports of
21 suspected or known instances of child
22 abuse or neglect involving a potential com-
23 bination of jurisdictions, such as intra-
24 state, interstate, Federal-State, and State-
25 Tribal are being screened out solely on the

1 basis of the cross-jurisdictional complica-
2 tions; and”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “subpara-
4 graphs (i) through (ix)” and inserting “clauses (i)
5 through (x)”.

6 **SEC. 3. TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

7 Section 105(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)(1)) is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
10 graph (I);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
12 paragraph (J) and inserting “; and”; and

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

14 “(K) for developing the best practices for
15 the handling of reports of suspected or known
16 child abuse or neglect related fatalities involving
17 a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as
18 intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-
19 Tribal.”.

20 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.**

21 Section 106(d)(2) (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)(2))—

22 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
23 (B);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
25 paragraph (C) and inserting “; or”; and

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

2 “(D) screened out due to cross-jurisdic-
3 tional complications.”.

4 **SEC. 5. GRANTS TO STATES FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO**
5 **THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF**
6 **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES.**

7 Section 107 (42 U.S.C. 5106c)—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
10 graph (3);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of
12 paragraph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(5) the handling of reports of suspected or
15 known instances of child abuse or neglect, including
16 those reports involving a potential combination of ju-
17 risdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-
18 State, and State-Tribal, in a manner that ensures
19 appropriate action is taken to protect children.”;

20 (2) in subsection (d)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)—

22 (i) by inserting “intrastate,” before
23 “interstate”; and

24 (ii) by striking “and” at the end;

1 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
2 paragraph (3); and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
4 following:

5 “(2) review the handling of reports of suspected
6 or known instances of child abuse or neglect involv-
7 ing a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as
8 intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Trib-
9 al, including efforts to coordinate and ensure appro-
10 priate action is taken; and”;

11 (3) in subsection (e)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting
13 “intrastate,” before “interstate”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “,
15 which may include those children involved in re-
16 ports of child abuse or neglect with a potential
17 combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate,
18 interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal,”
19 after “protection for children”.

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