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To implement programs and activities to raise children up out of poverty
and save the next generation.

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Mr. UDALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To implement programs and activities to raise children up
out of poverty and save the next generation.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Saving Our Next Generation Act” or the “SONG Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 231. Ensuring coverage of preventive health services under Medicaid and CHIP.

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Sec. 381. Entrance counseling assessment.

Sec. 382. National grant to develop and pilot measures of accountability for value and cost-effectiveness in higher education.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Too many children still live in poverty. Not
4 all children in need are benefitting from existing
5 quality programs. This compromises their ability to
6 be healthy, to do well in school, and to raise healthy
7 families themselves.

8 (2) Poverty is a vicious cycle, but it can be bro-
9 ken.

10 (3) Many factors contribute to poverty and poor
11 economic, health, and educational outcomes, includ-
12 ing unaffordable housing, an unlivable wage, and un-

1 safe housing and communities. Education and good
2 health are keys for economic and social success.

3 (4) Economically, poverty predicts most of the
4 poor educational and health outcomes, while poor
5 health and low educational outcomes tend to predict
6 poverty.

7 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
8 Senate that the programs most critical to improving child
9 well-being should be fully funded, including—

10 (1) the Medicaid program under title XIX of
11 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);

12 (2) the State Children’s Health Insurance Pro-
13 gram established under title XXI of the Social Secu-
14 rity Program (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.);

15 (3) the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
16 gram established under the Food and Nutrition Act
17 of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

18 (4) the special supplemental nutrition program
19 for women, infants, and children established by sec-
20 tion 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
21 U.S.C. 1786);

22 (5) the child and adult care food program es-
23 tablished under section 17 of the Richard B. Russell
24 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766);

1 (6) the emergency food assistance program es-
2 tablished under the Emergency Food Assistance Act
3 of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.);

4 (7) the temporary assistance for needy families
5 program established under part A of title IV of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

7 (8) the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood
8 Home Visiting program under section 511 of the So-
9 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711);

10 (9) the Early Head Start and Head Start pro-
11 grams under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801
12 et seq.);

13 (10) the Family and Child Education program;

14 (11) school-based health centers programs;

15 (12) programs under the Child Care and Devel-
16 opment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858
17 et seq.);

18 (13) programs under the Individuals with Dis-
19 abilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

20 (14) programs under title I of the Elementary
21 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 6301 et seq.);

23 (15) school meal programs; and

24 (16) housing assistance programs.

1 **TITLE I—LEADERSHIP**
2 **ACTIVITIES**
3 **Subtitle A—General Programs for**
4 **Children**

5 **SEC. 101. PRESIDENT’S COMMISSION ON CHILDREN.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
7 President’s Commission on Children (referred to in this
8 section as the “Commission”).

9 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

10 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be
11 composed of 20 members to be appointed by the
12 President, by and with the advice and consent of the
13 Senate, of which—

14 (A) at least one member shall be a rep-
15 resentative of businesses;

16 (B) at least one member shall be a rep-
17 resentative of public entities with expertise in
18 child health and welfare;

19 (C) at least one member shall be a rep-
20 resentative of private entities with expertise in
21 child health and welfare;

22 (D) at least one member shall be a rep-
23 resentative of nonprofit entities with expertise
24 in child health and welfare; and

1 (E) at least one member shall be a rep-
2 resentative of child advocacy groups.

3 (2) DATE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The appoint-
4 ments of the members of the Commission shall be
5 made not later than 6 months after the date of en-
6 actment of this Act.

7 (3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—
8 Members shall be appointed for a term of 4 years,
9 except that of the initial members, 10 such members
10 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. Any va-
11 cancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers,
12 but shall be filled in the same manner as the origi-
13 nal appointment. Members may be reappointed.

14 (4) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days
15 after the date on which all members of the Commis-
16 sion have been appointed, the Commission shall hold
17 its first meeting.

18 (5) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at
19 the call of the Chairperson.

20 (6) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
21 the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a
22 lesser number of members may hold hearings.

23 (7) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The
24 Commission shall select a Chairperson and Vice
25 Chairperson from among its members.

1 (c) DUTIES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

3 (A) identify interventions to spur innova-
4 tion to improve national child well-being out-
5 comes, including—

6 (i) evaluating the remuneration of
7 professions responsible for children, includ-
8 ing medical, education, and caretaker pro-
9 fessionals; and

10 (ii) evaluating the developmental
11 model of Federal child health, education,
12 and welfare programs;

13 (B) prioritize Federal partnerships and
14 Federal collaboration with other entities to im-
15 prove children health, education, and welfare,
16 including—

17 (i) identifying Federal programs that
18 should require cross-sector collaboration
19 for funding;

20 (ii) identifying cross-training opportu-
21 nities in federally funded programs; and

22 (iii) expanding collaboration among
23 Federal departments and agencies, includ-
24 ing with respect to—

1 (I) programs established under
2 the Child Abuse Prevention and
3 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et
4 seq.); and

5 (II) the early and periodic
6 screening, diagnostic, and treatment
7 program established under title XIX
8 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1396 et seq.);

10 (C) prioritize the sustainability and long-
11 term success of Federal child health, education,
12 and welfare programs, including through pro-
13 viding incentives for State foundations to pro-
14 vide leadership and identify available resources;

15 (D) identify and provide advice of where
16 and how to streamline and coordinate Federal
17 child health, education, and welfare programs,
18 services, and eligibility (as appropriate), includ-
19 ing—

20 (i) identifying gaps across such pro-
21 grams (by age and time of year);

22 (ii) identifying child-related areas of
23 high risk to better target limited resources;
24 and

1 (iii) identifying Federal program
2 where auto-enrollment of children would be
3 appropriate;

4 (E) provide for the conduct of a decennial
5 White House Conference on Improving the Sta-
6 tus of Children, such initial conference to be
7 conducted not later than 3 years after the date
8 of enactment of this Act;

9 (F) submit the reports described in para-
10 graph (2); and

11 (G) carry out such other activities as the
12 President or Commission determine appro-
13 priate.

14 (2) REPORTS.—

15 (A) BIENNIAL REPORT.—Not later than 2
16 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
17 and biennially thereafter, the Commission shall
18 submit to the President and the appropriate
19 committees of Congress, a report concerning
20 the activities of the Commission under sub-
21 section (c), including the recommendations and
22 accomplishments of the Commission during the
23 period for which the report is being submitted.

24 (B) SURGEON GENERAL.—Not later than
25 December 31, 2017, the Commission, in con-

1 sultation with the Surgeon General, shall sub-
2 mit to the President and the appropriate com-
3 mittees of Congress, a report on improving the
4 health of children.

5 (C) BUDGET REPORT.—The Commission,
6 in consultation and conjunction with the Office
7 of Management and Budget, shall biannually
8 submit to the President and the appropriate
9 committees of Congress, an assessment of the
10 overall impact of the Federal budget on chil-
11 dren, including an assessment of the impact of
12 the Federal budget on child well-being.

13 (d) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

14 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each mem-
15 ber of the Commission who is not an officer or em-
16 ployee of the Federal Government shall be com-
17 pensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of
18 the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV
19 of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title
20 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel
21 time) during which such member is engaged in the
22 performance of the duties of the Commission. All
23 members of the Commission who are officers or em-
24 ployees of the United States shall serve without com-

1 pensation in addition to that received for their serv-
2 ices as officers or employees of the United States.

3 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the
4 Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
5 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates author-
6 ized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of
7 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while
8 away from their homes or regular places of business
9 in the performance of services for the Commission.

10 (3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—
11 Any Federal Government employee may be detailed
12 to the Commission without reimbursement, and such
13 detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil
14 service status or privilege.

15 (4) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTER-
16 MITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairman of the Commis-
17 sion may procure temporary and intermittent serv-
18 ices under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States
19 Code, at rates for individuals which do not exceed
20 the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay
21 prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule
22 under section 5316 of such title.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
25 necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 102. STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL CAPITAL OF LOCAL**
2 **COMMUNITIES.**

3 (a) INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE.—The Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services (referred to in this section
5 as the “Secretary”) shall enter into a contract with the
6 Institute of Medicine under which the Institute shall con-
7 duct a study and submit to the Secretary a report on evi-
8 dence-based best practices and innovations for fostering
9 safe and stable families, including implementing men-
10 toring programs. The Secretary shall make such report
11 publically available.

12 (b) GRANTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
14 grants to eligible entities to enable such entities to
15 carry out programs and activities to implement the
16 best practices and innovations identified in the re-
17 port submitted under subsection (a).

18 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
19 grant under paragraph (1), an entity shall—

20 (A) be a State or local government, a fed-
21 erally recognized Indian tribe, or an institute of
22 higher education; and

23 (B) submit to the Secretary an application
24 at such time, in such manner, and containing
25 such information as the Secretary may require.

1 (3) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use
 2 amounts received under a grant under this sub-
 3 section to implement programs and activities de-
 4 scribed in the application submitted by the entity
 5 under paragraph (2)(B).

6 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 7 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
 8 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
 9 2016 through 2020.

10 **SEC. 103. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES.**

11 (a) MINIMUM WAGE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair
 13 Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1))
 14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(1) except as otherwise provided in this sec-
 16 tion, not less than—

17 “(A) \$8.20 an hour, beginning on the first
 18 day of the sixth month that begins after the
 19 date of enactment of the Saving Our Next Gen-
 20 eration Act;

21 “(B) \$9.15 an hour, beginning 1 year after
 22 that first day;

23 “(C) \$10.10 an hour, beginning 2 years
 24 after that first day; and

1 “(D) beginning on the date that is 3 years
 2 after that first day, and annually thereafter, the
 3 amount determined by the Secretary pursuant
 4 to subsection (h);”.

5 (2) DETERMINATION BASED ON INCREASE IN
 6 THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.—Section 6 of the
 7 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206)
 8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(h)(1) Each year, by not later than the date that
 10 is 90 days before a new minimum wage determined under
 11 subsection (a)(1)(D) is to take effect, the Secretary shall
 12 determine the minimum wage to be in effect pursuant to
 13 this subsection for the subsequent 1-year period. The wage
 14 determined pursuant to this subsection for a year shall
 15 be—

16 “(A) not less than the amount in effect under
 17 subsection (a)(1) on the date of such determination;

18 “(B) increased from such amount by the annual
 19 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for
 20 Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (United
 21 States city average, all items, not seasonally ad-
 22 justed), or its successor publication, as determined
 23 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

24 “(C) rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05.

1 “(2) In calculating the annual percentage increase in
 2 the Consumer Price Index for purposes of paragraph
 3 (1)(B), the Secretary shall compare such Consumer Price
 4 Index for the most recent month, quarter, or year avail-
 5 able (as selected by the Secretary prior to the first year
 6 for which a minimum wage is in effect pursuant to this
 7 subsection) with the Consumer Price Index for the same
 8 month in the preceding year, the same quarter in the pre-
 9 ceding year, or the preceding year, respectively.”.

10 (b) BASE MINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED EMPLOY-
 11 EES.—Section 3(m)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act
 12 of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(m)(1)) is amended to read as fol-
 13 lows:

14 “(1) the cash wage paid such employee, which
 15 for purposes of such determination shall be not less
 16 than—

17 “(A) for the 1-year period beginning on
 18 the first day of the sixth month that begins
 19 after the date of enactment of the Saving Our
 20 Next Generation Act, \$3.00 an hour;

21 “(B) for each succeeding 1-year period
 22 until the hourly wage under this paragraph
 23 equals 70 percent of the wage in effect under
 24 section 6(a)(1) for such period, an hourly wage
 25 equal to the amount determined under this

1 paragraph for the preceding year, increased by
 2 the lesser of—

3 “(i) \$0.95; or

4 “(ii) the amount necessary for the
 5 wage in effect under this paragraph to
 6 equal 70 percent of the wage in effect
 7 under section 6(a)(1) for such period,
 8 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05;
 9 and

10 “(C) for each succeeding 1-year period
 11 after the year in which the hourly wage under
 12 this paragraph first equals 70 percent of the
 13 wage in effect under section 6(a)(1) for the
 14 same period, the amount necessary to ensure
 15 that the wage in effect under this paragraph re-
 16 mains equal to 70 percent of the wage in effect
 17 under section 6(a)(1), rounded to the nearest
 18 multiple of \$0.05; and”.

19 (c) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—Section 6 of the Fair
 20 Labor Standards Act of 1938 (as amended by subsection
 21 (a)) (29 U.S.C. 206) is further amended by adding at the
 22 end the following:

23 “(i) Not later than 60 days prior to the effective date
 24 of any increase in the minimum wage determined under
 25 subsection (h) or required for tipped employees in accord-

1 ance with subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 3(m)(1), as
 2 amended by the Saving Our Next Generation Act, the Sec-
 3 retary shall publish in the Federal Register and on the
 4 website of the Department of Labor a notice announcing
 5 the adjusted required wage.”.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 7 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the first day
 8 of the sixth month that begins after the date of enactment
 9 of this Act.

10 **SEC. 104. PERMANENT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATIONS TO**
 11 **CHILD TAX CREDIT.**

12 (a) PERMANENT EXTENSION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section
 14 24(d)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
 15 is amended by striking “\$10,000” and inserting
 16 “\$3,000”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d)
 18 of section 24 of such Code is amended by striking
 19 paragraph (4).

20 (3) ELIMINATION OF INFLATION ADJUST-
 21 MENT.—Subsection (d) of section 24 of such Code is
 22 further amended by striking paragraph (3).

23 (b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 24 of the In-
 24 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
 25 end the following new subsection:

1 “(g) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable
3 year beginning in a calendar year after 2014, the
4 dollar amounts in subsections (a) and (b)(2) shall
5 each be increased by an amount equal to—

6 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

7 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
8 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
9 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
10 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2013’ for
11 ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B)
12 thereof.

13 “(2) ROUNDING.—If a dollar amount in sub-
14 section (a) or (b)(2), as increased under paragraph
15 (1), is not a multiple of \$50, such amount shall be
16 rounded to the nearest multiple of \$50.”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
19 December 31, 2014.

20 **SEC. 105. MODIFICATIONS TO EARNED INCOME TAX CRED-**
21 **IT.**

22 (a) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF MODIFICATIONS TO
23 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.—

24 (1) INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE FOR
25 FAMILIES WITH 3 OR MORE CHILDREN.—Paragraph

1 (1) of section 32(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 2 1986, as amended by the Tax Increase Prevention
 3 Act of 2014, is amended by adding at the end the
 4 following flush sentence:

5 “In the case of an eligible individual with 3 or more quali-
 6 fying children, the second column shall be applied by sub-
 7 stituting ‘45’ for ‘40’.”.

8 (2) JOINT RETURNS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of
 10 section 32(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code
 11 of 1986, as amended by the Tax Increase Pre-
 12 vention Act of 2014, is amended by striking
 13 “\$3,000” and inserting “\$5,000.”.

14 (B) INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS.—Clause
 15 (ii) of section 32(j)(1)(B) of such Code is
 16 amended—

17 (i) by striking “\$3,000” and inserting
 18 “\$5,000”,

19 (ii) by striking “subsection
 20 (b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “subsection
 21 (b)(2)(B)”, and

22 (iii) by striking “calendar year 2007”
 23 and inserting “calendar year 2008”.

24 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 32(b)
 25 of such Code is amended by striking paragraph (3).

1 (b) INCREASED CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO
2 QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The table in subparagraph
4 (A) of section 32(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code
5 of 1986 is amended—

6 (A) by striking “\$4,220” in the second col-
7 umn and inserting “\$8,820”, and

8 (B) by striking “\$5,280” in the last col-
9 umn and inserting “\$10,425”.

10 (2) INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS.—Subparagraph
11 (B) of section 32(j)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
12 of 1986, as amended by this Act, is amended—

13 (A) in clause (i)—

14 (i) by inserting “(except as provided
15 in clause (iii))” after “(b)(2)(A)”, and

16 (ii) by striking “and” at the end, and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 clause:

19 “(iii) in the case of the \$8,820 and
20 \$10,4250 amount in the table in sub-
21 section (b)(2)(A), by substituting ‘calendar
22 year 2012’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in sub-
23 paragraph (B) of such section 1.”.

24 (c) CREDIT ALLOWED FOR CERTAIN CHILDLESS IN-
25 DIVIDUALS OVER AGE 21.—Subclause (II) of section

1 32(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 2 amended by striking “age 25” and inserting “age 21”.

3 (d) MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY
 4 RULES.—

5 (1) MODIFICATION OF ABANDONED SPOUSE
 6 RULE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(c)(1) of the
 8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to eli-
 9 gible individual) is amended by adding at the
 10 end the following new paragraph:

11 “(G) CERTAIN MARRIED INDIVIDUALS LIV-
 12 ING APART.—For purposes of this section, an
 13 individual who—

14 “(i) is married (within the meaning of
 15 section 7703(a)) and files a separate re-
 16 turn for the taxable year,

17 “(ii) lives with a qualifying child of
 18 the individual for more than one-half of
 19 such taxable year, and

20 “(iii)(I) during the last 6 months of
 21 such taxable year, does not have the same
 22 principal place of abode as the individual’s
 23 spouse, or

24 “(II) has a legally binding separation
 25 agreement with the individual’s spouse and

1 is not a member of the same household
 2 with the individual's spouse by the end of
 3 the taxable year,
 4 shall not be considered as married.”.

5 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (i) The last sentence of section
 7 32(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code
 8 of 1986 is amended by striking “section
 9 7703” and inserting “section 7703(a)”.

10 (ii) Section 32(d) of such Code is
 11 amended by striking “In the case of an in-
 12 dividual who is married (within the mean-
 13 ing of section 7703)” and inserting “In the
 14 case of an individual who is married (with-
 15 in the meaning of section 7703(a)) and is
 16 not described in subsection (c)(1)(G)”.

17 (2) SIMPLIFICATION OF RULES REGARDING
 18 PRESENCE OF QUALIFYING CHILD.—

19 (A) TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT FOR
 20 WORKER WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILD IF
 21 QUALIFYING CHILD CLAIMED BY ANOTHER
 22 MEMBER OF FAMILY.—Section 32(c)(1) of the
 23 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to eli-
 24 gible individual), as amended by this Act, is

1 amended by adding at the end the following
2 new paragraph:

3 “(H) TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT
4 FOR WORKER WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILD IF
5 QUALIFYING CHILD CLAIMED BY ANOTHER
6 MEMBER OF FAMILY.—

7 “(i) GENERAL RULE.—Except as pro-
8 vided in clause (ii), in the case of 2 or
9 more eligible individuals who may claim for
10 such taxable year the same individual as a
11 qualifying child, if such individual is
12 claimed as a qualifying child by such an el-
13 igible individual, then any other such eligi-
14 ble individual who does not make such a
15 claim of such child or of any other quali-
16 fying child may be considered an eligible
17 individual without a qualifying child for
18 purposes of the credit allowed under this
19 section for such taxable year.

20 “(ii) EXCEPTION IF QUALIFYING
21 CHILD CLAIMED BY PARENT.—If an indi-
22 vidual is claimed as a qualifying child for
23 any taxable year by an eligible individual
24 who is a parent of such child, then no
25 other custodial parent of such child who

1 does not make such a claim of such child
 2 may be considered an eligible individual
 3 without a qualifying child for purposes of
 4 the credit allowed under this section for
 5 such taxable year.”.

6 (B) TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT FOR
 7 WORKER WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILD IF
 8 QUALIFYING CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE VALID
 9 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.—Subparagraph (F)
 10 of section 32(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue
 11 Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

12 “(F) INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT INCLUDE
 13 TIN, ETC., OF ANY QUALIFYING CHILD.—In the
 14 case of any eligible individual who has one or
 15 more qualifying children, if no qualifying child
 16 of such individual is taken into account under
 17 subsection (b) by reason of paragraph (3)(D),
 18 for purposes of the credit allowed under this
 19 section, such individual may be considered an
 20 eligible individual without a qualifying child.”.

21 (e) ELIMINATION OF DISQUALIFIED INVESTMENT IN-
 22 COME TEST.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 32 of the Internal
 24 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking sub-
 25 section (i).

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (A) Section 32(j)(1)(B)(i) of such Code, as
3 amended by this Act, is amended—

4 (i) by striking “subsections” and in-
5 serting “subsection”, and

6 (ii) by striking “and (i)(1)”.

7 (B) Section 32(j)(2) of such Code is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(2) ROUNDING.—If any dollar amount in sub-
10 section (b)(2)(A) (after being increased under sub-
11 paragraph (B) thereof), after being increased under
12 paragraph (1), is not a multiple of \$10, such
13 amount shall be rounded to the next nearest mul-
14 tiple of \$10.”.

15 (f) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
17 December 31, 2014.

18 **SEC. 106. ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE ACT.**

19 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 416 of the Assets
20 for Independence Act (42 U.S.C. 604 note) is amended
21 by striking “and 2003,” and inserting “2003, 2015, 2016,
22 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020,”.

23 (b) NEWBORN DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS.—The As-
24 sets for Independence Act is amended by adding at the
25 end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 417. NEWBORN DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT DEM-**
2 **ONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this title:

4 “(1) ELIGIBLE NEWBORN.—The term ‘eligible
5 newborn’ means an individual who meets the eligi-
6 bility criteria in subsection (c) and is selected by a
7 qualified entity to participate in a newborn develop-
8 ment account demonstration project.

9 “(2) NEWBORN DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘newborn
11 development account’ means a trust created or
12 organized in the United States exclusively for
13 the purpose of paying the qualified expenses of
14 an eligible newborn, or enabling the eligible
15 newborn to make an emergency withdrawal, but
16 only if the written governing instrument cre-
17 ating the trust contains the requirements de-
18 scribed in clauses (i), (ii), and (iv) through (vi)
19 of section 404(a)(5).

20 “(B) INVESTMENT OF ASSETS.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
22 (ii), the assets of a newborn development
23 account shall be invested in accordance
24 with the direction of the eligible newborn
25 after consultation with the qualified entity

1 providing deposits for the eligible newborn
2 under subsection (e).

3 “(ii) INVESTMENTS.—The assets of a
4 newborn development account shall be in-
5 vested in accordance with the direction of
6 the qualified entity providing deposits for
7 the eligible newborn under subsection (e),
8 in a manner that provides an appropriate
9 balance between return, liquidity, and risk,
10 until the eligible newborn attains age 18.

11 “(C) CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS.—For pur-
12 poses of subparagraph (A), a custodial account
13 shall be treated as a trust if the assets of the
14 custodial account are held by a bank (as de-
15 fined in section 408(n) of the Internal Revenue
16 Code of 1986) or another person who dem-
17 onstrates, to the satisfaction of the Secretary,
18 that the manner in which such person will ad-
19 minister the custodial account will be consistent
20 with the requirements of this title, and if the
21 custodial account would, except for the fact that
22 it is not a trust, constitute a newborn develop-
23 ment account described in subparagraph (A).
24 For purposes of this title, in the case of a cus-
25 todial account treated as a trust by reason of

1 the preceding sentence, the custodian of that
2 custodial account shall be treated as the trustee
3 of the account.

4 “(3) NEWBORN DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT DEM-
5 ONSTRATION PROJECT.—The term ‘newborn develop-
6 ment account demonstration project’ means a dem-
7 onstration project conducted under this section.

8 “(b) APPROVAL OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

9 “(1) ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMONSTRATION
10 PROJECTS.—Not later than 3 months after the date
11 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall pub-
12 licly announce the availability of funding under this
13 title for newborn development account demonstration
14 projects and shall ensure that applications to con-
15 duct such demonstration projects are widely avail-
16 able to qualified entities.

17 “(2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 6 months
18 after the date of enactment of this section, a quali-
19 fied entity may submit to the Secretary an applica-
20 tion to conduct a demonstration project under this
21 section.

22 “(3) CRITERIA AND PREFERENCES.—In consid-
23 ering whether to approve an application to conduct
24 a demonstration project under this section, the Sec-
25 retary shall assess the criteria described in section

1 405(c) and give preferences to applications with the
2 elements described in section 405(d).

3 “(4) APPROVAL.—Not later than 9 months
4 after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-
5 retary shall, on a competitive basis, approve such ap-
6 plications to conduct demonstration projects under
7 this section as the Secretary considers to be appro-
8 priate, taking into account the assessments required
9 by paragraph (3). The Secretary shall ensure, to the
10 maximum extent practicable, that the applications
11 that are approved involve a range of communities
12 (both rural and urban) and diverse populations.

13 “(c) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall be eligi-
15 ble to participate in a demonstration project under
16 this section if the individual meets the following cri-
17 teria:

18 “(A) NEWBORN.—The individual is born
19 on or after October 1, 2016, and is selected by
20 a qualified entity to participate in a demonstra-
21 tion project under this section within 1 year of
22 the date of the individual’s birth.

23 “(B) INCOME AND NET WORTH TEST.—
24 The individual is a member of a household with
25 an adjusted gross income that does not exceed

1 400 percent of the poverty line (as determined
2 by the Office of Management and Budget) and
3 a net worth, as of the end of the calendar year
4 preceding the determination of eligibility, that
5 does not exceed \$1,000,000.

6 “(C) CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARD-
7 IAN.—The parent or legal guardian of the indi-
8 vidual has agreed to the individual’s participa-
9 tion in the demonstration project.

10 “(2) DETERMINATION OF NET WORTH.—For
11 purposes of determining the net worth of a house-
12 hold under paragraph (1)(B), a household’s assets
13 shall not be considered to include the primary dwell-
14 ing unit and one motor vehicle owned by a member
15 of the household.

16 “(3) INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE
17 PROJECT.—The Secretary shall establish such regu-
18 lations as are necessary to ensure compliance with
19 this title if an individual participating in a newborn
20 development account demonstration project moves
21 from the community in which the project is con-
22 ducted or is otherwise unable to continue partici-
23 pating in that project, including regulations prohib-
24 iting future eligibility to participate in any other
25 demonstration project conducted under this title.

1 “(d) DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY; ANNUAL
2 GRANTS.—

3 “(1) DEMONSTRATION AUTHORITY.—If the Sec-
4 retary approves an application to conduct a dem-
5 onstration project under this section, the Secretary
6 shall, not later than 10 months after the date of en-
7 actment of this section, authorize the applicant to
8 conduct the project for 5 project years in accordance
9 with the approved application and the requirements
10 of this title.

11 “(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—For each project
12 year of a demonstration project conducted under
13 this section, the Secretary may make a grant to the
14 qualified entity authorized to conduct the project. In
15 making such a grant, the Secretary shall make the
16 grant on the first day of the project year in an
17 amount not to exceed the lesser of—

18 “(A) the aggregate amount of funds com-
19 mitted as matching contributions from non-
20 Federal public or private sector sources; or

21 “(B) \$1,000,000.

22 “(e) DEPOSITS BY QUALIFIED ENTITIES.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less than once every 3
24 months during each project year, each qualified enti-
25 ty under this title shall deposit in the newborn devel-

1 opment account of each individual participating in a
 2 project under this section, or into a parallel account
 3 maintained by the qualified entity—

4 “(A) from the non-Federal funds described
 5 in section 405(c)(4), a matching contribution of
 6 not less than \$0.50 and not more than \$4 for
 7 every \$1 of earned income (as defined in section
 8 911(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 9 1986) deposited in the account by a project
 10 participant during that period;

11 “(B) from the grant made under sub-
 12 section (d)(2), an amount equal to the matching
 13 contribution made under subparagraph (A); and

14 “(C) any interest that has accrued on
 15 amounts deposited under subparagraph (A) or
 16 (B) on behalf of that individual.

17 “(2) INITIAL DEPOSIT.—Upon the establish-
 18 ment of a newborn development account, the quali-
 19 fied entity providing deposits for such account shall
 20 deposit in the account \$1,000 from the grant made
 21 under subsection (d)(2).

22 “(f) ASSIGNMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT
 23 NUMBER.—In the case of an individual who is selected
 24 by a qualified entity to participate in a newborn develop-
 25 ment account demonstration project and does not have a

1 social security account number, the Secretary shall coordi-
 2 nate with the Commissioner of Social Security to ensure
 3 that such individual is assigned a social security account
 4 number as required under section 205(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of
 5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)).

6 “(g) APPLICATION.—Except as otherwise provided,
 7 all requirements of this title shall—

8 “(1) apply to newborn development accounts in
 9 the same manner in which they apply to individual
 10 development accounts; and

11 “(2) apply to newborn development demonstra-
 12 tion projects in the same manner in which they
 13 apply to other demonstration projects conducted
 14 under this title.”.

15 (c) REPAYMENT OF INITIAL DEPOSIT PRINCIPAL.—
 16 Section 202(q) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 17 402(q)) is amended by adding at the end the following
 18 new paragraph:

19 “(12) In the case of an individual who partici-
 20 pated in a newborn development account demonstra-
 21 tion project under section 417 of the Assets for
 22 Independence Act, beginning with the first month
 23 for which such individual is entitled to an old-age,
 24 wife’s, husband’s, widow’s, or widow’s insurance
 25 benefit, the amount of such benefit shall be reduced

1 by up to 25 percent each month until the total
 2 amount by which such individual's benefits have
 3 been reduced equals \$1,000.”.

4 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) Section 404 of the Assets for Independence
 6 Act is amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (3)—

8 (i) by inserting “or eligible newborn”
 9 after “eligible individual”;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
 11 “or newborn development account” after
 12 “individual development account”; and

13 (iii) by inserting “or newborn” after
 14 “the individual” each place it appears;

15 (B) in paragraph (5)(A)(vi)—

16 (i) by inserting “or newborn develop-
 17 ment account” after “individual develop-
 18 ment account”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “or eligible newborn”
 20 after “eligible individual”;

21 (C) in paragraph (8)—

22 (i) by inserting “or newborn develop-
 23 ment account” after “individual develop-
 24 ment account” each place it appears;

1 (ii) by inserting “or eligible newborn”
 2 after “eligible individual” each place it ap-
 3 pears;

4 (iii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
 5 “or NDAs” after “IDAs” in the subpara-
 6 graph heading; and

7 (iv) by adding at the end the following
 8 new subparagraph:

9 “(E) RETIREMENT EXPENSES FOR ELIGI-
 10 BLE NEWBORNS.—In the case of an eligible
 11 newborn who has attained early retirement age
 12 (as defined in section 216(l) of the Social Secu-
 13 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 416)), amounts paid from
 14 the newborn development account of such eligi-
 15 ble newborn directly to the eligible newborn for
 16 purposes of enabling the eligible newborn to
 17 meet necessary living expenses.”; and

18 (D) in paragraph (9)—

19 (i) by inserting “or newborn” after
 20 “an individual”;

21 (ii) by inserting “or newborn develop-
 22 ment account” after “individual develop-
 23 ment account”; and

24 (iii) by inserting “or newborn” before
 25 “during the period”.

1 (2) Section 416 of the Assets for Independence
2 Act is amended—

3 (A) by inserting “and section 202(q)(12)
4 of the Social Security Act” after “Internal Rev-
5 enue Code of 1986”; and

6 (B) by inserting “or newborn development
7 account” after “individual development ac-
8 count”.

9 **SEC. 107. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 Section 674(a) of the Community Services Block
11 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9903(a)) is amended by striking
12 “2003” and inserting “2014”.

13 **SEC. 108. GRANTS FOR WORKING GROUPS ON CHILDREN.**

14 (a) WORKING GROUPS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
16 Human Services (referred to in this section as the
17 “Secretary”) shall award grant to States to establish
18 Governors Working Groups on Children, that pro-
19 vide innovative, independent, bipartisan, and sus-
20 tainable leadership at the State level for improving
21 the health status of children.

22 (2) FUNDING.—In awarding grants under this
23 subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that grants
24 funds and activities are coordinated with existing

1 funding streams and programs targeted at improv-
 2 ing the health status of children.

3 (3) ASSESSMENT.—States receiving grants
 4 under this section shall use a portion of grant funds
 5 to assess the impact of State budget allocations to
 6 health on child well-being outcomes.

7 (4) HEALTH EDUCATION COORDINATORS.—
 8 Each State receiving a grant under this subsection
 9 shall appoint a health education coordinator to re-
 10 view and coordinate health and education resources,
 11 services, and programs of the State, as appropriate.

12 (b) NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT.—
 13 The Secretary shall award a grant to an institution of
 14 higher education, a national nonprofit organization, or a
 15 foundation, that is capable of providing technical assist-
 16 ance on a national basis, to provide technical assistance
 17 to such States and Indian tribes to—

18 (1) identify best practices for improving the
 19 health status of children;

20 (2) provide consultation, training, and technical
 21 assistance to improve the health status of children;
 22 and

23 (3) improve efforts of States and Indian tribes
 24 at capacity building.

1 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Indian
 2 tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
 3 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
 4 (25 U.S.C. 450b).

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 6 authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be nec-
 7 essary to carry out this section.

8 **Subtitle B—Children’s Savings** 9 **Accounts**

10 **SEC. 110. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this subtitle:

12 (1) CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT.—The term
 13 “child’s savings account” means a trust created or
 14 organized exclusively for the purpose of paying the
 15 qualified expenses of only an individual who, when
 16 the trust is created or organized, has not attained
 17 18 years of age, if the written governing instrument
 18 creating the trust contains the following require-
 19 ments:

20 (A) The trustee is a federally insured fi-
 21 nancial institution, or a State insured financial
 22 institution if a federally insured financial insti-
 23 tution is not available.

24 (B) The assets of the trust will be invested
 25 in accordance with the direction of the indi-

vidual or of a parent or guardian of the individual, after consultation with the entity providing the initial contribution to the trust or, if applicable, a matching or other contribution for the individual.

(C) The assets of the trust will not be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.

(D) Any amount in the trust that is attributable to an account seed or matched deposit may be paid or distributed from the trust only for the purpose of paying qualified expenses of the individual.

(2) QUALIFIED EXPENSES.—The term “qualified expenses” means, with respect to an individual, expenses that—

(A) are incurred after the individual receives a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; and

(B) are—

(i) postsecondary educational expenses (as defined in section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of the individual;

- 1 (ii) for the purchase of a first home
 2 by the individual; or
 3 (iii) for the capitalization of a busi-
 4 ness owned by the individual.

5 **PART I—AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL**
 6 **SECURITY ACT**

7 **SEC. 111. INTEREST IN, AND DISTRIBUTION FROM, A QUALI-**
 8 **FIED TUITION PROGRAM REQUIRED TO BE**
 9 **DISREGARDED UNDER THE TANF PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a) of the Social Secu-
 11 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by adding at the
 12 end the following:

13 “(13) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD INTEREST
 14 IN AND DISTRIBUTION FROM, A QUALIFIED TUITION
 15 PROGRAM.—A State to which a grant is made under
 16 section 403 shall disregard the value of any interest
 17 in, or distribution from, a qualified tuition program
 18 (as defined in section 529(b) of the Internal Rev-
 19 enue Code of 1986), in determining the eligibility of,
 20 and the amount or type of assistance to be provided
 21 to an individual or family under the State program
 22 funded under this part.”.

23 (b) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a) of such Act
 2 (42 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by adding at the end
 3 the following:

4 “(17) PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DISREGARD
 5 INTEREST IN, OR DISTRIBUTION FROM, A QUALIFIED
 6 TUITION PROGRAM.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds
 8 that a State to which a grant is made under
 9 section 403 for a fiscal year has failed to com-
 10 ply with section 408(a)(13) during the fiscal
 11 year, the Secretary shall reduce the grant oth-
 12 erwise payable to the State under section
 13 403(a)(1) for the succeeding fiscal year by the
 14 percentage specified in subparagraph (B) of
 15 this paragraph.

16 “(B) AMOUNT OF REDUCTION.—The re-
 17 duction required under subparagraph (A) shall
 18 be—

19 “(i) not less than 1 nor more than 2
 20 percent;

21 “(ii) not less than 2 nor more than 3
 22 percent, if the finding is the 2nd consecu-
 23 tive finding made pursuant to subpara-
 24 graph (A); or

1 “(iii) not less than 3 nor more than 5
 2 percent, if the finding is the 3rd or a sub-
 3 sequent consecutive such finding.”.

4 (2) NO EXCEPTION FOR REASONABLE CAUSE.—
 5 Section 409(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(b)(2))
 6 is amended by striking “or (13)” and inserting
 7 “(13), or (17)”.

8 **SEC. 112. EXCLUSION OF INTEREST IN, AND DISTRIBUTION**
 9 **FROM, A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM**
 10 **FROM RESOURCES UNDER THE SSI PRO-**
 11 **GRAM.**

12 Section 1613(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 1382b(a)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
 15 (16);

16 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
 17 graph (17) and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by inserting after paragraph (17) the fol-
 19 lowing:

20 “(18) the value of any interest in, or distribu-
 21 tion from, a qualified tuition program (as defined in
 22 section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 23 1986).”.

1 **SEC. 113. CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT REQUIRED TO BE**
 2 **DISREGARDED UNDER THE TANF PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a)(13) of the Social
 4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by section
 5 111(a) of this Act, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “(13)” and all that follows
 7 through “A State” and inserting the following:

8 “(13) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD INTEREST
 9 IN, AND DISTRIBUTION FROM, A QUALIFIED TUITION
 10 PROGRAM, AND VALUE OF A CHILD’S SAVINGS AC-
 11 COUNT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State”; and

13 (2) by inserting “and the value of any child’s
 14 savings account (as defined in section 401 of the
 15 SONG Act)” after “1986”).

16 (b) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section
 17 409(a)(17) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(17)), as added
 18 by section 101(b)(1) of this Act, is amended in the para-
 19 graph heading, by inserting “OR VALUE OF A CHILD’S SAV-
 20 INGS ACCOUNT” after “PROGRAM”.

21 **SEC. 114. EXCLUSION OF CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT FROM**
 22 **RESOURCES UNDER THE SSI PROGRAM.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1613(a) of the Social Se-
 24 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b(a)), as amended by section
 25 112 of this Act, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (17);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (18) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (18) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(19) any child’s savings account (as defined in
8 section 401 of the SONG Act), including accrued in-
9 terest or other earnings thereon.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1613(e)(5)
11 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382b) is amended by inserting
12 “of this Act or section 110 of the SONG Act” before the
13 period.

14 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Effective imme-
15 diately after the repeal of the amendments made by the
16 Improving Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2009 (Public
17 Law 111–255), section 1613(a) of the Social Security Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 1382b(a)), as amended by the preceding provi-
19 sions of this subtitle, is amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
21 (15);

22 (2) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
23 (16); and

1 (3) by striking paragraph (17) and redesignating paragraphs (18) and (19) as paragraphs (17) and (18), respectively.

4 **PART II—AMENDMENT TO THE FOOD AND**
 5 **NUTRITION ACT OF 2008**

6 **SEC. 121. EXCLUSION OF CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**
 7 **FROM RESOURCES UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

9 Section 5(g) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
 10 (7 U.S.C. 2014(g)) is amended by adding at the end the
 11 following:

12 “(9) EXCLUSION OF CHILD’S SAVINGS AC-
 13 COUNTS FROM ALLOWABLE FINANCIAL RE-
 14 SOURCES.—

15 “(A) EXCLUSION.—The Secretary shall ex-
 16 clude from financial resources under this sub-
 17 section the value of funds in any child’s savings
 18 account.

19 “(B) CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT.—For
 20 purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘child’s
 21 savings account’ has the meaning given such
 22 term in section 110 of the SONG Act.”.

1 **PART III—AMENDMENT TO LOW-INCOME HOME**
 2 **ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1981**
 3 **SEC. 131. EXCLUSION OF CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**
 4 **FROM RESOURCES UNDER THE LOW-INCOME**
 5 **HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

6 Section 2605(f) of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
 7 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)) is amended by
 8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(3) EXCLUSION OF CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
 10 FROM ALLOWABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES.—

11 “(A) EXCLUSION.—The income of a household
 12 shall be determined under this section without re-
 13 gard to the value of funds in any child’s savings ac-
 14 count.

15 “(B) CHILD’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT.—For pur-
 16 poses of subparagraph (A), the term ‘child’s savings
 17 account’ has the meaning given such term in section
 18 110 of the SONG Act.”.

19 **Subtitle C—Family and Medical**
 20 **Leave**

21 **PART I—INCLUSION**

22 **SEC. 141. LEAVE TO CARE FOR A SAME-SEX SPOUSE, DO-**
 23 **MESTIC PARTNER, PARENT-IN-LAW, ADULT**
 24 **CHILD, SIBLING, GRANDCHILD, OR GRAND-**
 25 **PARENT.**

26 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

1 (1) INCLUSION OF ADULT CHILDREN AND CHIL-
 2 DREN OF A DOMESTIC PARTNER.—Section 101(12)
 3 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29
 4 U.S.C. 2611(12)) is amended—

5 (A) by inserting “a child of an individual’s
 6 domestic partner,” after “a legal ward,”; and

7 (B) by striking “who is—” and all that
 8 follows and inserting “and includes an adult
 9 child.”.

10 (2) INCLUSION OF GRANDCHILDREN, GRAND-
 11 PARENTS, PARENTS-IN-LAW, SIBLINGS, AND DOMES-
 12 TIC PARTNERS.—Section 101 of the Family and
 13 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611) is fur-
 14 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(20) DOMESTIC PARTNER.—The term ‘domes-
 16 tic partner’, used with respect to an employee,
 17 means—

18 “(A) the person recognized as the domestic
 19 partner of the employee under any domestic
 20 partner registry or civil union law of the State
 21 or political subdivision of a State where the em-
 22 ployee resides, or the person who is lawfully
 23 married to the employee under the law of the
 24 State where the employee resides and who is
 25 the same sex as the employee; or

1 “(B) in the case of an unmarried employee
2 who lives in a State where a person cannot
3 marry a person of the same sex under the laws
4 of the State, a single, unmarried adult person
5 of the same sex as the employee who is in a
6 committed, personal (as defined in regulations
7 issued by the Secretary) relationship with the
8 employee, who is not a domestic partner to any
9 other person, and who is designated to the em-
10 ployer by such employee as that employee’s do-
11 mestic partner.

12 “(21) GRANDCHILD.—The term ‘grandchild’,
13 used with respect to an employee, means any person
14 who is a son or daughter of a son or daughter of
15 the employee.

16 “(22) GRANDPARENT.—The term ‘grand-
17 parent’, used with respect to an employee, means a
18 parent of a parent of the employee.

19 “(23) PARENT-IN-LAW.—The term ‘parent-in-
20 law’, used with respect to an employee, means a par-
21 ent of the spouse or domestic partner of the em-
22 ployee.

23 “(24) SIBLING.—The term ‘sibling’, used with
24 respect to an employee, means any person who is a
25 son or daughter of the employee’s parent.

1 “(25) SON-IN-LAW OR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.—

2 The term ‘son-in-law or daughter-in-law’, used with
3 respect to an employee, means any person who is a
4 spouse or domestic partner of a son or daughter of
5 the employee.”.

6 (b) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 102 of the Fam-
7 ily and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
11 “spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent, of the
12 employee, if such spouse, son, daughter, or par-
13 ent” and inserting “spouse or domestic partner,
14 or a son, daughter, parent, parent-in-law,
15 grandparent, or sibling, of the employee, if such
16 spouse, domestic partner, son, daughter, parent,
17 parent-in-law, grandparent, or sibling”; and

18 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking
19 “spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent” and in-
20 serting “spouse or domestic partner, or a son,
21 daughter, parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, or
22 sibling,”;

23 (2) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “spouse,
24 son, daughter, parent,” and inserting “spouse or do-

mestic partner, son, daughter, parent, son-in-law or daughter-in-law, grandparent, sibling,”;

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “spouse, parent,” and inserting “spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, sibling,”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent,” and inserting “spouse or domestic partner, or a son, daughter, parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, or sibling,”; and

(4) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “a husband and wife” and inserting “2 spouses or 2 domestic partners”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “that husband and wife” and inserting “those spouses or those domestic partners”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the husband and wife” and inserting “those spouses or those domestic partners”.

1 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Section 103 of the Family and
2 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2613) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “spouse, or
5 parent” and inserting “spouse, domestic partner,
6 parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or
7 sibling”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking
10 “spouse, or parent and an estimate of the
11 amount of time that such employee is needed to
12 care for the son, daughter, spouse, or parent”
13 and inserting “spouse, domestic partner, par-
14 ent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or sibling, and
15 an estimate of the amount of time that such
16 employee is needed to care for such son, daugh-
17 ter, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-
18 law, grandparent, or sibling”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “parent,
20 or spouse” and inserting “spouse, domestic
21 partner, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or
22 sibling”.

23 (d) EMPLOYMENT AND BENEFITS PROTECTION.—
24 Section 104(c)(3) of the Family and Medical Leave Act
25 of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2614(c)(3)) is amended—

- 1 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “spouse,
 2 or parent” and inserting “spouse, domestic partner,
 3 parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or sibling”; and
 4 (2) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
 5 “spouse, or parent” and inserting “spouse, domestic
 6 partner, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or sib-
 7 ling”.

8 **SEC. 142. LEAVE FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO CARE**
 9 **FOR SAME-SEX SPOUSE, DOMESTIC PARTNER,**
 10 **PARTNER-IN-LAW, ADULT CHILD, SIBLING,**
 11 **GRANDCHILD, OR GRANDPARENT.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

13 (1) INCLUSION OF ADULT CHILDREN AND CHIL-
 14 DREN OF A DOMESTIC PARTNER.—Section 6381(6)
 15 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

16 (A) by inserting “a child of an individual’s
 17 domestic partner,” after “a legal ward,”; and

18 (B) by striking “who is—” and all that
 19 follows and inserting “and includes an adult
 20 child.”.

21 (2) INCLUSION OF GRANDCHILDREN, GRAND-
 22 PARENTS, PARENTS-IN-LAW, SIBLINGS, AND DOMES-
 23 TIC PARTNERS.—Section 6381 of such title is fur-
 24 ther amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (11)(B), by striking “;
2 and” and inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) in paragraph (12), by striking the pe-
4 riod and inserting a semicolon; and

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

6 “(13) the term ‘domestic partner’, used with re-
7 spect to an employee, means—

8 “(A) the person recognized as the domestic
9 partner of the employee under any domestic
10 partner registry or civil union law of the State
11 or political subdivision of a State where the em-
12 ployee resides, or the person who is lawfully
13 married to the employee under the law of the
14 State where the employee resides and who is
15 the same sex as the employee; or

16 “(B) in the case of an unmarried employee
17 who lives in a State where a person cannot
18 marry a person of the same sex under the laws
19 of the State, a single, unmarried adult person
20 of the same sex as the employee who is in a
21 committed, personal (as defined in regulations
22 issued by the Office of Personnel Management)
23 relationship with the employee, who is not a do-
24 mestic partner to any other person, and who is

1 designated to the employing office by such em-
 2 ployee as that employee's domestic partner;

3 “(14) the term ‘grandchild’, used with respect
 4 to an employee, means any person who is a son or
 5 daughter of a son or daughter of the employee;

6 “(15) the term ‘grandparent’, used with respect
 7 to an employee, means a parent of a parent of the
 8 employee;

9 “(16) the term ‘parent-in-law’, used with re-
 10 spect to an employee, means a parent of the spouse
 11 or domestic partner of the employee;

12 “(17) the term ‘sibling’, used with respect to an
 13 employee, means any person who is a son or daugh-
 14 ter of the employee's parent; and

15 “(18) the term ‘son-in-law or daughter-in-law’,
 16 used with respect to an employee, means any person
 17 who is a spouse or domestic partner of a son or
 18 daughter of the employee.”.

19 (b) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 6382 of title 5,
 20 United States Code, is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 23 “spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent, of the
 24 employee, if such spouse, son, daughter, or par-
 25 ent” and inserting “spouse or domestic partner,

1 or a son, daughter, parent, parent-in-law,
 2 grandparent, or sibling, of the employee, if such
 3 spouse, domestic partner, son, daughter, parent,
 4 parent-in-law, grandparent, or sibling”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking
 6 “spouse, or a son, daughter, or parent” and in-
 7 serting “spouse or domestic partner, or a son,
 8 daughter, parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, or
 9 sibling,”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “spouse,
 11 son, daughter, parent,” and inserting “spouse or do-
 12 mestic partner, son, daughter, parent, son-in-law or
 13 daughter-in-law, grandparent, sibling,”; and

14 (3) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
 16 “spouse, parent,” and inserting “spouse, do-
 17 mestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, grand-
 18 child, grandparent, sibling,”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “spouse,
 20 or a son, daughter, or parent,” and inserting
 21 “spouse or domestic partner, or a son, daugh-
 22 ter, parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, or sib-
 23 ling,”.

24 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Section 6383 of title 5, United
 25 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “spouse, or
 2 parent” and inserting “spouse, domestic partner,
 3 parent, parent-in-law, grandchild, grandparent, or
 4 sibling”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b)(4)(A), by striking “spouse,
 6 or parent, and an estimate of the amount of time
 7 that such employee is needed to care for such son,
 8 daughter, spouse, or parent” and inserting “spouse,
 9 domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, grand-
 10 parent, or sibling, and an estimate of the amount of
 11 time that such employee is needed to care for such
 12 son, daughter, spouse, domestic partner, parent,
 13 parent-in-law, grandparent, or sibling”.

14 **PART II—FAMILY INVOLVEMENT LEAVE**

15 **SEC. 151. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT LEAVE.**

16 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE.—Section 102(a) of the
 17 Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.
 18 2612(a)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (4)—

20 (A) in the first sentence, by striking
 21 “paragraphs (1) and (3)” and inserting “para-
 22 graphs (1), (3), and (6)”; and

23 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
 24 “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraph (1)
 25 or (6)”; and

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

2 “(6) ENTITLEMENT TO FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
3 LEAVE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section
5 103(h), an eligible employee shall be entitled to
6 a total of 24 hours of leave during any 12-
7 month period—

8 “(i) to participate in an academic ac-
9 tivity of a school of a son or daughter of
10 the employee, such as a parent-teacher
11 conference or an interview for a school;

12 “(ii) to participate in an extra-
13 curricular activity at, or sponsored by, a
14 school of a son or daughter of the em-
15 ployee; or

16 “(iii) to transport or accompany a
17 spouse, son or daughter, or parent, of the
18 employee to a medical or dental appoint-
19 ment.

20 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
21 the term ‘school’ means an elementary school or
22 secondary school (as such terms are defined in
23 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), a
25 Head Start program assisted under the Head

1 Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), and a child
2 care facility operated by a provider who meets
3 the applicable State or local government licens-
4 ing, certification, or registration requirements,
5 if any.

6 “(7) LIMITATION.—No employee may take
7 more than a total of 12 workweeks of leave under
8 paragraphs (1) and (6) during any 12-month pe-
9 riod.”.

10 (b) SCHEDULE.—Section 102(b)(1) of such Act (29
11 U.S.C. 2612(b)(1)) is amended by inserting after the third
12 sentence the following: “Leave under subsection (a)(6)
13 may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave sched-
14 ule.”.

15 (c) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—Section
16 102(d)(2)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2612(d)(2)(A)) is
17 amended by inserting before the period the following: “,
18 or for leave provided under subsection (a)(6) for any part
19 of the 24-hour period of such leave under such sub-
20 section”.

21 (d) NOTICE.—Section 102(e) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
22 2612(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) NOTICE FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
24 LEAVE.—In any case in which the necessity for leave
25 under subsection (a)(6) is foreseeable, the employee

1 shall provide the employer with not less than 7 days’
 2 notice, before the date the leave is to begin, of the
 3 employee’s intention to take leave under such sub-
 4 section. If the necessity for the leave is not foresee-
 5 able, the employee shall provide such notice as is
 6 practicable.”.

7 (e) CERTIFICATION.—Section 103 of such Act (29
 8 U.S.C. 2613) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(g) CERTIFICATION FOR FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
 11 LEAVE.—An employer may require that a request for
 12 leave under section 102(a)(6) be supported by a certifi-
 13 cation issued at such time and in such manner as the Sec-
 14 retary may by regulation prescribe.”.

15 **SEC. 152. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT LEAVE FOR CIVIL SERV-**
 16 **ICE EMPLOYEES.**

17 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE.—Section 6382(a) of
 18 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (4)—

20 (A) in the first sentence, by striking
 21 “paragraphs (1) and (3)” and inserting “para-
 22 graphs (1), (3), and (5)”; and

23 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
 24 “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraph (1)
 25 or (5)”; and

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

2 “(5)(A) Subject to section 6383(h), an employee shall
3 be entitled to a total of 24 hours of leave during any 12-
4 month period—

5 “(i) to participate in an academic activity of a
6 school of a son or daughter of the employee, such as
7 a parent-teacher conference or an interview for a
8 school;

9 “(ii) to participate in an extracurricular activity
10 at, or sponsored by, a school of a son or daughter
11 of the employee; or

12 “(iii) to transport or accompany a spouse, son,
13 or daughter, or parent, of the employee to a medical
14 or dental appointment.

15 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘school’ means an
16 elementary school or secondary school (as such terms are
17 defined in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary
18 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)), a Head Start
19 program assisted under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
20 9831 et seq.), and a child care facility operated by a pro-
21 vider who meets the applicable State or local government
22 licensing, certification, or registration requirements, if
23 any.

1 “(6) No employee may take more than a total of 12
2 workweeks of leave under paragraphs (1) and (5) during
3 any 12-month period.”.

4 (b) SCHEDULE.—Section 6382(b)(1) of such title is
5 amended by inserting after the third sentence the fol-
6 lowing: “Leave under subsection (a)(5) may be taken
7 intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule.”.

8 (c) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—Section
9 6382(d) of such title is amended by inserting before “,
10 except” the following: “, or for leave provided under sub-
11 section (a)(5) any of the employee’s accrued or accumu-
12 lated annual leave under subchapter I for any part of the
13 24-hour period of such leave under such subsection”.

14 (d) NOTICE.—Section 6382(e) of such title is amend-
15 ed by adding at the end the following:

16 “(4) In any case in which the necessity for leave
17 under subsection (a)(5) is foreseeable, the employee shall
18 provide the employing agency with not less than 7 days’
19 notice, before the date the leave is to begin, of the employ-
20 ee’s intention to take leave under such subsection. If the
21 necessity for the leave is not foreseeable, the employee
22 shall provide such notice as is practicable.”.

23 (e) CERTIFICATION.—Section 6383 of such title is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 SEC. 161. LEAVE FOR ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

13 “(26) ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
14 ITS EFFECTS.—The term ‘addressing domestic vio-
15 lence and its effects’, used with respect to an em-
16 ployee, means—

19 “(B) recovering from, or seeking medical
20 attention for the employee or a son, daughter,
21 or parent (referred to in this paragraph as a
22 ‘family member’) of the employee to recover
23 from, injury caused by domestic violence;

24 “(C) seeking, or assisting a family member
25 in seeking, legal assistance or a remedy, includ-

1 ing communicating with the police or an attor-
2 ney, or participating in any legal proceeding, re-
3 lated to domestic violence;

4 “(D) obtaining, or assisting a family mem-
5 ber in obtaining, services from a domestic vio-
6 lence shelter or program or rape crisis center as
7 a result of domestic violence;

8 “(E) obtaining, or assisting a family mem-
9 ber in obtaining, psychological counseling re-
10 lated to an experience of domestic violence;

11 “(F) participating in safety planning and
12 other actions, including temporary or perma-
13 nent relocation, to increase safety from future
14 domestic violence; and

15 “(G) participating in any other activity ne-
16 cessitated by domestic violence that must be un-
17 dertaken during the hours of employment in-
18 volved.

19 “(27) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term ‘domes-
20 tic violence’ means domestic violence, and dating vio-
21 lence, as such terms are defined in section 40002 of
22 the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C.
23 13925).”.

1 (b) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 102 of the Fam-
 2 ily and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612) is
 3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end
 5 the following:

6 “(F) In order to care for a son, daughter,
 7 or parent of the employee, if such son, daugh-
 8 ter, or parent is addressing domestic violence
 9 and its effects.

10 “(G) Because the employee is addressing
 11 domestic violence and its effects, which make
 12 the employee unable to perform the functions of
 13 the position of such employee.”;

14 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
 15 following:

16 “(3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—Leave under sub-
 17 paragraph (F) or (G) of subsection (a)(1) may be
 18 taken by an eligible employee intermittently or on a
 19 reduced leave schedule. The taking of leave intermit-
 20 tently or on a reduced leave schedule pursuant to
 21 this paragraph shall not result in a reduction in the
 22 total amount of leave to which the employee is enti-
 23 tled under subsection (a) beyond the amount of leave
 24 actually taken.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (d)(2)(B), in the first sen-
 2 tence, by striking “(C) or (D)” and inserting “(C),
 3 (D), (F), or (G)”.

4 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Section 103 of the Family and
 5 Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2613), as amended
 6 by section 151(e), is further amended—

7 (1) in the title of the section, by inserting be-
 8 fore the period the following: “; **CONFIDEN-**
 9 **TIALITY**”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(h) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—In determining if an
 12 employee meets the requirements of subparagraph (F) or
 13 (G) of section 102(a)(1), the employer of an employee may
 14 require the employee to provide—

15 “(1) a written statement describing the domes-
 16 tic violence and its effects;

17 “(2) documentation of the domestic violence in-
 18 volved, such as a police or court record, or docu-
 19 mentation from a shelter worker, an employee of a
 20 domestic violence program or rape crisis center, an
 21 attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or
 22 other professional, from whom the employee has
 23 sought assistance in addressing domestic violence
 24 and its effects; or

1 “(3) other corroborating evidence, such as a
 2 statement from any other individual with knowledge
 3 of the circumstances that provide the basis for the
 4 claim of domestic violence, or physical evidence of
 5 domestic violence, such as a photograph, torn or
 6 bloody clothing, or any other damaged property.

7 “(i) CONFIDENTIALITY.—All evidence provided to the
 8 employer under subsection (h) of domestic violence experi-
 9 enced by an employee or the son, daughter, or parent of
 10 an employee, including a statement of an employee, any
 11 other documentation or corroborating evidence, and the
 12 fact that an employee has requested leave for the purpose
 13 of addressing, or caring for a son, daughter, or parent who
 14 is addressing, domestic violence and its effects, shall be
 15 retained in the strictest confidence by the employer, except
 16 to the extent that disclosure is requested, or consented to,
 17 by the employee for the purpose of—

18 “(1) protecting the safety of the employee or a
 19 son, daughter, parent, or co-worker of the employee;
 20 or

21 “(2) assisting in documenting domestic violence
 22 for a court or agency.”.

23 “(d) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
 24 section 1(b) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

1 is amended by striking the item relating to section 103
2 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 103. Certification; confidentiality.”.

3 **SEC. 162. LEAVE FOR ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
4 **FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 6381 of title 5, United
6 States Code, as amended by section 142(a), is further
7 amended—

8 (1) at the end of paragraph (17), by striking
9 “and”;

10 (2) in paragraph (18), by striking the period
11 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

13 “(19) the term ‘addressing domestic violence
14 and its effects’ has the meaning given the term in
15 section 101 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of
16 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611); and

17 “(20) the term ‘domestic violence’ means do-
18 mestic violence, and dating violence, as such terms
19 are defined in section 40002 of the Violence Against
20 Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925).”.

21 (b) LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 6382 of title 5,
22 United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end
24 the following:

1 “(F) In order to care for a son, daughter, or
 2 parent of the employee, if such son, daughter, or
 3 parent is addressing domestic violence and its ef-
 4 fects.

5 “(G) Because the employee is addressing do-
 6 mestic violence and its effects, which make the em-
 7 ployee unable to perform the functions of the posi-
 8 tion of such employee.”;

9 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
 10 following:

11 “(3) Leave under subparagraph (F) or (G) of sub-
 12 section (a)(1) may be taken by an employee intermittently
 13 or on a reduced leave schedule. The taking of leave inter-
 14 mittently or on a reduced leave schedule pursuant to this
 15 paragraph shall not result in a reduction in the total
 16 amount of leave to which the employee is entitled under
 17 subsection (a) beyond the amount of leave actually
 18 taken.”; and

19 (3) in subsection (d), in the first sentence, by
 20 striking “(D), or (E)” and inserting “(D), (E), (F),
 21 or (G)”.

22 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Section 6383 of title 5, United
 23 States Code, as amended by section 152(e), is further
 24 amended—

1 (1) in the title of the section, by adding at the
 2 end the following: “; **confidentiality**”; and

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

4 “(h) In determining if an employee meets the require-
 5 ments of subparagraph (F) or (G) of section 6382(a)(1),
 6 the employing agency of an employee may require the em-
 7 ployee to provide—

8 “(1) a written statement describing the domes-
 9 tic violence and its effects;

10 “(2) documentation of the domestic violence in-
 11 volved, such as a police or court record, or docu-
 12 mentation from a shelter worker, an employee of a
 13 domestic violence program or rape crisis center, an
 14 attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or
 15 other professional, from whom the employee has
 16 sought assistance in addressing domestic violence
 17 and its effects; or

18 “(3) other corroborating evidence, such as a
 19 statement from any other individual with knowledge
 20 of the circumstances that provide the basis for the
 21 claim of domestic violence, or physical evidence of
 22 domestic violence, such as a photograph, torn or
 23 bloody clothing, or other damaged property.

24 “(i) All evidence provided to the employing agency
 25 under subsection (h) of domestic violence experienced by

1 an employee or the son, daughter, or parent of an em-
 2 ployee, including a statement of an employee, any other
 3 documentation or corroborating evidence, and the fact
 4 that an employee has requested leave for the purpose of
 5 addressing, or caring for a son, daughter, or parent who
 6 is addressing, domestic violence and its effects, shall be
 7 retained in the strictest confidence by the employing agen-
 8 cy, except to the extent that disclosure is requested, or
 9 consented to, by the employee for the purpose of—

10 “(1) protecting the safety of the employee or a
 11 son, daughter, parent, or co-worker of the employee;
 12 or

13 “(2) assisting in documenting domestic violence
 14 for a court or agency.”.

15 (d) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for
 16 chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by
 17 striking the item relating to section 6383 and inserting
 18 the following:

“6383. Certification; confidentiality.”.

19 **PART IV—BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

20 **SEC. 171. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.**

21 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE.—Section 102(a)(1) of
 22 the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C.
 23 2612(a)(1)), as amended by section 161(b), is further
 24 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-
 25 graph:

1 “(H) Because of the death of a son or
2 daughter, parent, or sibling.”.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LEAVE.—

4 (1) SCHEDULE.—Section 102(b)(1) of such Act
5 (29 U.S.C. 2612(b)(1)), as amended by section
6 151(b), is further amended by inserting before the
7 last sentence the following new sentence: “Leave
8 under subsection (a)(1)(H) shall not be taken by an
9 employee intermittently or on a reduced leave sched-
10 ule unless the employee and the employer of the em-
11 ployee agree otherwise.”.

12 (2) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—Section
13 102(d)(2)(B) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
14 2612(d)(2)(B)), as amended by section 161(b), is
15 further amended, in the first sentence, by striking
16 “or (G)” and inserting “(G), or (H)”.

17 (3) NOTICE.—Section 102(e) of such Act (29
18 U.S.C. 2612(e)), as amended by section 151(d), is
19 further amended by adding at the end the following
20 new paragraph:

21 “(5) NOTICE FOR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.—In
22 any case in which the necessity for leave under sub-
23 section (a)(1)(H) is foreseeable, the employee shall
24 provide such notice to the employer as is reasonable
25 and practicable.”.

1 (4) SPOUSES EMPLOYED BY SAME EM-
 2 PLOYER.—Section 102(f)(1)(A) of such Act (29
 3 U.S.C. 2612(f)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “sub-
 4 paragraph (A) or (B)” and inserting “subparagraph
 5 (A), (B), or (H)”.

6 (5) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section
 7 103 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2613), as amended by
 8 section 161(c), is further amended by adding at the
 9 end the following:

10 “(j) CERTIFICATION RELATED TO A DEATH.—An
 11 employer may require that a request for leave under sec-
 12 tion 102(a)(1)(H) be supported by a certification issued
 13 at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may
 14 by regulation prescribe. If the Secretary issues a regula-
 15 tion requiring such certification, the employee shall pro-
 16 vide, in a timely manner, a copy of such certification to
 17 the employer.”.

18 (6) FAILURE TO RETURN FROM LEAVE.—Sec-
 19 tion 104(c) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2614(c)) is
 20 amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by inserting
 22 before the semicolon the following: “, or a death
 23 that entitles the employee to leave under section
 24 102(a)(1)(H)”;

25 (B) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
by inserting “, or the death,” before “de-
scribed”;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at
the end;

(iii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
clause (iv); and

(iv) by inserting after clause (ii) the
following:

“(iii) a certification that meets such
requirements as the Secretary may by reg-
ulation prescribe, in the case of an em-
ployee unable to return to work because of
a death specified in section 102(a)(1)(H);
or”.

(7) EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
AGENCIES.—Section 108 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
2618) is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) in the matter preceding sub-
paragraph (A), by inserting after
“medical treatment” the following: “,
or under section 102(a)(1)(H) that is
foreseeable,”; and

1 (II) in subparagraph (A), by in-
 2 serting after “to exceed” the fol-
 3 lowing: “(except in the case of leave
 4 under section 102(a)(1)(H))”; and
 5 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “sec-
 6 tion 102(e)(2)” and inserting “paragraphs
 7 (2) and (5) of section 102(e), as applica-
 8 ble”; and
 9 (B) in subsection (d), in paragraphs (2)
 10 and (3), by striking “or (C)” each place it ap-
 11 pears and inserting “(C), or (H)”.

12 **SEC. 172. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR CIVIL SERVICE EM-**
 13 **PLOYEES.**

14 (a) ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE.—Section 6382(a)(1)
 15 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by section
 16 162(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(H) Because of the death of a son or daugh-
 19 ter, parent, or sibling.”.

20 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LEAVE.—

21 (1) SCHEDULE.—Section 6382(b)(1) of such
 22 title, as amended by section 142(b), is further
 23 amended by inserting before the last sentence the
 24 following new sentence: “Leave under subsection
 25 (a)(1)(H) shall not be taken by an employee inter-

1 mittently or on a reduced leave schedule unless the
2 employee and the employing agency of the employee
3 agree otherwise.”.

4 (2) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—Section
5 6382(d) of such title, as amended by section 162(b),
6 is further amended, in the first sentence, by striking
7 “or (G)” and inserting “(G), or (H)”.

8 (3) NOTICE.—Section 6382(e) of such title, as
9 amended by section 152(d), is further amended by
10 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

11 “(5) In any case in which the necessity for leave
12 under subsection (a)(1)(H) is foreseeable, the employee
13 shall provide such notice to the employing agency as is
14 reasonable and practicable.”.

15 (4) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section
16 6383 of such title, as amended by section 162(c), is
17 further amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(j) An employing agency may require that a request
19 for leave under section 6382(a)(1)(H) be supported by a
20 certification issued at such time and in such manner as
21 the Office of Personnel Management may by regulation
22 prescribe. If the Office issues a regulation requiring such
23 certification, the employee shall provide, in a timely man-
24 ner, a copy of such certification to the employing office.”.

TITLE II—HEALTH PROGRAMS

Subtitle A—Ensuring Access

SEC. 201. COORDINATION AND EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO ADDRESS HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE NEEDS AND MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILD- HOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

(a) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO ADDRESS
HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKFORCE NEEDS.—

(1) COORDINATION WITH MATERNAL, INFANT,
AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PRO-
GRAMS.—Section 2008(a)(2)(B) of the Social Secu-
rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397g(a)(2)(B)), as amended by
section 512(dd)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act (Public Law 113–128), is amended
by inserting “, any eligible entities conducting a
demonstration project awarded under section
2008(a) in the State,” after “the State TANF pro-
gram,”.

(2) EXTENSION OF FUNDING.—Section
2008(c)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
1397g(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking “the Secretary to carry
out” and inserting “the Secretary—

“(A) to carry out”;

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 2 inserting “; and”; and

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

4 “(B) to carry out subsection (a),
 5 \$85,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
 6 through 2020.”.

7 (b) MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
 8 HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.—

9 (1) COORDINATION WITH HEALTH PROFES-
 10 SIONS WORKFORCE NEEDS DEMONSTRATION
 11 PROJECT.—Section 511 of the Social Security Act
 12 (42 U.S.C. 711) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (e)—

14 (i) by redesignating paragraph (10) as
 15 paragraph (11); and

16 (ii) by inserting after paragraph (9),
 17 the following:

18 “(10) A statement describing how the program
 19 will be coordinated with any demonstration project
 20 awarded under section 2008(a) that is being con-
 21 ducted in the State (relating to health professions
 22 workforce needs).”; and

23 (B) in subsection (h)(1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 25 “and” after the semicolon;

- 1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
 2 (B) as subparagraph (C); and
 3 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
 4 (A), the following:

5 “(B) coordinating the awarding and over-
 6 sight of grants under this section with the Sec-
 7 retary of Labor’s awarding of grants and over-
 8 sight of demonstration projects designed to ad-
 9 dress health professions workforce needs under
 10 section 2008(a); and”.

11 (2) EXTENSION OF FUNDING.—Section
 12 511(j)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 711(j)(1)) is amended—

14 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking
 15 “and” after the semicolon;

16 (B) in subparagraph (F)—

17 (i) by striking “March 31” and insert-
 18 ing “September 30”; and

19 (ii) by striking the period at the end
 20 and inserting “; and”; and

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

22 “(G) \$400,000,000 for each of fiscal years
 23 2016 through 2020.”.

24 (c) YEAR-ROUND HEALTH CENTERS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
 2 Human Services shall permit school-based health
 3 centers that are funded under section 399Z–1 of the
 4 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280h–5) to
 5 provide services to students on a year-round basis.

6 (2) SUMMER ACTIVITIES.—School-based health
 7 centers described in paragraph (1) shall provide
 8 services to students who are participating in summer
 9 camp and other appropriated programs at the school
 10 involved. Such services may include tutoring and
 11 other enrichment experiences.

12 (d) COORDINATION OF SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY
 13 HEALTH CENTERS.—The Secretary of Health and
 14 Human Services shall encourage community health cen-
 15 ters funded under section 330 of the Public Health Service
 16 Act (42 U.S.C. 254b) to coordinate child and adolescent
 17 health care in local elementary and secondary schools
 18 through the provision of in-school health services by such
 19 centers.

20 **SEC. 202. HEALTH AND DENTAL PROVIDERS.**

21 (a) EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DENTAL PRO-
 22 VIDERS AND NURSES.—

23 (1) DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND NURSES AS CORP
 24 MEMBERS.—Section 331(a) of the Public Health

1 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)) is amended by add-
 2 ing at the end the following:

3 “(4) In carrying out this subpart, the Secretary shall
 4 implement a program to enable dental hygienists and
 5 nurses to be Corps members if such hygienists and nurses
 6 will provide services in a health professional shortage area
 7 that is a school described in the last sentence of section
 8 332(a)(1).”.

9 (2) HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE
 10 AREAS.—Section 332(a)(1) of the Public Health
 11 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e(a)(1)) is amended by
 12 adding at the end the following: “Such term shall,
 13 with respect to dental hygienists and nurses, include
 14 elementary and secondary schools that receive assist-
 15 ance under title I of the Elementary and Secondary
 16 Education Act of 1965.”.

17 (b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENING AND SERV-
 18 ICES.—Part Q of title III of the Public Health Service
 19 Act (42 U.S.C. 280h et seq.) is amended by adding at
 20 the end the following:

21 **“SEC. 399Z-2. GRANTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREEN-**
 22 **ING AND SERVICES.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
 24 grants to eligible entities to enable such entities to provide

1 behavioral health screening and behavioral health services
 2 to individuals served by such entities.

3 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
 4 under this section, an entity shall—

5 “(1) be a school-based health center that re-
 6 ceives a grant under section 399Z–1; and

7 “(2) submit to the Secretary an application at
 8 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
 9 formation as the Secretary may require.

10 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity shall use amounts
 11 received under a grant under this section to provide behav-
 12 ioral health screening and behavioral health services to in-
 13 dividuals served by such entity.

14 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 15 is authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be
 16 necessary to carry out this section.”.

17 (c) YEAR-ROUND HEALTH CENTERS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
 19 Human Services shall permit school-based health
 20 centers that are funded under section 399Z–1 of the
 21 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280h–5) to
 22 provide services to students on a year-round basis.

23 (2) SUMMER ACTIVITIES.—School-based health
 24 centers described in paragraph (1) shall provide
 25 services to students who are participating in summer

1 camp and other appropriated programs at the school
 2 involved. Such services may include tutoring and
 3 other enrichment experiences.

4 (d) COORDINATION OF SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY
 5 HEALTH CENTERS.—The Secretary of Health and
 6 Human Services shall encourage community health cen-
 7 ters funded under section 330 of the Public Health Service
 8 Act (42 U.S.C. 254b) to coordinate child and adolescent
 9 health care in local elementary and secondary schools
 10 through the provision of in-school health services by such
 11 centers.

12 **SEC. 203. DIRECT CERTIFICATION FOR PROGRAMS WITH**
 13 **OVERLAPPING ELIGIBILITY.**

14 (a) MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.—

15 (1) DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF SNAP-ELIGIBLE
 16 CHILDREN AND HEAD START-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN
 17 MEDICAID.—Section 1902(e) of the Social Security
 18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)) is amended—

19 (A) by redesignating the paragraph (14)
 20 added by section 3(c)(1) of Public Law 111–
 21 255 as paragraph (16); and

22 (B) by inserting after the paragraph (14)
 23 added by section 2002 of Public Law 111–148
 24 the following:

1 “(15) DIRECT CERTIFICATION FOR CHILDREN ELI-
2 GIBLE FOR SNAP OR HEAD START.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State plan approved
4 under this title must provide that a child described
5 in subparagraph (B) shall be deemed to have applied
6 for medical assistance and to have been found eligi-
7 ble for such assistance under the State plan under
8 this title, without further application, as of the date
9 the State agency responsible for administering the
10 State plan under this title receives certification from
11 a State agency conducting eligibility determinations
12 for a program referred to in subparagraph (B) that
13 the child has been determined eligible for that pro-
14 gram. A child directly certified as eligible for med-
15 ical assistance under this paragraph shall remain eli-
16 gible for such assistance for a period of one year.

17 “(B) CHILDREN DESCRIBED.—The children de-
18 scribed in this subparagraph are the following:

19 “(i) SNAP-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—A child
20 who is a member of a household receiving as-
21 sistance under the supplemental nutrition as-
22 sistance program established under the Food
23 and Nutrition Act of 2008.

24 “(ii) HEAD START-ELIGIBLE AND EARLY
25 HEAD START-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—A child

1 who is eligible to participate in a Head Start
 2 program under section 645, or a child under
 3 age 3 who is eligible to participate in an Early
 4 Head Start program under section 645A(c), of
 5 the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9840,
 6 9840a(c)).”.

7 (2) REMOVAL OF SUNSET FOR EXPRESS LANE
 8 ELIGIBILITY OPTION AND EXPANSION TO PREGNANT
 9 WOMEN, FOSTER CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN WITH
 10 SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS.—Section
 11 1902(e)(13) (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(13)) is amended—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the
 13 end the following new clause:

14 “(iii) STATE OPTION TO EXTEND EX-
 15 PRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY TO PREGNANT
 16 WOMEN.—At the option of the State, the
 17 State may apply the provisions of this
 18 paragraph with respect to determining eli-
 19 gibility under this title for a pregnant
 20 woman. In applying this paragraph in the
 21 case of a State electing such an option,
 22 any reference in this paragraph to a child
 23 with respect to this title (other than a ref-
 24 erence to child health assistance) shall be

1 deemed to be a reference to a pregnant
2 woman.”;

3 (B) in subparagraph (G), by adding at the
4 end the following new sentence: “Notwith-
5 standing the age limit specified in the preceding
6 sentence, such term includes an individual de-
7 scribed in subsection (a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) and, at
8 the option of the State, an individual described
9 in section 2110(c)(1)(B).”; and

10 (C) by striking subparagraph (I).

11 (3) INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT
12 AND SIMPLIFIED REVERIFICATION; BEST PRAC-
13 TICES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
14 ices shall—

15 (A) encourage State Medicaid programs to
16 adopt procedures that simplify and increase the
17 options for children to apply for medical assist-
18 ance, and the options for children to reapply
19 and renew their eligibility for such assistance,
20 including by encouraging States to allow appli-
21 cations to be made online, in person, and over
22 the telephone and to enter into agreements with
23 other State agencies that administer low-income
24 assistance programs for children under which
25 the State Medicaid agency will not require

original documentation for renewal of a child's eligibility for medical assistance, or for reenrollment of a child in the Medicaid program, if original documents supporting the child's eligibility was provided to another State agency within the most recent 12-month period;

(B) identify best practices of State Medicaid programs for simplified enrollment, renewal, and reenrollment of eligible children; and

(C) make available to directors of State Medicaid agencies a description of the best practices.

(b) SNAP AND SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—

(1) DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF HEAD START-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—Section 11 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(w) DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF HEAD START-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—Each State agency shall establish procedures that ensure that any household that contains is a child who is eligible to participate in a Head Start program under section 645, or a child under age 3 who is eligible to participate in an Early Head Start program

1 under section 645A(c), of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
 2 9840, 9840a(c)), shall be certified to receive benefits
 3 under this Act without further application.”.

4 (2) BEST PRACTICES FOR DIRECT CERTIFI-
 5 CATION FOR CHILDREN IN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI-
 6 TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLDS.—Section
 7 9(b)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School
 8 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(4)) is amended by
 9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(H) BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary
 11 shall—

12 “(i) review the manner in which State
 13 agencies enter into agreements and estab-
 14 lish procedures described in subparagraph
 15 (B) and local educational agencies conduct
 16 certifications under subparagraph (C);

17 “(ii) identify best practices; and

18 “(iii) make available to States, State
 19 agencies, and local educational agencies a
 20 description of the best practices.”.

21 (3) DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF MEDICAID-ELI-
 22 GIBLE CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM.—
 23 Section 9(b)(15) of the Richard B. Russell National
 24 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(15)) is
 25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(I) DIRECT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

2 “(i) DEFINITION OF WITHOUT FUR-
3 THER APPLICATION.—In this subpara-
4 graph, the term ‘without further applica-
5 tion’ has the meaning given the term in
6 paragraph (4)(G).

7 “(ii) IN GENERAL.—For the school
8 year beginning on July 1, 2016, and each
9 subsequent school year, each State agency
10 shall enter into an agreement with the 1 or
11 more State agencies conducting eligibility
12 determinations for the Medicaid program.

13 “(iii) PROCEDURES.—Subject to para-
14 graph (6), the agreement shall establish
15 procedures under which an eligible child
16 shall be certified as eligible for free lunches
17 under this Act and free breakfasts under
18 section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of
19 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), without further
20 application.

21 “(iv) CERTIFICATION.—Subject to
22 paragraph (6), under the agreement the
23 local educational agency conducting eligi-
24 bility determinations for a school lunch
25 program under this Act and a school

1 breakfast program under the Child Nutri-
 2 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)
 3 shall certify an eligible child as eligible for
 4 free lunches under this Act and free break-
 5 fasts under section 4 of the Child Nutri-
 6 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), with-
 7 out further application.

8 “(v) BEST PRACTICES.—The Sec-
 9 retary shall—

10 “(I) review the manner in which
 11 State agencies entered into agree-
 12 ments and established procedures de-
 13 scribed in subparagraph (C) and local
 14 educational agencies conducted certifi-
 15 cations under subparagraph (D);

16 “(II) identify best practices; and

17 “(III) make available to States,
 18 State agencies, and local educational
 19 agencies a description of the best
 20 practices.”.

21 (4) INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT
 22 OPTIONS.—

23 (A) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-
 24 ANCE PROGRAM.—Section 11(e)(1) of the Food

1 and Nutrition Assistance Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
2 2020(e)(1)) is amended—

3 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
4 “and” at the end;

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
6 “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

7 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(C) to the maximum extent practicable—

10 “(i) increase flexibility for households
11 applying to participate in the program, in-
12 cluding allowing applications to be made
13 online, in person, and over the telephone;
14 and

15 “(ii) simplify any subsequent
16 verification or reapplication procedures so
17 as to maximize flexibility for applicant
18 households;”.

19 (B) SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS.—Section
20 9(b)(3)(B) of the Richard B. Russell National
21 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(32)(B))
22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(iii) INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR
24 ENROLLMENT OPTIONS.—To the maximum
25 extent practicable, the Secretary shall—

1 “(I) increase flexibility for house-
 2 holds applying to receive free or re-
 3 duced price school lunches under this
 4 Act or free or reduced price school
 5 breakfasts under the Child Nutrition
 6 Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.),
 7 including allowing household applica-
 8 tions to be made online, in person,
 9 and over the telephone; and

10 “(II) simplify any subsequent
 11 verification or reapplication proce-
 12 dures so as to maximize flexibility for
 13 applicant households.”.

14 (c) ANNUAL RANKING OF STATES.—The Secretary of
 15 Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agri-
 16 culture annually shall identify and rank States on the
 17 basis of their success in identifying and enrolling eligible
 18 children under the direct certification authorities and the
 19 options for increased flexibility for enrollment, renewal,
 20 and reenrollment of eligible children established under
 21 Medicaid (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), the school lunch pro-
 22 gram established under the Richard B. Russell National
 23 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the school
 24 breakfast program established by section 4 of the Child
 25 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), and the supple-

1 mental nutrition assistance program established under the
2 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 204. GAO REPORT.**

4 Not later than 10 months after the date of enactment
5 of this subtitle, the Comptroller General of the United
6 States shall submit to Congress a report on the feasibility
7 of providing a public health insurance pathway for chil-
8 dren that would—

9 (1) be available on the American Health Benefit
10 Exchanges (both on the State and Federal levels) to
11 all children in the United States from birth through
12 age 22 who do not receive health insurance coverage
13 through an employer plan maintained by a family
14 member;

15 (2) be underwritten based on a single, national
16 pediatric pool; and

17 (3) be financed using resources available
18 through the Medicaid program under title XIX of
19 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), the
20 State Children’s Health Insurance Program under
21 title XXI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.),
22 and the premium assistance subsidies under section
23 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

1 **SEC. 205. ASSURING COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER**
 2 **FOSTER CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of
 4 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended—

6 (1) in item (bb)—

7 (A) by striking “are not described in or en-
 8 rolled under” and inserting “are not described
 9 in and are not enrolled under”; and

10 (B) by adding “and” after the semicolon;

11 (2) in item (cc)—

12 (A) by striking “responsibility of the
 13 State” and inserting “responsibility of a State”;
 14 and

15 (B) by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-
 16 riod; and

17 (3) by striking item (dd).

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 19 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
 20 this subtitle.

21 **SEC. 206. DRUG TREATMENT FOR JUVENILES.**

22 (a) COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT
 23 AND REFERRAL FOR JUVENILES IN CUSTODY.—

24 (1) MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.—Sec-
 25 tion 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 26 1396a) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

2 (i) by striking “and” at the end of
3 paragraph (80);

4 (ii) by striking the period at the end
5 of paragraph (81) and inserting “; and”;
6 and

7 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (81)
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(82) provide that the State shall enter into ar-
10 rangements with State and, as applicable, tribal, ju-
11 venile justice agencies to ensure that—

12 “(A) the intake process for any individual
13 who is under 18 years of age, without regard to
14 whether the individual is eligible for medical as-
15 sistance under the State plan or under a waiver
16 of the plan, includes, prior to any judicial deter-
17 mination being made with respect to the indi-
18 vidual, a comprehensive mental health assess-
19 ment of the individual;

20 “(B) the comprehensive mental health as-
21 sessment of the individual is presented and con-
22 sidered during any hearing at a which a judicial
23 determination is made with respect to the indi-
24 vidual;

1 “(C) not later than 5 days after such as-
 2 sessment, the individual is referred for commu-
 3 nity mental health and other therapeutic serv-
 4 ices (as defined in subsection (ll)(1)(B)) on the
 5 basis of the assessment; and

6 “(D) if the individual is an eligible juvenile
 7 (as defined in subsection (ll)(1)(A)) the indi-
 8 vidual is provided with such community mental
 9 health and other therapeutic services without
 10 regard to whether the individual is, or may be,
 11 an inmate of a public institution (as defined in
 12 subsection (ll)(1)(C)) and without regard to
 13 whether such services are otherwise furnished
 14 as medical assistance under the State plan.”;
 15 and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 17 subsection:

18 “(ll) MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL
 19 FOR JUVENILES.—

20 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-
 21 section and subsection (a)(82):

22 “(A) ELIGIBLE JUVENILE.—The term ‘eli-
 23 gible juvenile’ means an individual who is under
 24 18 years of age and who is enrolled for medical
 25 assistance under the State plan or who becomes

1 eligible to enroll for such medical assistance
 2 while an inmate of a public institution.

3 “(B) COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND
 4 OTHER THERAPEUTIC SERVICES.—The term
 5 ‘community mental health and other thera-
 6 peutic services’ means any or all of the fol-
 7 lowing:

8 “(i) Therapeutic behavioral services.

9 “(ii) Intensive home-based mental
 10 health services.

11 “(iii) Therapeutic foster care.

12 “(iv) Intensive care coordination.

13 “(v) Such services as the Secretary
 14 may specify, that would enable an eligible
 15 juvenile who is an inmate of a public insti-
 16 tution to be released from the institution
 17 upon an order for a non-secure or commu-
 18 nity placement.

19 “(vi) Such services, as the Secretary
 20 may specify, that may prevent an eligible
 21 juvenile from becoming an inmate of a
 22 public institution.

23 “(C) INMATE OF A PUBLIC INSTITU-
 24 TION.—The term ‘inmate of a public institu-
 25 tion’ has the meaning given such term for pur-

1 poses of applying the subdivision (A) following
2 paragraph (29) of section 1905(a), taking into
3 account the exception in such subdivision for a
4 patient of a medical institution.

5 “(2) TREATMENT AS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AP-
6 PPLICATION OF THIRD PARTY LIABILITY.—Notwith-
7 standing any other provision of this title—

8 “(A) the cost of providing individuals with
9 a comprehensive mental health assessment and
10 of providing eligible juveniles with community
11 mental health and other therapeutic services in
12 accordance with subsection (a)(82) shall be
13 treated as medical assistance for purposes of
14 section 1903; and

15 “(B) with respect to the cost of providing
16 individuals with such a comprehensive mental
17 health assessment—

18 “(i) the State shall make payment for
19 such cost in accordance with the usual
20 payment schedule under the State plan for
21 such cost without regard to any third-party
22 liability for payment for such cost, if, in
23 any case where third-party liability is de-
24 rived through insurance or otherwise, pay-
25 ment has not been made by any such third

1 party within 90 days after the date the
 2 provider of such cost has initially sub-
 3 mitted a claim to such third party for pay-
 4 ment for such cost, except that the State
 5 may make such payment within 30 days
 6 after such date if the State determines
 7 doing so is cost-effective and necessary to
 8 ensure access to care; and

9 “(ii) the State shall seek reimburse-
 10 ment from such third party in accordance
 11 with subsection (a)(25)(B).”.

12 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
 14 subparagraph (B), the amendments made by
 15 paragraph (1) shall be effective on the date of
 16 enactment of this subtitle.

17 (B) RULE FOR CHANGES REQUIRING
 18 STATE LEGISLATION.—In the case of a State
 19 plan for medical assistance under title XIX of
 20 the Social Security Act which the Secretary of
 21 Health and Human Services determines re-
 22 quires State legislation (other than legislation
 23 appropriating funds) in order for the plan to
 24 meet the additional requirements imposed by
 25 the amendments made by paragraph (1), the

1 State plan shall not be regarded as failing to
2 comply with the requirements of such title sole-
3 ly on the basis of its failure to meet these addi-
4 tional requirements before the first day of the
5 first calendar quarter beginning after the close
6 of the first regular session of the State legisla-
7 ture that begins after the date of the enactment
8 of this subtitle. For purposes of the previous
9 sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-
10 year legislative session, each year of such ses-
11 sion shall be deemed to be a separate regular
12 session of the State legislature.

13 (b) COORDINATED GRANT PROGRAM.—

14 (1) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after
15 the date of enactment of this subtitle, the Comp-
16 troller General of the United States shall conduct a
17 study, and submit a report to the Attorney General
18 and the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and
19 Mental Health Services Administration, to identify
20 evidence-based intervention strategies that divert ju-
21 veniles from incarceration to community behavioral
22 health assessment and treatment, including drug
23 courts, teen courts, family-based dual diagnosis
24 treatment for juveniles, and early intervention pro-
25 grams.

1 (2) GRANTS.—Based on the report submitted
 2 under paragraph (1), the Attorney General, in co-
 3 ordination with the Administrator of the Substance
 4 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,
 5 shall establish a coordinated grant program to
 6 award grants to States, territories, and Native
 7 American tribes, to enable such States, territories,
 8 and tribes to implement diversion programs of the
 9 type identified in such report, and provide for the
 10 use of reimbursable medically necessary services to
 11 prevent the incarceration of youth in public institu-
 12 tions, particularly youth with behavioral health prob-
 13 lems.

14 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 15 There is authorized to be appropriated, such sums
 16 as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

17 (c) REAUTHORIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH
 18 COURTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to
 19 carry out part W of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 20 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796ii et seq.),
 21 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
 22 2015 through 2019.

23 (d) REAUTHORIZATION OF DRUG COURTS.—There
 24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part V of
 25 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

1 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797u et seq.), such sums as may
 2 be necessary for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

3 (e) JJDPA.—

4 (1) STATE PLAN.—Section 223(a) of the Juve-
 5 nile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974
 6 (42 U.S.C. 5633(a)) is amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (27), by striking “and”
 8 at the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (28), by striking the pe-
 10 riod and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(29) address juvenile detention prevention ef-
 13 forts by providing assurances of the adequacy of the
 14 provision of mental health services that are geo-
 15 graphically convenient and appropriate to meet the
 16 need of youth referred for mental health assessment
 17 services prior to adjudication.”.

18 (2) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 299 of the
 19 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of
 20 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5671) is amended by adding at the
 21 end the following:

22 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PART
 23 B.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available,
 24 there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out part
 25 B, and authorized to remain available until expended, such

1 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2015
2 through 2019.”.

3 (3) BEST PRACTICES.—Section 204(b) of the
4 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of
5 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5614(b)) is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
9 riod and inserting “; and”; and

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

11 “(8) identify best practices relating to commu-
12 nity-based alternatives to incarceration and provide
13 technical assistance to States, localities and Indian
14 tribes to create or expand such community-based al-
15 ternatives.”.

16 **Subtitle B—Strengthen Children’s** 17 **Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

18 **SEC. 211. REFERENCES; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

19 (a) REFERENCES.—In this subtitle:

20 (1) CHIP.—The term “CHIP” means the
21 State Children’s Health Insurance Program estab-
22 lished under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
23 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) (whether implemented under
24 title XIX, XXI, or both, of the Social Security Act).

1 (2) MEDICAID.—The term “Medicaid” means
 2 the program for medical assistance established under
 3 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396
 4 et seq.).

5 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8 (1) GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—Unless other-
 9 wise provided in this subtitle, subject to subsections
 10 (b) and (c), this subtitle (and the amendments made
 11 by this subtitle) shall take effect as if enacted on
 12 October 1, 2014, and shall apply to medical assist-
 13 ance and child health assistance furnished under ti-
 14 tles XIX and XXI, respectively, of the Social Secu-
 15 rity Act on or after that date.

16 (2) EXCEPTION FOR STATE LEGISLATION.—In
 17 the case of a State plan under title XIX of the So-
 18 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or a State
 19 child health plan under title XXI of such Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.), which the Secretary deter-
 21 mines requires State legislation in order for the re-
 22 spective plan to meet one or more additional require-
 23 ments imposed by amendments made by this sub-
 24 title, the respective plan shall not be regarded as
 25 failing to comply with the requirements of such title

1 solely on the basis of its failure to meet such an ad-
 2 ditional requirement before the first day of the first
 3 calendar quarter beginning after the close of the
 4 first regular session of the State legislature that be-
 5 gins after the date of enactment of this subtitle. For
 6 purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a
 7 State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year
 8 of the session shall be considered to be a separate
 9 regular session of the State legislature.

10 **PART I—COVERAGE STABILITY AND REDUCED**
 11 **BUREAUCRACY**

12 **SEC. 221. ASSURING CARE CONTINUITY DURING TRANSI-**
 13 **TIONS AMONG CHIP, MEDICAID, AND QUALI-**
 14 **FIED HEALTH PLANS.**

15 (a) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Secretary of Health
 16 and Human Services shall issue regulations for purposes
 17 of ensuring continuity of care for children who—

18 (1) are undergoing an active course of treat-
 19 ment; and

20 (2) involuntarily change coverage under health
 21 insurance, the State plan under the Medicaid pro-
 22 gram under title XIX of the Social Security Act, or
 23 the State child health plan under title XXI of such
 24 Act during such course of treatment for any reason,
 25 including a reason related to a change in income,

1 health plan termination, or a material change or
2 changes to the plan's health benefits coverage.

3 (b) ENSURING COMPARABILITY OF COVERAGE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
5 after the date of the enactment of the Saving Our
6 Next Generation Act, the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services shall review, with respect to a
8 State, the benefits (by each benefit class) offered for
9 children and the cost-sharing imposed with respect
10 to such benefits by qualified health plans offered
11 through an Exchange established under title I of the
12 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the
13 State. The Secretary shall make the findings of such
14 review available on the public Internet site of the
15 Department of Health and Human Services.

16 (2) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—If, following
17 such review, the Secretary determines that benefits
18 and cost-sharing protections referred to in para-
19 graph (1) are not comparable to the benefits (by
20 each benefit class) offered and cost-sharing protec-
21 tions provided under the State child health plan
22 under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
23 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) in the State, the Secretary,
24 not later than January 1, 2017, shall issue a rule,
25 to apply with respect to plan years beginning in

1 2019, establishing requirements designed to ensure
 2 that such qualified health plans offer benefits and
 3 cost-sharing protections that are comparable to the
 4 benefits and cost-sharing protections provided under
 5 such State child health plan for plan year 2019.

6 **SEC. 222. STATE FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR CONTIN-**
 7 **UOUS ELIGIBILITY.**

8 Section 1902(e)(12) of the Social Security Act (42
 9 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(12)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(12) CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY OPTION.—

11 “(A) CHILDREN.—At the option of the
 12 State, the plan may provide that a child (as de-
 13 fined in paragraph (13)(G)) who is determined
 14 to be eligible for benefits under a State plan ap-
 15 proved under this title under subsection
 16 (a)(10)(A) shall remain eligible for those bene-
 17 fits until the earlier of—

18 “(i) the end of a period (not to exceed
 19 12 months) following the determination; or

20 “(ii) the time that the child exceeds
 21 the age specified in such paragraph
 22 (13)(G).

23 “(B) CERTAIN NONELDERLY ADULTS.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—At the option of
 25 the State, the plan may provide that in the

1 case of an eligible adult who is determined
 2 to be eligible for benefits under a State
 3 plan approved under this title (or a waiver
 4 of such plan), the eligible adult shall re-
 5 main eligible for those benefits until the
 6 end of a period (not to exceed 12 months)
 7 following the determination.

8 “(ii) ELIGIBLE ADULT DEFINED.—In
 9 this subparagraph, the term ‘eligible adult’
 10 means—

11 “(I) an individual (other than a
 12 child) whose income eligibility under
 13 the State plan or under a waiver of
 14 the plan for medical assistance is de-
 15 termined under paragraph (14); and

16 “(II) an individual included in
 17 any other group of individuals the
 18 Secretary determines appropriate.”.

19 **SEC. 223. OUTREACH TO TARGETED POPULATIONS.**

20 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT MANAGED CARE ORGANI-
 21 ZATIONS PROVIDE LANGUAGE SERVICES TO ENROLL-
 22 EES.—Section 1932(b) of the Social Security Act (42
 23 U.S.C. 1396u–2(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
 24 following new paragraph:

1 “(9) LANGUAGE SERVICES.—Each contract
 2 with a managed care entity under section 1903(m)
 3 or under section 1905(t)(3) shall require the entity
 4 to provide and pay for language services, including
 5 oral interpretation and written translation services,
 6 for an individual and the parent or guardian of such
 7 individual who is eligible for medical assistance
 8 under the State plan under this title and is enrolled
 9 with the entity and is limited English proficient
 10 when interacting with the entity or with any pro-
 11 vider receiving payment from the entity. Such lan-
 12 guage services shall be provided in conjunction with
 13 all covered items and services that are available to
 14 such individuals under the contract.”.

15 (b) MEDICAID HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES.—Section
 16 1946 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396w–5) is
 17 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 18 section:

19 “(d) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the
 20 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-
 21 priated to carry out this section \$20,000,000, to remain
 22 available until expended.”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 this section take effect on the date of enactment of this
 25 subtitle.

1 **PART II—BENEFITS AND AFFORDABILITY**

2 **SEC. 231. ENSURING COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
 3 **SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.**

4 (a) MEDICAID.—

5 (1) CLARIFYING PREVENTIVE COVERAGE.—Sec-
 6 tion 1905(a)(13) of the Social Security Act (42
 7 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(13)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
 9 (B);

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
 11 subparagraph (B); and

12 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (B)
 13 (as so redesignated) the following new subpara-
 14 graph:

15 “(A) the items and services described in
 16 paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 2713(a)
 17 of the Public Health Service Act; and”.

18 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 19 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)) is amended in the matter
 21 preceding clause (i), by inserting “, (13)(A)” before
 22 “, (17)”.

23 (b) CHIP.—Section 2103(c)(1)(D) of the Social Se-
 24 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)(1)(D)) is amended by
 25 striking “Well-baby” and inserting “Items and services

1 described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 2713(a)
 2 of the Public Health Service Act, including well-baby”.

3 (c) COST-SHARING PROHIBITIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1916 of the Social
 5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396(o)) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

7 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking
 8 “or” at the end;

9 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
 10 “hospice care (as defined in section
 11 1905(o)); and” at the end and inserting
 12 “hospice care (as defined in section
 13 1905(o)), or”; and

14 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing new subparagraph:

16 “(F) items and services described in sec-
 17 tion 1905(a)(13)(A); and”; and

18 (B) in subsection (b)(2)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking
 20 “or” at the end;

21 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
 22 “hospice care (as defined in section
 23 1905(o)); and” at the end and inserting
 24 “hospice care (as defined in section
 25 1905(o)), or”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(F) items and services described in sec-
 4 tion 1905(a)(13)(A); and”.

5 (2) STATE OPTION.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of
 6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o-
 7 1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 8 lowing new clause:

9 “(xi) Items and services described in
 10 section 1905(a)(13)(A).”.

11 **PART III—CONTINUING DELIVERY SYSTEM**

12 **REFORM**

13 **SEC. 241. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE-BASED CARE COORDINA-** 14 **TION IN COMMUNITIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 511(j)(1) of the Social Se-
 16 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 711(j)(1)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “and” at
 18 the end;

19 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “fiscal
 20 year 2014; and” and inserting “each of fiscal years
 21 2014 through 2019.”; and

22 (3) by striking subparagraph (F).

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
 25 this subtitle.

1 **SEC. 242. ENSURING CARE COORDINATION FOR CHILDREN.**

2 Section 2706 of the Patient Protection and Afford-
3 able Care Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “2016” and
5 inserting “2019”; and

6 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “appro-
7 priated” and all that follows through the period at
8 the end and inserting the following: “appropriated to
9 carry out this section—

10 “(1) for fiscal year 2014, such sums as are nec-
11 essary;

12 “(2) for each of fiscal years 2015 through
13 2019, \$100,000,000; and

14 “(3) for the period beginning on October 1,
15 2019, and ending on December 31, 2019,
16 \$25,000,000.”.

17 **PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS**

18 **SEC. 251. INCLUSION OF THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE AS**
19 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) in paragraph (28), by striking “and”
24 at the end;

25 (B) by redesignating paragraph (29) as
26 paragraph (30); and

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (28) the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(29) therapeutic foster care services (to the
4 extent allowed and as defined in subsection (ee));
5 and”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(ee)(1) For purposes of subsection (a)(29), subject
9 to the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection, the term
10 ‘therapeutic foster care services’ means services provided
11 for children who have not attained age 21, and who, as
12 a result of mental illness, other emotional or behavioral
13 disorders, medically fragile conditions, or developmental
14 disabilities, need the level of care provided in an institution
15 (including a psychiatric residential treatment facility) or
16 nursing facility the cost of which could be reimbursed
17 under the State plan but who can be cared for or main-
18 tained in a community placement, through a qualified
19 therapeutic foster care program described in paragraph
20 (2).

21 “(2) A qualified therapeutic foster care program de-
22 scribed in this paragraph is a program that—

23 “(A) not later than 3 years after the date of en-
24 actment of this subsection, is licensed by the State
25 and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accredi-

1 tation of Healthcare Organizations, the Commission
2 on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the
3 Council on Accreditation, or by another equivalent
4 accreditation agency (or agencies) as the Secretary
5 may recognize;

6 “(B) provides structured daily activities, includ-
7 ing the development, improvement, monitoring, and
8 reinforcement of age-appropriate social, communica-
9 tion and behavioral skills, trauma-informed and gen-
10 der-responsive services, crisis intervention and crisis
11 support services, medication monitoring, counseling,
12 and case management, and may furnish other inten-
13 sive community services; and

14 “(C) provides biological parents, kinship care-
15 givers, and foster care parents with specialized train-
16 ing and consultation in the management of children
17 with mental illness, other emotional or behavioral
18 disorders, medically fragile conditions, developmental
19 disabilities, the impact of trauma on child and care-
20 giver, and specific additional training on the needs
21 of each child provided such services.

22 “(3) In making coverage determinations in accord-
23 ance with paragraph (1), a State may employ medical ne-
24 cessity criteria that are similar to the medical necessity

1 criteria applied to coverage determinations for other serv-
 2 ices and supports under this title.

3 “(4) For purposes of subsection (a)(29) and this sub-
 4 section, therapeutic foster care services shall not include
 5 reimbursement for any training referred to in paragraph
 6 (2)(C).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 8 subsection (a) shall apply to medical assistance furnished
 9 in calendar quarters beginning on or after the date of en-
 10 actment of this Act.

11 **Subtitle C—Promoting Account-** 12 **ability and Excellence in Child** 13 **Welfare**

14 **SEC. 261. CHILD WELFARE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
 16 child welfare innovation grant program (referred to in this
 17 section as the “grant program”) that provides eligible en-
 18 tities with the necessary flexibility and financial incentives
 19 to implement comprehensive reforms to existing child wel-
 20 fare programs under parts B and E of title IV of the So-
 21 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 621 et seq., 42 U.S.C. 670
 22 et seq.) in order to—

23 (1) achieve significant results that improve the
 24 well-being of all children in the child welfare system;
 25 and

1 (2) incorporate higher standards of account-
2 ability for State and local agencies and organizations
3 that provide child welfare services.

4 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—For purposes of this sec-
5 tion, an eligible entity shall include any State or political
6 subdivision of a State that submits an application pursu-
7 ant to the requirements described in subsection (e).

8 (c) DURATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out
10 the goals described in subsection (a), the Secretary
11 shall award grants, as well as additional financial
12 assistance (as determined under subsection (d)), to
13 eligible entities that have submitted an application
14 that has been approved by the Secretary. The
15 amount of the grant provided to the eligible entity
16 shall be determined by the Secretary and, subject to
17 paragraph (2), remain available for use by the eligi-
18 ble entity for a period of 5 years.

19 (2) IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENT.—The
20 Secretary may terminate a grant awarded to an eli-
21 gible entity under paragraph (1) if, during the 3-
22 year period following the awarding of the grant, the
23 eligible entity has not made appropriate progress in
24 implementing the intervention services and reforms
25 proposed by the entity under subsection (e)(1), as

1 determined by the Secretary pursuant to the applica-
2 ble implementation standards described under sub-
3 section (f)(1).

4 (3) RENEWAL OF GRANTS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
6 graph (B), if an eligible entity has made signifi-
7 cant progress in achieving the child well-being
8 results proposed by the entity under subsection
9 (e)(1), as determined by the Secretary pursuant
10 to the applicable implementation standards and
11 performance measures described under sub-
12 section (f), the Secretary may award an addi-
13 tional grant to the eligible entity for a period of
14 not greater than 5 years.

15 (B) REAPPLICATION BY ELIGIBLE ENTI-
16 TY.—For purposes of receiving an additional
17 grant under this paragraph, the eligible entity
18 shall, not less than 6 months prior to expiration
19 of the initial grant described in paragraph (1),
20 submit to the Secretary an application at such
21 time, in such manner, and containing such in-
22 formation as the Secretary may require.

23 (4) MINIMUM FUNDING REQUIREMENT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of receiv-
25 ing a grant under this section, the eligible enti-

ty shall be required to annually expend non-Federal funds for purposes of achieving the child well-being results proposed by the entity under subsection (e)(1) in an amount that is not less than—

(i) for the first year in which such a grant is awarded, 25 percent of the amount of the grant;

(ii) for the second year in which such a grant is awarded, 35 percent of the amount of the grant; and

(iii) for the third year and any subsequent year in which such a grant is awarded (including any year for which an additional grant has been awarded under paragraph (3)), 50 percent of the amount of the grant.

(B) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the eligible entity may provide the non-Federal share in cash or in-kind, as fairly evaluated by the Secretary. The eligible entity may provide the non-Federal share from State, local, or private sources.

(d) ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall establish an inter-agency working group that

1 includes representatives from the Department of Edu-
2 cation, the Department of Labor, the Department of Jus-
3 tice, the Department of Housing and Urban Development,
4 and other Federal agencies with responsibility for admin-
5 istering programs that affect the child welfare system, for
6 the purpose of identifying existing Federal financial re-
7 sources that may be used to provide supplemental funding
8 to eligible entities that have been awarded grants under
9 this section, including—

10 (1) establishment of flexibility within existing
11 Federal financial resources;

12 (2) dedicating a share of funds from existing
13 Federal programs, or creating a preference within
14 such programs;

15 (3) use of existing administrative authority to
16 waive certain State or Federal funding requirements,
17 including waiver authority provided under subsection
18 (i);

19 (4) commitment of appropriated discretionary
20 funds;

21 (5) creation of an aggregated source of funding
22 through bundling of existing Federal programs; and

23 (6) establishment of partnerships with private
24 entities, including private foundations involved in
25 child welfare issues.

1 (e) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that desires to
2 participate in the grant program shall submit to the Sec-
3 retary an application at such time, in such manner, and
4 containing such information as the Secretary may require,
5 which shall include a detailed description of the following:

6 (1) IMPROVED CHILD WELL-BEING RESULTS.—

7 The proposed reforms and methods for achieving
8 significant results that improve the well-being of all
9 children in the child welfare system, including a de-
10 tailed outline of—

11 (A) the specific populations or groups of
12 children and families that will be targeted
13 under the grant program;

14 (B) the specific child well-being results
15 that will be achieved during the periods de-
16 scribed in subsection (c);

17 (C) the specific methods through which the
18 child well-being results will be achieved under
19 the grant program, including proposals for
20 intervention services and strategic reforms to
21 child welfare policy and infrastructure; and

22 (D) the evidentiary basis or best practice
23 models on which such intervention services and
24 reforms are to be based.

1 (2) PARTNERSHIPS.—The partnerships to be
2 established between participating State and local
3 agencies and organizations under the grant program,
4 including—

5 (A) a detailed outline regarding how the
6 partnership will establish a coordinated process
7 for delivery of services, sharing of information
8 and data, and division of specific responsibilities
9 pursuant to interagency agreements;

10 (B) the establishment of a memorandum of
11 understanding between participating State and
12 local agencies and organizations under the
13 grant program to—

14 (i) provide for shared accountability in
15 achieving child well-being results proposed
16 under paragraph (1) and their specific re-
17 sponsibilities in achieving such results; and

18 (ii) satisfy the implementation stand-
19 ards established by the Secretary under
20 subsection (f)(1); and

21 (C) certification by the chief executive offi-
22 cer of the eligible entity of their commitment
23 to—

24 (i) achieve the child well-being results
25 proposed under paragraph (1) and their

1 responsibility for achieving such results;
 2 and

3 (ii) satisfy the implementation stand-
 4 ards established by the Secretary under
 5 subsection (f)(1).

6 (3) COLLABORATION WITH CHILDREN AND PAR-
 7 ENTS.—The processes to ensure collaboration be-
 8 tween the eligible entity, foster parents, biological
 9 parents, family members, kinship caregivers, and
 10 children in the child welfare system in the develop-
 11 ment and implementation of intervention services
 12 and reforms under the grant program.

13 (4) DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.—The
 14 approaches for development of enhanced data collec-
 15 tion and reporting, which shall include—

16 (A) collection and reporting of relevant
 17 data (as determined appropriate by the Sec-
 18 retary), with such data to be disaggregated by
 19 race, ethnicity, and gender in order to monitor
 20 progress in achieving child well-being results in
 21 providing services to specific populations of chil-
 22 dren in the child welfare system;

23 (B) development and implementation of a
 24 specific data collection plan, which shall include
 25 a description of the types of data that will be

collected by the eligible entity (including data required by the Secretary under subparagraph (A) that is not currently collected by the entity) and the methods through which such data will be obtained, such as surveys, assessments, and other forms of data collection;

(C) a detailed outline regarding how data collected by the eligible entity will be incorporated in the development of intervention services and reforms under the grant program; and

(D) certification by the manager or chief officer for information technology for the eligible entity of their commitment and ability to collect and report relevant data under the grant program.

(5) SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE ENTITIES.—Any commitments by private entities to provide additional funding for support of activities under the grant program to improve the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

(f) IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

(1) IMPLEMENTATION STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall establish a set of implementation standards to annually determine, for purposes of sub-

1 section (c), whether an eligible entity has imple-
 2 mented, or made appropriate progress in imple-
 3 menting, the intervention services and reforms pro-
 4 posed by the entity under subsection (e)(1), includ-
 5 ing development, implementation, and maintenance
 6 of data collection systems.

7 (2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall es-
 9 tablish a set of performance measures to annu-
 10 ally determine, for purposes of subsection (c),
 11 whether an eligible entity has achieved, or made
 12 significant progress in achieving, the child well-
 13 being results proposed by the entity under sub-
 14 section (e)(1), which shall include measure-
 15 ments to quantify—

16 (i) improvements in the well-being of
 17 children in the child welfare system, in-
 18 cluding—

19 (I) the base performance meas-
 20 ures described in subparagraph (B);
 21 and

22 (II) any additional performance
 23 measures described in subparagraph
 24 (C) that are applicable to the child

1 well-being results proposed by the en-
 2 tity; and

3 (ii) improvements in the overall qual-
 4 ity of life for foster parents.

5 (B) BASE PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

6 The performance measures described under this
 7 paragraph include the number and percentage
 8 of children in the child welfare system who—

9 (i) were under 5 years of age and at
 10 appropriate levels of mental, emotional,
 11 and physical development;

12 (ii) if deemed to be in the child's best
 13 interest, remained in his or her school of
 14 origin; and

15 (iii) received health screenings not
 16 later than 30 days after foster care place-
 17 ment.

18 (C) ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE MEAS-

19 URES.—Subject to subparagraph (D), the Sec-
 20 retary shall establish additional performance
 21 measures that are specifically designed to meas-
 22 ure progress in achieving the child well-being
 23 results proposed by the eligible entity under
 24 subsection (e)(1), which may include—

- 1 (i) the number and percentage of chil-
2 dren in the child welfare system who—
- 3 (I) were under 5 years of age and
4 attended preschool or early care and
5 education programs regularly;
- 6 (II) were involved in an abuse or
7 neglect investigation;
- 8 (III) achieved grade-level pro-
9 ficiency in reading and math;
- 10 (IV) attended school regularly;
- 11 (V) were involved in the juvenile
12 justice system;
- 13 (VI) were prescribed psychotropic
14 medication;
- 15 (VII) graduated from high school
16 on time;
- 17 (VIII) entered post-secondary
18 education or training;
- 19 (IX) regularly received routine
20 medical care and examinations;
- 21 (X) were reunified with family;
- 22 (XI) reentered the child welfare
23 system following family reunification;
- 24 or

1 (XII) had attained 14 years of
2 age before entering the child welfare
3 system;

4 (ii) measures to ensure proper func-
5 tioning of the child welfare system, such
6 as—

7 (I) reasonableness of caseload
8 levels for caseworkers; and

9 (II) adequacy and frequency of
10 visits with children by caseworkers;
11 and

12 (iii) subject to approval by the Sec-
13 retary, any performance measures that are
14 proposed by the entity for determination of
15 its progress towards achievement of the
16 child well-being results.

17 (D) CONSULTATION WITH ELIGIBLE ENTI-
18 TY.—The Secretary shall consult with the eligi-
19 ble entity for purposes of establishing additional
20 performance measures under subparagraph (C)
21 that are appropriate for determination of
22 progress in achieving the child well-being re-
23 sults proposed by the entity under subsection
24 (e)(1).

1 (g) USE OF GRANTS BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An el-
 2 igible entity that receives a grant under this section shall
 3 use the funds made available through the grant to develop,
 4 implement, and evaluate the intervention services and re-
 5 forms proposed by the entity under subsection (e)(1), in-
 6 cluding development, implementation, and maintenance of
 7 data collection systems.

8 (h) ANNUAL REPORTING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
 10 ceives a grant under this section shall submit an an-
 11 nual report to the Secretary on—

12 (A) the specific intervention services and
 13 reforms implemented under the grant program;

14 (B) progress in achieving the child well-
 15 being results proposed by the entity under sub-
 16 section (e)(1), including an analysis of the ef-
 17 fectiveness of the grant funding in achieving the
 18 results; and

19 (C) an analysis of the progress made by
 20 the eligible entity over the preceding 12-month
 21 period pursuant to the performance measures
 22 established by the Secretary under subsection
 23 (f).

24 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS AND
 25 DATA.—An eligible entity shall make available to the

1 public, in a manner that is also accessible to children
 2 in the child welfare system, biological families, and
 3 foster parents—

4 (A) any report submitted to the Secretary
 5 under paragraph (1); and

6 (B) a summary of the data collected pur-
 7 suant to subsection (e)(4)(A).

8 (i) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may waive
 9 such requirements under parts B and E of title IV of the
 10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 621 et seq., 42 U.S.C. 670
 11 et seq.) as may be necessary to carry out the grant pro-
 12 gram.

13 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For pur-
 14 poses of carrying out the grant program under this sec-
 15 tion, there is authorized to be appropriated—

16 (1) for fiscal year 2016, \$40,000,000;

17 (2) for fiscal year 2017, \$30,000,000;

18 (3) for fiscal year 2018, \$20,000,000; and

19 (4) for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2025,
 20 \$10,000,000.

21 (k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) CHILD WELL-BEING RESULT.—The term
 23 “child well-being result” means a desired condition
 24 of well-being for all children in the child welfare sys-
 25 tem, including the specific populations or groups of

1 children that will be targeted under the grant pro-
2 gram.

3 (2) SCHOOL OF ORIGIN.—The term “school of
4 origin” means, with respect to a child in foster
5 care—

6 (A) the school in which the child was en-
7 rolled prior to entry into foster care; or

8 (B) the school in which the child is en-
9 rolled when a change in foster care placement
10 occurs or is proposed.

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

13 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means—

14 (A) any of the 50 States or the District of
15 Columbia;

16 (B) Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Is-
17 lands, or American Samoa; or

18 (C) an Indian tribe or tribal organization
19 (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the
20 Indian Self-Determination and Education As-
21 sistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)) or a tribal con-
22 sortium of Indian tribes or tribal organizations
23 (as so defined).

1 (5) WELL-BEING.—The term “well-being”
 2 means the overall quality of life for a child in the
 3 child welfare system, which shall include—

4 (A) the safety and health of the child;

5 (B) the mental, emotional, educational,
 6 and physical development of the child, including
 7 the ability of the child to maximize their indi-
 8 vidual potential; and

9 (C) permanency and ability to transition to
 10 self-sufficiency after aging out of the child wel-
 11 fare system.

12 **SEC. 262. ENSURING THAT CHILD WELFARE FEDERAL DIS-**
 13 **CRETIONARY FUNDING IS ONLY USED FOR**
 14 **EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS.**

15 Subpart 3 of part B of title IV of the Social Security
 16 Act (42 U.S.C. 629m et seq.) is amended by adding at
 17 the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 441. LIMITATION ON USE OF DISCRETIONARY APPRO-**
 19 **PRIATED FUNDS FOR ONLY EVIDENCE-BASED**
 20 **PROGRAMS.**

21 “For any fiscal year beginning after September 30,
 22 2015, no Federal payment or reimbursement shall be
 23 made to a State under subpart 1 or 2 of this part from
 24 Federal funds made available through an authorization of
 25 appropriations for a fiscal year unless the payment or re-

1 imbursement is for State expenditures for evidence-based
 2 child welfare programs or services provided under such
 3 programs.”.

4 **SEC. 263. CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE**
 5 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS DESIGNED TO**
 6 **TEST INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES IN STATE**
 7 **CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 1130 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 1320a–9) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end
 12 the following: “There shall be no limit on the
 13 number of demonstration projects authorized by
 14 the Secretary for any fiscal year after fiscal
 15 year 2014.”; and

16 (2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
 17 following:

18 “(d) DURATION OF DEMONSTRATION.—A dem-
 19 onstration project under this section may be conducted for
 20 not more than 5 years, unless in the judgment of the Sec-
 21 retary, the demonstration project should be allowed to con-
 22 tinue.”.

23 **SEC. 264. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

24 (a) INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIL-
 25 DREN IN FOSTER CARE.—Not later than 90 days after

1 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services (referred to in this section as the
3 “Secretary”) shall submit to Congress a report on rec-
4 ommendations for legislative or administrative action nec-
5 essary to eliminate the requirement that a child be deemed
6 to be a recipient of aid to families with dependent children
7 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (as
8 in effect as of July 16, 1996) (referred to in this section
9 as the “AFDC income eligibility requirements”) for pur-
10 poses of foster care maintenance payments under section
11 472 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 672), including an analysis
12 of—

13 (1) the effects of phasing out the AFDC income
14 eligibility requirements for adoption assistance pay-
15 ments under section 473 of the Social Security Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 673), as enacted by section 402 of the
17 Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing
18 Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–351; 122
19 Stat. 3975);

20 (2) State administrative expenses related to the
21 existing disparity in Federal reimbursement rates
22 for foster care maintenance payments;

23 (3) the level of services provided by States to
24 children in foster care that meet AFDC income eligi-
25 bility requirements under section 472 of the Social

1 Security Act, and thereby provide States with Fed-
2 eral reimbursement for foster care maintenance pay-
3 ments under section 474 of such Act, as compared
4 to children in foster care that do not meet the
5 AFDC income eligibility requirements;

6 (4) the long-term effects related to maintaining
7 the AFDC income eligibility requirements under sec-
8 tion 472 of the Social Security Act for purposes of
9 the amount of overall Federal funding that will be
10 made available to States for foster care services and
11 the resulting impact on the ability of States to pro-
12 vide adequate services to children in foster care; and

13 (5) the feasibility of eliminating the AFDC in-
14 come eligibility requirements for purposes of foster
15 care maintenance payments under section 472 of the
16 Social Security Act in a manner that is budget neu-
17 tral, or at a limited cost to the Federal Government,
18 and the effect that such an elimination would have
19 on the ability of States to provide adequate levels of
20 services to all children in foster care.

21 (b) CHILD WELFARE INNOVATION GRANT PRO-
22 GRAM.—Not later than 180 days after completion of the
23 child welfare innovation grant program under section 281
24 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-
25 port analyzing the intervention services and reforms im-

1 plemented by eligible entities under the grant program,
 2 the child well-being results achieved through such services
 3 and reforms, and recommendations for such legislation
 4 and administrative action as the Secretary determines ap-
 5 propriate.

6 **TITLE III—EDUCATION**

7 **SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this title:

9 (1) ESEA DEFINITIONS.—The terms “elemen-
 10 tary school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
 11 school”, “State”, and “State educational agency”
 12 have the meanings given the terms in section 9101
 13 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
 14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

15 (2) ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT OR EDUCATIONAL
 16 ENTITY.—The term “eligible nonprofit or edu-
 17 cational entity” means a public or nonprofit institu-
 18 tion of higher education, as defined in section 102
 19 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 20 1002), or a nonprofit organization.

21 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
 22 term “institution of higher education” has the
 23 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
 24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

1 (4) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
 2 means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
 3 Management and Budget and revised annually in ac-
 4 cordance with section 673(2) of the Community
 5 Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))) ap-
 6 plicable to a family of the size involved.

7 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 8 the Secretary of Education.

9 **Subtitle A—Presidential Task**
 10 **Force on K–12 Education**

11 **SEC. 311. ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE**
 12 **ON K–12 EDUCATION.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Pres-
 14 idential Task Force on K–12 Education (referred to in
 15 this section as the “Task Force”).

16 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

17 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall be
 18 comprised of 22 members appointed by the Presi-
 19 dent and shall include—

20 (A) school leaders;

21 (B) Federal, State, and local government
 22 leaders;

23 (C) tribal experts;

24 (D) representatives of State and local
 25 health departments;

1 (E) representatives of organizations that
2 implement effective teen pregnancy prevention
3 and school dropout prevention programs; and

4 (F) business leaders, philanthropists, and
5 others who are committed to improving sec-
6 ondary school graduation rates in the United
7 States.

8 (2) DATE FOR APPOINTMENT.—The appoint-
9 ments of the members of the Task Force shall be
10 made by not later than 6 months after the date of
11 enactment of this Act.

12 (3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—A
13 member of the Task Force shall be appointed for a
14 term of 2 years, except that of the members first ap-
15 pointed, one-half of such members shall be appointed
16 for terms of 1 year and the remaining members shall
17 be appointed for terms of 2 years. Any vacancy in
18 the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall
19 be filled in the same manner as the original appoint-
20 ment.

21 (4) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days
22 after the date on which all members of the Task
23 Force have been appointed, the Task Force shall
24 hold its first meeting.

1 (5) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet at
2 the call of the Chairperson.

3 (6) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
4 the Task Force shall constitute a quorum, but a
5 lesser number of members may hold hearings.

6 (7) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The
7 Task Force shall select a Chairperson and Vice
8 Chairperson from among its members.

9 (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall advise the Presi-
10 dent regarding methods to improve graduation rates,
11 which may include—

12 (1) integrating the dropout risk factors identi-
13 fied through the high school dropout prevention pro-
14 gram under part H of title I of the Elementary and
15 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6551
16 et seq.) into other Federal grant programs that are
17 established to increase high school graduation rates;

18 (2) awarding grants to State educational agen-
19 cies and local educational agencies to reduce unin-
20 tended teen pregnancy and teen parenting through
21 evidence-based programs; and

22 (3) expanding behavioral health promotion and
23 counseling services in elementary schools and sec-
24 ondary schools receiving support under part A of

1 title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.).

3 (d) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
4 on the date that is 10 years after the date of enactment
5 of this Act.

6 **Subtitle B—Pupils Prepared for** 7 **School**

8 **SEC. 321. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this subtitle:

10 (1) ELIGIBLE CHILD.—The term “eligible
11 child” means a child who—

12 (A) is age 3 or 4, as of the first day of the
13 prekindergarten program supported under this
14 section; and

15 (B) is from a family within the eligible in-
16 come limits.

17 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible enti-
19 ty” means a local educational agency, a child-
20 hood education program provider (as deter-
21 mined in accordance with subparagraph (B)),
22 or a consortium of such agencies or providers.

23 (B) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall
24 promulgate regulations to establish which pro-
25 gram providers shall be considered childhood

1 education program providers for purposes of
2 this paragraph.

3 (3) ELIGIBLE INCOME LIMITS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible in-
5 come limits”, when used with respect to a fam-
6 ily, means a family whose average annual in-
7 come, based on the most recent 3 preceding
8 years, is at or below an amount determined by
9 the Secretary of Education and is less than the
10 applicable amount.

11 (B) APPLICABLE AMOUNT.—For purposes
12 of subparagraph (A), the applicable amount
13 shall be—

14 (i) for 2015, \$75,000; and

15 (ii) for a subsequent year, the amount
16 determined under this subparagraph for
17 the previous year increased by the percent-
18 age increase in the consumer price index
19 for all urban consumers (all items; United
20 States city average) over the previous year.

21 (4) HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN PRO-
22 GRAM.—The term “high-quality prekindergarten
23 program” means a program of education that—

1 (A) enrolls children who are age 3 or 4, as
 2 of the first day of the school year for the pro-
 3 gram;

4 (B) meets national quality standards, as
 5 determined by the Secretary;

6 (C) is full-day and offered during the aca-
 7 demic school year or during the entire year;

8 (D) ensures that the teachers participating
 9 in the program are highly qualified;

10 (E) provides meals that meet Federal nu-
 11 trition standards to the eligible children during
 12 the school day, which may be provided through
 13 the the Richard B. Russell National School
 14 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

15 (F) promotes active learning.

16 (5) HIGH-RISK CHILD.—The term “high-risk
 17 child” means a child who—

18 (A) receives, or whose family receives, ben-
 19 efits under a means-tested Federal benefit pro-
 20 gram, as defined under section 479(d) of the
 21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 22 1087ss(d));

23 (B) is eligible for a Head Start or Early
 24 Head Start program under the Head Start Act
 25 (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), or to receive assist-

1 ance under the Child Care Development and
 2 Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et
 3 seq.); or

4 (C) is a foster child.

5 **PART I—PRESCHOOL HOME LEARNING**

6 **SEC. 322. PARENTAL SUPPORT FOR PRESCHOOL HOME**
 7 **LEARNING.**

8 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made
 9 available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
 10 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible nonprofit
 11 or educational entities in order to improve parental sup-
 12 port for preschool home learning through the activities de-
 13 scribed in subsection (c).

14 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible nonprofit or edu-
 15 cational entity that desires a grant under this section shall
 16 submit an application at such time, in such manner, and
 17 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

18 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible nonprofit or edu-
 19 cational entity receiving a grant under this section shall
 20 use grant funds to—

21 (1) identify best practices that contribute to
 22 early literacy;

23 (2) create guidance and support regarding pre-
 24 school home learning that families can implement at
 25 home; and

1 (3) provide technical assistance.

2 (d) REPORTS.—

3 (1) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Not later than
4 60 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
5 under this section, the recipient of the grant shall
6 prepare and submit a report to the Secretary re-
7 garding the progress made under the grant.

8 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
9 45 days after the receipt of the report described in
10 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
11 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
12 gram under this section.

13 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
15 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
16 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

17 **PART II—GRANTS SUPPORTING UNIVERSAL PRE-**
18 **KINDERGARTEN FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHIL-**
19 **DREN**

20 **SEC. 323. UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN DEVELOPMENT**
21 **GRANTS TO STATES.**

22 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made avail-
24 able to carry out this section and not reserved under
25 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall award grants, on

1 a competitive basis, to States to enable the States to
2 develop a plan and to build capacity to offer free
3 high-quality prekindergarten programs to all eligible
4 children who reside in the State.

5 (2) RESERVATION.—For each fiscal year, the
6 Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of
7 the amount made available to carry out this section
8 for the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activi-
9 ties consistent with this section for the families of
10 Indian children.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—A State that desires a grant
12 under this section shall submit an application at such
13 time, in such manner, and containing such information as
14 the Secretary may require.

15 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant under
16 this section shall use grant funds to plan and develop ca-
17 pacity for a high-quality prekindergarten program that—

18 (1) will be offered free of charge to all eligible
19 children in the State by not later than 3 years after
20 the first day of the grant;

21 (2) will be offered, for a fee using a sliding
22 scale based on income, for children from families
23 with annual income of more than \$75,000; and

24 (3) provides additional support to parents of
25 high-risk children.

1 (d) REPORTS.—

2 (1) REPORTS BY STATES.—Not later than 60
3 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
4 under this section, each State receiving such grant
5 shall prepare and submit a report to the Secretary
6 regarding the progress made under the grant.

7 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
8 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
9 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
10 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
11 gram under this section.

12 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
14 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
15 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

16 **SEC. 324. TWO YEARS OF VOLUNTARY, HIGH-QUALITY,**
17 **FULL-DAY, UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN**
18 **FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.**

19 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made avail-
21 able to carry out this section and not reserved under
22 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall award grants, on
23 a competitive basis, to States to enable the States to
24 provide free, voluntary, high-quality prekindergarten

1 programs for all eligible children who reside in the
2 State.

3 (2) RESERVATION.—For each fiscal year, the
4 Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of
5 the amount made available to carry out this section
6 for the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activi-
7 ties consistent with this section for Indian children.

8 (b) APPLICATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State that desires a grant
10 under this section shall submit an application at
11 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
12 formation as the Secretary may require.

13 (2) CONTENTS.—The application described in
14 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

15 (A) A State plan describing how the State
16 proposes to offer a high-quality prekindergarten
17 program—

18 (i) free of charge to all eligible chil-
19 dren in the State; and

20 (ii) for a fee using a sliding scale
21 based on family income, for children who
22 reside in the State and who are from fami-
23 lies with annual incomes of more than
24 \$75,000.

1 (B) A description of the prekindergarten
2 program to be implemented under the grant,
3 and how the program meets the requirements of
4 a high-quality prekindergarten program.

5 (C) A demonstration that the State has
6 the capacity to provide high-quality prekinde-
7 rgarten programs to all eligible children in the
8 State.

9 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State receiving a grant under
10 this section shall use grant funds to provide free and re-
11 duced-price high-quality prekindergarten programs to chil-
12 dren in the State, in accordance with the State plan ap-
13 proved by the Secretary in the application submitted
14 under subsection (b).

15 (d) REPORTS.—

16 (1) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Not later than
17 45 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
18 under this section, each State receiving such grant
19 shall prepare and submit a report to the Secretary
20 regarding the progress made under the grant.

21 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
22 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
23 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
24 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
25 gram under this section.

1 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
 4 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

5 **PART III—IMPROVING ACCESS TO PREKINDER-**
 6 **GARTEN PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME CHIL-**
 7 **DREN**

8 **SEC. 325. LOW-INCOME PREKINDERGARTEN GRANTS.**

9 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made avail-
 11 able to carry out this section and not reserved under
 12 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall award grants,
 13 through allotments described in subsection (b), to
 14 States to enable the States to provide subgrants to
 15 local educational agencies to offer free or reduced-
 16 price high-quality prekindergarten programs to low-
 17 income children.

18 (2) RESERVATION.—For each fiscal year, the
 19 Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of
 20 the amount made available to carry out this section
 21 for the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activi-
 22 ties consistent with this section for the families of
 23 Indian children.

24 (b) ALLOTMENTS.—For each fiscal year, the Sec-
 25 retary shall allot, to each State that submits an approved

1 application, an amount that bears the same relation to the
 2 amount available to carry out this section and not reserved
 3 under subsection (a)(2) for such fiscal year, as the number
 4 of children aged 3 or 4 in the State from families with
 5 incomes at or below 200 percent of the poverty line bears
 6 to the total number of such children in all States submit-
 7 ting approved applications.

8 (c) APPLICATION.—A State that desires a grant
 9 under this section shall submit an application to the Sec-
 10 retary at such time, in such manner, and containing such
 11 information as the Secretary may require. Such applica-
 12 tion shall include an assurance that the State shall provide
 13 matching funds toward the costs of the grant as provided
 14 under subsection (e).

15 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

16 (1) SUBGRANTS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving an al-
 18 lotment under this section shall use not less
 19 than 98 percent of such allotment to award
 20 subgrants, on a competitive basis, to local edu-
 21 cational agencies for the purpose of providing
 22 free or reduced-price high-quality prekind-
 23 garten programs for children from low-income
 24 families.

1 (B) APPLICATION.—A local educational
2 agency that desires a subgrant under subpara-
3 graph (A) shall submit an application to the
4 State at such time, in such manner, and con-
5 taining such information as the State may rea-
6 sonably require.

7 (C) PRIORITY.—In awarding subgrants
8 under this subsection, a State shall give priority
9 to a local educational agency that works in
10 partnership with a nonprofit community-based
11 organization of prekindergarten program pro-
12 viders.

13 (2) STATE ACTIVITIES.—A State receiving an
14 allotment under this section may use not more than
15 a total of 2 percent of such allotment for the admin-
16 istrative costs of carrying out this part and for State
17 activities related to the purposes of improving access
18 to prekindergarten programs for low-income chil-
19 dren.

20 (3) USE AS PART OF UNIVERSAL PREKINDER-
21 GARTEN PROGRAM.—In the case of a State that re-
22 ceives an allotment under this part and a grant
23 under section 324, the State may use the allotment
24 to meet the goals of the grant under section 324
25 with respect to low-income children.

1 (e) MATCHING FUNDS.—A State receiving an allot-
2 ment under this section shall provide toward the cost of
3 the activities carried out under the grant an amount equal
4 to the amount of the allotment. The matching funds may
5 be in cash or in-kind, fairly evaluated.

6 (f) REPORTS.—

7 (1) REPORTS BY SUBGRANTEES.—Not later
8 than 60 days after the end of the grant period for
9 a grant under this section, each local educational
10 agency receiving a subgrant under subsection (d)
11 shall provide to the State the information deter-
12 mined necessary by the State for the report de-
13 scribed in paragraph (2).

14 (2) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Not later than
15 45 days after the receipt of the report described in
16 paragraph (1), the State receiving the grant shall
17 prepare and submit a report to the Secretary re-
18 garding the progress made under the grant.

19 (3) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
20 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
21 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
22 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
23 gram under this section.

24 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section

1 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
 2 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

3 **PART IV—HEAD START, EARLY HEAD START, AND**
 4 **EVEN START**

5 **SEC. 326. EXPANDING HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD**
 6 **START SERVICES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 9831 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 640
 9 (42 U.S.C. 9835) the following:

10 **“SEC. 640A. HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START SERV-**
 11 **ICES FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after consulta-
 13 tion with the Secretary of Education, shall develop and
 14 implement a plan for providing Head Start services
 15 through Head Start programs, and Early Head Start serv-
 16 ices through Early Head Start programs, under this sub-
 17 chapter to children described in subsection (b).

18 “(b) ADDITIONAL CHILDREN.—The plan shall speci-
 19 fy that the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
 20 provide the Head Start and Early Head Start services to
 21 children—

22 “(1) who are eligible for the corresponding serv-
 23 ices under this subchapter but would not otherwise
 24 receive those services in the absence of this section;
 25 and

1 “(2) who the Secretary determines reside in
 2 States or communities that provide sustained access
 3 to high-quality prekindergarten programs (as de-
 4 fined in section 321 of the Saving Our Next Genera-
 5 tion Act) to children who are—

6 “(A) age 3 or 4; and

7 “(B) from families with a family income of
 8 not more than 200 percent of the poverty line.

9 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 11 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
 12 each subsequent fiscal year.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 639 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 9834)
 15 is amended by striking “other than section” and in-
 16 serting “other than sections 640A and”.

17 (2) Section 640(a)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 18 9835(a)(6)) is amended by striking “this sub-
 19 chapter” in the first and third places it appears and
 20 inserting “section 639”.

1 **SEC. 327. IMPROVING READING SKILLS OF LOW-INCOME**
 2 **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH REAU-**
 3 **THORIZING THE WILLIAM F. GOODLING EVEN**
 4 **START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1002(b)(3) of the Elementary and Secondary
 6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6302(b)(3)) is amended
 7 by striking “\$260,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and such
 8 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding
 9 fiscal years” and inserting “\$520,000,000 for fiscal year
 10 2016 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the
 11 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

12 **Subtitle C—Elementary School and**
 13 **Secondary School Programs**

14 **PART I—EXPANDED SCHOOL CALENDARS**

15 **SEC. 331. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR STATES TO IM-**
 16 **PLEMENT EXPANDED SCHOOL CALENDAR**
 17 **PROGRAM.**

18 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made avail-
 20 able to carry out this section and not reserved under
 21 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall award grants, on
 22 a competitive basis, to States to enable the States to
 23 expand the school calendar for public elementary
 24 schools and secondary schools in the State.

25 (2) RESERVATION.—For each fiscal year, the
 26 Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of

1 the amount made available to carry out this section
2 for the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activi-
3 ties consistent with this section for the families of
4 Indian children.

5 (b) APPLICATION; AWARD BASIS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State that desires a grant
7 under this section shall submit an application at
8 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
9 formation as the Secretary may require.

10 (2) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—In awarding grants
11 under this section, the Secretary shall provide the
12 States with flexibility in how to best expand the
13 school year, which may include increasing the num-
14 ber of school days in the school year or increasing
15 the number of hours in a school day, and in how the
16 additional time provided by the expanded calendar
17 shall be used.

18 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving a grant
20 under this section shall use grant funds to pay for
21 the costs of increasing the number of school days in
22 the school year for the public elementary schools and
23 secondary schools in the State.

24 (2) FLEXIBILITY.—A State receiving a grant
25 under this section shall provide each local edu-

1 cational agency and public elementary school or sec-
 2 ondary school with as much flexibility as is prac-
 3 ticable regarding how to use the additional school
 4 time provided through the school calendar expan-
 5 sion, which may include providing additional time
 6 for—

7 (A) remedial or advanced work or intensive
 8 tutoring;

9 (B) service learning, internships, or paid
 10 work experiences;

11 (C) specialized learning and enrichment
 12 opportunities such as—

13 (i) preparation classes for the SAT,
 14 ACT, or other college readiness examina-
 15 tion;

16 (ii) career counseling;

17 (iii) study skills instruction; and

18 (iv) recreation;

19 (D) intensive tutoring and enhanced learn-
 20 ing time, provided at the school or at another
 21 location, in order to enable students to meet or
 22 exceed the student academic achievement stand-
 23 ards for the students' grade level; or

24 (E) homework support.

1 (3) TRANSPORTATION.—Grant funds provided
2 under this section maybe be used to provide trans-
3 portation to the activities supported under the ex-
4 panded school calendar, as approved by the Sec-
5 retary in the application submitted under subsection
6 (b)(1).

7 (d) REPORTS.—

8 (1) REPORTS BY STATES.—Not later than 60
9 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
10 under this section, each State receiving such grant
11 shall prepare and submit a report to the Secretary
12 regarding the progress made under the grant.

13 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
14 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
15 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
16 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
17 gram under this section.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
21 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

1 **PART II—PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

2 **ACCESS TO EDUCATION**

3 **SEC. 335. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This part may be cited as the “Pregnant and Par-
5 enting Students Access to Education Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 336. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this part are—

8 (1) to ensure that each pregnant and parenting
9 student has equal access to the same free, appro-
10 priate, high-quality public education that is provided
11 to other students;

12 (2) to improve high school graduation rates, ca-
13 reer-readiness, access to postsecondary educational
14 opportunities, and outcomes for pregnant and par-
15 enting students and their children; and

16 (3) to assist each State and local educational
17 agency in improving its graduation rates and ful-
18 filling its responsibilities under title IX of the Edu-
19 cation Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et
20 seq.) with respect to pregnant and parenting stu-
21 dents.

22 **SEC. 337. GRANTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES FOR**
23 **THE EDUCATION OF PREGNANT AND PAR-**
24 **ENTING STUDENTS.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to
26 make grants to States to carry out the activities described

1 in subsection (d). A grant made under this section shall
 2 be for a minimum of 3 years, and the Secretary shall have
 3 the discretion to renew the grant at the end of the grant
 4 period.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—A State desiring to receive a
 6 grant under this section shall submit an application to the
 7 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing
 8 such information as the Secretary may reasonably require,
 9 including, at a minimum, the State plan described in sub-
 10 section (f).

11 (c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

12 (1) RESERVATION OF FUNDS FOR NATIONAL
 13 ACTIVITIES.—From the funds made available to
 14 carry out this part, the Secretary may reserve not
 15 more than 5 percent for national activities.

16 (2) ALLOTMENT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
 17 INTERIOR.—The amount allocated for payments
 18 under this part to the Secretary of the Interior for
 19 any fiscal year shall be, as determined pursuant to
 20 criteria established by the Secretary, the amount
 21 necessary to meet the needs of—

22 (A) Indian children on reservations served
 23 by secondary schools for Indian children oper-
 24 ated or supported by the Department of the In-
 25 terior; and

1 (B) out-of-State Indian children in elemen-
 2 tary schools and secondary schools in local edu-
 3 cational agencies under special contracts with
 4 the Department of the Interior.

5 (3) FORMULA GRANTS TO STATES.—The Sec-
 6 retary shall allocate to States having approved appli-
 7 cations the funds remaining after the application of
 8 paragraphs (1) and (2) based on the percentage of
 9 the State's number of teen births compared to the
 10 number of teen births nationally, except that the
 11 minimum grant for a State shall be \$300,000.

12 (4) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Grant
 13 funds provided under paragraph (3) shall be used
 14 only to supplement the funds that would, in the ab-
 15 sence of such Federal funds, be made available from
 16 non-Federal sources for the education of pupils par-
 17 ticipating in programs assisted under this part, and
 18 not to supplant such funds.

19 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available to a
 21 State under this part shall be used for the following:

22 (A) To provide or enhance educational pro-
 23 grams and related services that enable pregnant
 24 and parenting students to enroll in, attend, and

1 succeed in school, and that are culturally and
2 linguistically competent.

3 (B) To designate a Coordinator for Edu-
4 cation of Pregnant and Parenting Students in
5 the State educational agency to direct and man-
6 age the State educational agency's activities re-
7 lated to this part, in collaboration with the
8 State's designated employee responsible for the
9 State's efforts to comply with and carry out, to
10 the fullest extent, its responsibilities under title
11 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20
12 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

13 (C) To prepare and carry out a State plan
14 described in subsection (f).

15 (D) To develop and implement high-quality
16 professional development programs for local
17 educational agencies and school personnel.

18 (E) To direct grants to rural and other
19 local educational agencies without capacity to
20 prepare an application for funds so that such
21 local educational agencies may carry out the ac-
22 tivities described in subsections (e) and (f) of
23 section 338.

24 (F) To ensure that information about the
25 program is disseminated to all local educational

1 agencies and made publicly and readily avail-
 2 able on the State educational agency's website,
 3 including—

4 (i) the name and contact information
 5 for the individuals described in subpara-
 6 graph (B);

7 (ii) a list of subgrantees; and

8 (iii) an explanation of the rights of
 9 students and responsibilities of schools
 10 under title IX of the Education Amend-
 11 ments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.),
 12 including investigation and complaint pro-
 13 cedures as required under subsections (a)
 14 and (b) of section 106.8 of title 34, Code
 15 of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the
 16 date of the enactment of this part).

17 (2) RESERVATION FOR STATE-LEVEL ACTIVI-
 18 TIES.—From the funds made available to a State
 19 under this part, a State may reserve not more than
 20 10 percent for State-level activities.

21 (3) SUBGRANTS.—The State shall distribute at
 22 least 90 percent of each State grant as subgrants to
 23 local educational agencies in accordance with section
 24 338.

1 (e) COORDINATOR FOR EDUCATION OF PREGNANT
2 AND PARENTING STUDENTS.—The Coordinator for Edu-
3 cation of Pregnant and Parenting Students in the State
4 educational agency described in subsection (d)(1)(B)
5 shall—

6 (1) gather information on the nature and extent
7 of State and local efforts to prevent teen pregnancy
8 and the nature and extent of barriers to educational
9 access and success facing pregnant and parenting
10 students in the State, including information on re-
11 ported incidents of discrimination;

12 (2) develop and carry out the State plan de-
13 scribed in subsection (f);

14 (3) collect and report information to the Sec-
15 retary, such as the information described in sub-
16 paragraphs (A) through (G) of section 340(a)(6);

17 (4) facilitate the coordination of services with
18 the State agencies responsible for administering pro-
19 grams affecting children, youth, and families (in-
20 cluding for the purposes of maximizing the
21 leveraging of resources from such agencies), includ-
22 ing—

23 (A) the State temporary assistance for
24 needy families program funded under part A of

1 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 601 et seq.);

3 (B) the Medicaid program under title XIX
4 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
5 seq.);

6 (C) the State Children's Health Insurance
7 Program established under title XXI of the So-
8 cial Security Program (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et
9 seq.);

10 (D) teen pregnancy prevention, family
11 planning, and maternal and child health pro-
12 grams;

13 (E) the special supplemental nutrition pro-
14 gram for women, infants, and children estab-
15 lished by section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act
16 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

17 (F) the supplemental nutrition assistance
18 program established under the Food and Nutri-
19 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

20 (G) child care programs;

21 (H) early childhood education, home visita-
22 tion, and child welfare programs;

23 (I) workforce investment programs and
24 postsecondary education;

1 (J) housing assistance and homeless assist-
2 ance programs;

3 (K) school-based health services programs;
4 and

5 (L) programs carried out by federally
6 qualified health centers (as defined in sections
7 1861(aa)(4) and 1905(a)(2)(B) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(4) and
9 1396d(a)(2)(B))), health centers (as defined in
10 section 330 of the Public Health Service Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 254b)), and outpatient health pro-
12 grams and facilities operated by tribal organiza-
13 tions;

14 (5) coordinate and collaborate with educators,
15 service providers, and local educational agency preg-
16 nant and parenting student liaisons;

17 (6) provide technical assistance and training to
18 local educational agencies, including the dissemina-
19 tion of best practices regarding pregnant and par-
20 enting students; and

21 (7) report to the Secretary any complaints re-
22 ceived by the State about discrimination based on
23 pregnancy or parenting status and what actions
24 were taken to address those complaints.

1 (f) STATE PLAN.—Pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(C),
2 each State shall submit a plan, developed by the State
3 educational agency in consultation with local educational
4 agencies, teachers, principals, specialized instructional
5 support personnel, administrators, other staff, representa-
6 tives of Indian tribes located in the State, and parents,
7 to provide for the education of pregnant and parenting
8 students. Such plan shall include the following:

9 (1) A description of how such students will be
10 given the opportunity to meet the challenging stu-
11 dent academic achievement standards under section
12 1111(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)).

14 (2) The policy, protocol, or procedure that each
15 local educational agency or State implements once a
16 pregnancy has been discovered on campus including
17 how each local educational agency ensures the stu-
18 dent understands the student's rights under title IX
19 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.
20 1681 et seq.).

21 (3) A description of how the State will identify
22 pregnant and parenting students and plan for preg-
23 nant and parenting students to be enrolled, attend,
24 and succeed in school.

1 (4) A description of training programs to raise
2 awareness of school personnel regarding the rights
3 and educational needs of pregnant and parenting
4 students.

5 (5) A description of procedures designed to en-
6 sure that students eligible for Federal, State, or
7 local food, housing, health care, or child care pro-
8 grams are informed of their eligibility for, assisted
9 in enrolling in, and able to participate in such pro-
10 grams.

11 (6) A description of procedures designed to en-
12 sure that students eligible for Federal, State, or
13 local after-school programs or supplemental edu-
14 cational services are enrolled in and able to partici-
15 pate in such programs.

16 (7) Strategies that respond to the problems
17 identified under subsection (e)(1).

18 (8) A demonstration that the State and its local
19 educational agencies have developed, reviewed, and
20 revised policies to remove barriers to enrollment and
21 retention of pregnant and parenting students in
22 schools in the State.

23 (9) Assurances that—

24 (A) the State educational agency and the
25 local educational agencies in the State will not

1 stigmatize, discriminate against, or involun-
2 tarily segregate students on the basis of preg-
3 nancy or parenting;

4 (B) local educational agencies will des-
5 ignate a pregnant and parenting student liaison
6 to communicate with the Coordinator for Edu-
7 cation of Pregnant and Parenting Students in
8 the State educational agency and oversee the
9 provision of services at the local educational
10 agency and school levels; and

11 (C) the State educational agency and local
12 educational agencies will ensure that transpor-
13 tation is provided for students who have an in-
14 ability to pay for transportation and who—

15 (i) choose to attend programs for
16 pregnant and parenting students located
17 outside of their school of origin; or

18 (ii) need transportation to and from
19 school and the student's child care provider
20 for the student and the student's child, re-
21 spectively.

22 (10) Description of how the State will ensure
23 that local educational agencies comply with require-
24 ments of this part.

1 (11) A description of technical assistance to be
 2 provided to local educational agencies to assist the
 3 local educational agencies to meet the goals of this
 4 part.

5 (g) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC
 6 EDUCATION.—Each State and each local educational
 7 agency shall include in professional development and pub-
 8 lic education materials reference to, and shall ensure that
 9 school personnel, students, and family members of stu-
 10 dents are aware of, title IX of the Education Amendments
 11 of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and its implementing
 12 regulations, which set forth the Federal civil right to be
 13 free from discrimination on the basis of a student's preg-
 14 nancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of preg-
 15 nancy, or recovery therefrom. This includes the right to
 16 be free from harassment and stigmatization on those
 17 bases, as well as the following:

18 (1) The right to enroll in any school or program
 19 for which the student would otherwise qualify.

20 (2) If enrolled into a special program or sepa-
 21 rate school, the right to an education equal in qual-
 22 ity to that offered to other students in the main-
 23 stream or originating school.

24 (3) The right to decline to participate in a spe-
 25 cialized program or separate school.

1 (4) The right to continue the student's edu-
2 cation in the school in which the student was en-
3 rolled, or would have been enrolled, prior to the stu-
4 dent's pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termi-
5 nation of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom, includ-
6 ing elementary or secondary schools, charter schools,
7 honors and magnet programs, Advanced Placement
8 and International Baccalaureate programs, career
9 and technical education programs, special education
10 and non-public school placements, alternative options
11 or programs, migrant education, free and reduced
12 lunch programs, services for English language learn-
13 ers, physical education programs, after-school aca-
14 demic programs, and any others for which the stu-
15 dent is otherwise qualified.

16 (5) The right to—

17 (A) participate in school activities includ-
18 ing graduations and other ceremonies;

19 (B) to receive awards or peer recognition;
20 and

21 (C) to participate on field trips, student
22 clubs and councils, in after-school activities, in-
23 cluding cheerleading or athletics teams and in
24 any other school-related programs, subject to
25 providing a medical release if that is required of

1 all students who have physical or emotional
2 conditions requiring the attention of medical
3 personnel and who want to continue partici-
4 pating.

5 (6) The right to the same benefits and services
6 offered to students with other temporary disabilities.

7 (7) The right to an excused absence for as long
8 as the student's physician deems it medically nec-
9 essary, without penalty, and automatic return to the
10 status the student held prior to the leave of absence.

11 (8) The right not to be retaliated against for
12 raising awareness of, complaining about, or report-
13 ing discrimination.

14 (h) COORDINATION FOR SUPPORT SERVICES.—Local
15 educational agencies may coordinate with social services
16 agencies, public health agencies, youth services providers,
17 or other community-based organizations for the purposes
18 of—

19 (1) ensuring that pregnant and parenting stu-
20 dents have access to the academic support services
21 they need to continue their education; and

22 (2) raising awareness among agencies about
23 pregnant and parenting students and their edu-
24 cational rights and opportunities.

1 (i) PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT LIAI-
2 SON.—The duties of a local educational agency’s pregnant
3 and parenting student liaison shall include—

4 (1) identification, by consulting with school per-
5 sonnel, and by self-reports, of pregnant and par-
6 enting students in need of services to help the stu-
7 dents stay in school and succeed;

8 (2) gathering information on the nature and ex-
9 tent of barriers to educational access and success
10 facing pregnant and parenting students in the geo-
11 graphic area served by the local educational agency,
12 including information on reported incidents of dis-
13 crimination;

14 (3) ensuring and facilitating the continued en-
15 rollment of pregnant and parenting students in
16 school in an academic program that best meets the
17 educational goals of the student and his or her fam-
18 ily;

19 (4) ensuring that the educational and related
20 barriers faced by pregnant and parenting students
21 are addressed, and that any services and referrals
22 provided are culturally and linguistically competent;

23 (5) informing pregnant and parenting students
24 of educational and related services extended to preg-
25 nant and parenting students and of their right

1 under title IX of the Education Amendments of
 2 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) to continue their edu-
 3 cation; and

4 (6) coordinating the provision of services in
 5 conjunction with the Coordinator for Education of
 6 Pregnant and Parenting Students in the State edu-
 7 cational agency and with community organizations
 8 and partners.

9 **SEC. 338. LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY SUBGRANTS FOR**
 10 **THE EDUCATION OF PREGNANT AND PAR-**
 11 **ENTING STUDENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—A State educational agency re-
 13 ceiving a grant under section 337 shall make competitive
 14 subgrants to local educational agencies for the purpose of
 15 facilitating the enrollment, attendance, and success in
 16 school of pregnant and parenting students. Services may
 17 be provided on school grounds or at other facilities.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—Local educational agencies seek-
 19 ing subgrants under this section shall submit an applica-
 20 tion to the State educational agency in time and manner
 21 required by the State. The application shall include—

22 (1) an assessment of the educational and re-
 23 lated needs of pregnant and parenting students in
 24 the local educational agency;

1 (2) a description of the local educational agen-
2 cy's plan for addressing those needs, and assurance
3 that the specific services and programs for which
4 subgrants are being sought are culturally and lin-
5 guistically competent;

6 (3) a description of how the local educational
7 agency will plan for pregnant and parenting stu-
8 dents to be enrolled, attend, and succeed in school;

9 (4) an assurance of the local educational agen-
10 cy's compliance with local educational agency re-
11 quirements established in section 337; and

12 (5) a description of the local educational agen-
13 cy's plan for continuing specific services and pro-
14 grams for which subgrants are being sought in case
15 of the loss of or absence of Federal assistance.

16 (c) AWARDS.—Subgrants under this section shall be
17 awarded on the basis of need and the strength of the appli-
18 cation in meeting the requirements and goals of this part.
19 Priority consideration shall be given to applications from
20 local educational agencies serving students in geographic
21 areas with—

22 (1) teen birth rates that are higher than the
23 State average; or

1 (2) teen birth rates below the State average but
2 having one or more racial or ethnic groups with teen
3 birth rates higher than the State average.

4 (d) DURATION.—Each subgrant under this section
5 shall be for a period of not to exceed 3 years.

6 (e) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—Subgrant funds shall be
7 expended for activities that include—

8 (1) the provision of academic support services
9 for pregnant and parenting students, which may in-
10 clude academic counseling, the development of indi-
11 vidualized graduation plans, assistance with class
12 scheduling, assistance with planning for and gaining
13 access to postsecondary educational opportunities,
14 assistance securing tutoring or other academic sup-
15 port services, supplemental instruction, homework
16 assistance, tutoring, or other educational services,
17 such as homebound instruction services to be pro-
18 vided during extended leaves of absence due to preg-
19 nancy complications, childbirth, or the illness of a
20 student's child, to keep the student on track to fin-
21 ish the student's classes and graduate;

22 (2) assistance to pregnant and parenting stu-
23 dents in gaining access to quality, affordable child
24 care and early childhood education services;

1 (3) the provision of transportation services or
2 assistance so that parenting students and their chil-
3 dren can get to and from school and child care, re-
4 spectively, and so that a pregnant student unable to
5 walk long distances can get to school if transpor-
6 tation is not already provided for that student;

7 (4) the provision of services and programs to
8 attract, engage, and retain pregnant and parenting
9 students in school, including informing pregnant and
10 parenting teenagers and their family members and
11 caring adults of their right to continue their edu-
12 cation, the importance of doing so, and the con-
13 sequences of not doing so;

14 (5) the education of students, parents and com-
15 munity members about the educational rights of
16 pregnant and parenting students;

17 (6) the professional development of school per-
18 sonnel regarding the challenges facing pregnant and
19 parenting students and their educational rights;

20 (7) proactive outreach efforts to assist pregnant
21 and parenting teenagers with excessive absences and
22 to reenroll pregnant or parenting teenagers who
23 have dropped out of school;

24 (8) the revision of school policies and practices
25 to remove barriers and to encourage pregnant and

1 parenting students to continue their education, in-
2 cluding—

3 (A) the revision of attendance policies to
4 allow for students to be excused from school,
5 school activities, after-school activities, or
6 school-related programs for—

7 (i) attendance at pregnancy-related
8 medical appointments, including expectant
9 fathers who are students;

10 (ii) fulfillment of the student's par-
11 enting responsibilities, including arranging
12 child care, caring for the student's sick
13 child or children, and attending medical
14 appointments for the student's child or
15 children; and

16 (iii) such other situations beyond the
17 control of the student as determined by the
18 board of education in each local edu-
19 cational agency, or such other cir-
20 cumstances which cause reasonable con-
21 cern to student or the student's parent for
22 the safety or health of the student, for ex-
23 ample addressing circumstances resulting
24 from domestic or sexual violence; and

1 (B) the creation and implementation of a
 2 policy flexible enough to meet the individualized
 3 lactation and medical needs of student mothers,
 4 including reasonable break time from class, ac-
 5 cess to a clean, private space, and protection
 6 from retaliation for this purpose;

7 (9) the provision to student parents, and at a
 8 student's request, also to a non-student parent or
 9 other family members and caring adults, of training
 10 and support in parenting skills, healthy relationship
 11 skills, strategies to prevent future unplanned preg-
 12 nancy, and other life skills such as goal setting,
 13 budgeting, time management, financial literacy, net-
 14 working, job interviewing, applying for postsec-
 15 ondary education, and securing financial aid; and

16 (10) the provision to pregnant and parenting
 17 students of educational and career mentoring serv-
 18 ices and peer groups, whether during school hours or
 19 after school.

20 (f) ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subgrant funds may be ex-
 22 pended for allowable activities such as—

23 (A) the provision of child care and early
 24 childhood education for the child of the par-
 25 enting student, either by providing these serv-

1 ices directly on school grounds or by other ar-
2 rangement, such as by providing financial as-
3 sistance to obtain such services at a child care
4 facility within a reasonable distance of the
5 school;

6 (B) the provision of case management
7 services to pregnant and parenting students,
8 such as assistance with applying for and access-
9 ing public benefits and Federal financial aid for
10 postsecondary education and training;

11 (C) the provision of, or referrals to, preg-
12 nancy prevention, primary health care, maternal
13 and child health, family planning, mental
14 health, substance abuse, housing assistance,
15 homeless assistance, and legal aid services, in-
16 cluding paternity testing, establishing parental
17 rights, child custody arrangements, and other
18 services needed by the student;

19 (D) the provision of emergency financial or
20 in-kind assistance to a parenting student to ful-
21 fill the basic human needs of a student and the
22 student's child;

23 (E) efforts to create a positive school cli-
24 mate for pregnant and parenting students, in-
25 cluding addressing discrimination against and

1 harassment and stigmatization of pregnant and
 2 parenting students; and

3 (F) the provision of training practicums
 4 for graduate students in social work to carry
 5 out the purpose of the grant.

6 (2) MEDICALLY ACCURATE AND COMPLETE IN-
 7 FORMATION.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to infor-
 9 mation provided under paragraph (1)(C) and
 10 subsection (e)(9), whether provided by local
 11 educational agencies or by contract or arrange-
 12 ment as described in subsection (g), the infor-
 13 mation shall be, where appropriate, medically
 14 accurate and complete and developmentally ap-
 15 propriate for the intended audience.

16 (B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this
 17 paragraph, the term “medically accurate and
 18 complete” means verified or supported by the
 19 weight of research conducted in compliance with
 20 accepted scientific methods and—

21 (i) published in peer-reviewed jour-
 22 nals, where applicable; or

23 (ii) comprising information that lead-
 24 ing professional organizations and agencies

1 with relevant expertise in the field recog-
 2 nize as accurate, objective, and complete.

3 (g) ACTIVITIES OF NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANI-
 4 ZATIONS.—Local educational agencies may provide and
 5 expend subgrant funds on required activities authorized
 6 in subsection (e) or allowable activities authorized in sub-
 7 section (f) directly or by contract or arrangement with so-
 8 cial services agencies, public health agencies, youth serv-
 9 ices providers, or other nonprofit community-based organi-
 10 zations with experience effectively assisting pregnant and
 11 parenting students to stay in school by conducting the ac-
 12 tivities described in subsections (e) and (f).

13 **SEC. 339. CONVERSION TO CATEGORICAL PROGRAM IN**
 14 **EVENT OF FAILURE OF STATE REGARDING**
 15 **EXPENDITURE OF GRANTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, from the
 17 amounts specified in subsection (c), make grants to local
 18 educational agencies in a State described in such sub-
 19 section for the required activities specified in section
 20 338(e) and the allowable activities specified in section
 21 338(f).

22 (b) APPLICATION.—A local educational agency desir-
 23 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application
 24 to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the
 25 Secretary may require.

1 (c) SPECIFICATION OF FUNDS.—The amounts re-
 2 ferred to in subsection (a) are any amounts that would
 3 have been allocated to a State under section 337(c)(3)
 4 that are not paid to the State as a result of—

5 (1) the failure of the State to submit an appli-
 6 cation under section 337(b);

7 (2) the failure of the State, in the determina-
 8 tion of the Secretary, to prepare the application in
 9 accordance with such section or to submit the appli-
 10 cation within a reasonable period of time; or

11 (3) the State informing the Secretary that the
 12 State does not intend to expend the full amount of
 13 such allocation.

14 **SEC. 340. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out the
 16 following activities:

17 (1) Review State plans submitted under section
 18 337(f) to ensure the plans adequately address all of
 19 the elements listed in such section.

20 (2) Provide technical assistance to State edu-
 21 cational agencies regarding grants awarded under
 22 this part and methods to keep pregnant and par-
 23 enting students in school until graduation from sec-
 24 ondary school.

1 (3) Provide guidance to Federal programs and
2 grantees likely to have contact with pregnant and
3 parenting students and their family members and
4 caring adults regarding the educational rights of
5 pregnant and parenting students and State edu-
6 cational agency responsibilities, including the respon-
7 sibilities under this part.

8 (4) At the end of each 3-year grant period, con-
9 duct a rigorous, evidence-based, comprehensive eval-
10 uation of the local educational agency programs
11 funded by the grants under this section and their ef-
12 fectiveness in improving graduation rates and edu-
13 cational outcomes for pregnant and parenting stu-
14 dents, including acceptance and enrollment in higher
15 education, and prepare and submit a report on the
16 findings of such evaluations to Congress.

17 (5) Conduct a one-time national evaluation of
18 pregnant and parenting student access to education
19 program service delivery models, directly or via con-
20 tract with an independent research institution. Iden-
21 tify and disseminate the findings and best practices
22 at the State and local levels, including models of
23 programs that are successful at, or show promise of,
24 serving specific racial or ethnic groups or have been
25 modified and tested with specific racial or ethnic

1 groups, and create an online best practices clearing-
2 house as a resource for other State educational
3 agencies and local educational agencies.

4 (6) Annually collect and disseminate nonperson-
5 ally identifiable data and information, in a manner
6 protective of student privacy, and disaggregated by
7 each school or alternative program identified pursu-
8 ant to subparagraph (B) and by whether services for
9 pregnant and parenting students are offered in
10 school or off-site, on—

11 (A) the number of pregnant and parenting
12 students enrolled in school;

13 (B) rates and participation of pregnant
14 and parenting students in mainstream or origi-
15 nating schools, rates and participation of preg-
16 nant and parenting students in alternative pro-
17 grams and, for each alternative program, an in-
18 dication as to whether it is offered in a main-
19 stream school or off-site;

20 (C) pregnant and parenting students' per-
21 formance on academic assessments;

22 (D) pregnant and parenting students'
23 graduation rates, dropout rates and transfer
24 rates;

1 (E) rates of usage by pregnant and par-
2 enting students of child care services or assist-
3 ance (if offered);

4 (F) rates of usage by pregnant or par-
5 enting students of other services offered
6 (disaggregated by type of service); and

7 (G) such other data and information as the
8 Secretary determines to be necessary and rel-
9 evant.

10 (7) Coordinate data collection and dissemina-
11 tion with the agencies and entities that receive funds
12 under this part and those that administer programs
13 in accordance with this part.

14 (b) REPORTING RATES.—Notwithstanding subpara-
15 graphs (B) through (F) of subsection (a)(6), if the number
16 of pregnant and parenting students in a particular school
17 or program in a State is smaller than a size determined
18 by such State, it shall be reported by the applicable local
19 educational agency, and if the number of pregnant and
20 parenting students under the jurisdiction of a local edu-
21 cational agency in a State is smaller than a size deter-
22 mined by such State, it shall be reported by such State.

1 **SEC. 341. EFFECT ON FEDERAL AND STATE NON-**
2 **DISCRIMINATION LAWS.**

3 Nothing in this part shall be construed to preempt,
4 invalidate, or limit rights, remedies, procedures, or legal
5 standards available to victims of discrimination or retalia-
6 tion under any other Federal law or a law of a State or
7 political subdivision of a State, including title VI of the
8 Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), title
9 IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C.
10 1681 et seq.), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of
11 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Americans with Disabilities Act
12 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), section 1557 of the
13 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.
14 18116), or section 1979 of the Revised Statutes (42
15 U.S.C. 1983). The obligations imposed by this part are
16 in addition to those imposed by title IX of the Education
17 Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), title VI
18 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.),
19 the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
20 12101 et seq.), and section 1557 of the Patient Protection
21 and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18116).

22 **SEC. 342. ADDING PREGNANT AND PARENTING DATA TO**
23 **STATE REPORT CARDS.**

24 Section 1111(h)(1)(C) of the Elementary and Sec-
25 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(h)(1)(C))
26 is amended—

1 (1) in clause (vii), by striking “and” after the
2 semicolon;

3 (2) in clause (viii), by striking the period and
4 inserting “; and”; and

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

6 “(ix) data regarding pregnant and
7 parenting students in the State, in the ag-
8 gregate and disaggregated and cross-tab-
9 ulated by the subgroups described in sub-
10 section (b)(2)(C)(v)(II) (except that such
11 disaggregation or cross-tabulation shall not
12 be required in a case in which the results
13 would reveal personally identifiable infor-
14 mation about an individual student), in-
15 cluding—

16 “(I) the number of pregnant and
17 parenting students enrolled in sec-
18 ondary schools;

19 “(II) rates, and data regarding
20 participation, of pregnant and par-
21 enting students in mainstream schools
22 or in the schools in which the students
23 originated;

24 “(III) rates, and data regarding
25 participation, of pregnant and par-

1 enting students in alternative pro-
2 grams;

3 “(IV) the number and percentage
4 of pregnant and parenting students
5 who have achieved each level of
6 achievement described in subclauses
7 (II) and (III) of subsection
8 (b)(1)(D)(ii), in each grade and sub-
9 ject assessed; and
10 “(V) graduation rates for preg-
11 nant and parenting students.”.

12 **SEC. 343. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
14 this part such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years
15 2016 through 2020.

16 **PART III—HEALTHY FOOD, NUTRITION**
17 **EDUCATION, AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

18 **SEC. 351. HEALTH EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

19 **AS CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.**

20 Section 9101(11) of the Elementary and Secondary
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(11)) is amended
22 by striking “and geography” and inserting “geography,
23 physical education, and health education”.

1 **SEC. 352. ALLOWING FUNDS UNDER THE CAROL M. WHITE**
 2 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE**
 3 **USED FOR ADDITIONAL HEALTHY EATING AC-**
 4 **TIVITIES.**

5 Section 5503(b)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary
 6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7261b(b)(5)) is amend-
 7 ed by inserting “, including through training healthy food
 8 chefs who serve as innovative cooks, chef trainers, and as
 9 a nutrition resource for public elementary schools and sec-
 10 ondary schools and the communities surrounding such
 11 schools” before the period at the end.

12 **SEC. 353. ENHANCING SCHOOL NUTRITION.**

13 (a) **NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 9(f)(1)
 14 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
 15 U.S.C. 1758(f)(1)) is amended in the matter preceding
 16 subparagraph (A) by striking “and breakfasts” and in-
 17 serting “breakfasts, and dinners”.

18 (b) **FAMILY MEALS PROGRAM.**—The Richard B.
 19 Russell National School Lunch Act is amended by insert-
 20 ing after section 26 (42 U.S.C. 1769g) the following:

21 **“SEC. 27. FAMILY MEALS PROGRAM.**

22 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

23 “(1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term ‘eligible en-
 24 tity’ means—

25 “(A) a school food authority; and

1 “(B) an institution (as that term is defined
2 in section 17(a)(2)), acting through the child
3 and adult care food program.

4 “(2) FAMILY MEAL.—The term ‘family meal’
5 means a meal provided to a household at least 1
6 member of which is a child who is—

7 “(A) eligible to receive free or reduced
8 price meals under this Act or the Child Nutri-
9 tion Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.); and

10 “(B) enrolled in the appropriate eligible
11 entity.

12 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
13 lish a program under which the Secretary shall make
14 grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to provide
15 family meals in accordance with this section.

16 “(c) USES OF FUNDS.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
18 ceives a grant under this section shall use the grant
19 funds to provide low-cost family meals during—

20 “(A) after-school hours, weekends, and
21 holidays during the regular school year; and

22 “(B) summer or school vacation.

23 “(2) FREE MEALS.—An eligible entity may use
24 grant funds provided under this section to provide
25 free family meals to the families of children who

1 meet requirements established by the Secretary re-
 2 lating to school attendance and physical activity par-
 3 ticipation.

4 “(d) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
 5 priated such sums as are necessary to carry out this sec-
 6 tion.”.

7 **SEC. 354. ALLOWING TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL TRAINING**
 8 **AND RECRUITMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR**
 9 **INSTRUCTION IN NUTRITION, FITNESS, AND**
 10 **WELLNESS.**

11 Section 2123(a) of the Elementary and Secondary
 12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6623(a)) is amended
 13 by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:

14 “(9) Carrying out programs that train teachers
 15 in the topics of nutrition, fitness, and wellness, in
 16 order to enable the teachers to provide and incor-
 17 porate instruction in such topics to other teachers
 18 and to students.”.

19 **PART IV—EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
 20 **SEC. 356. EVALUATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF BEST**
 21 **PRACTICES REGARDING EDUCATION AND**
 22 **ACADEMIC SUPPORT.**

23 (a) IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF SERV-
 24 ICES.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) identify and evaluate the services available
2 for elementary school and secondary school students
3 to meet academic expectations for grade-level work,
4 timely graduate secondary school, and obtain em-
5 ployment, as appropriate; and

6 (2) publish and disseminate best practices re-
7 garding the services described in paragraph (1).

8 (b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
9 provide technical assistance to local educational agencies
10 in order to increase capacity of administrative leaders to
11 replicate the best practices described in subsection (a)(2).

12 **SEC. 357. BEST PRACTICE REPLICATION GRANTS.**

13 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made
14 available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
15 award grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational
16 agencies to enable the local educational agencies to in-
17 crease the academic support provided to students in the
18 schools served by the local educational agencies by car-
19 rying out the activities described in subsection (c).

20 (b) APPLICATION.—A local educational agency that
21 desires a grant under this section shall submit an applica-
22 tion at such time, in such manner, and containing such
23 information as the Secretary may require.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency re-
2 ceiving a grant under this section shall use grant funds
3 to—

4 (1) increase the capacity of the public elemen-
5 tary schools and secondary schools served by the
6 local educational agency to provide support for stu-
7 dents that enables more students to meet the aca-
8 demic standards for the students' grade level and to
9 graduate from secondary school on time and pre-
10 pared for employment; and

11 (2) to implement the best practices identified by
12 the Secretary under section 356(a)(2) in public ele-
13 mentary schools and secondary schools served by the
14 local educational agency.

15 (d) REPORTS.—

16 (1) REPORTS BY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
17 CIES.—Not later than 60 days after the end of the
18 grant period for a grant under this section, a local
19 educational agency receiving a grant under this sec-
20 tion shall prepare and submit a report to the Sec-
21 retary regarding the progress made under the grant.

22 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
23 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
24 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-

1 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
 2 gram under this section.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 5 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
 6 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.

7 **SEC. 358. STUDY ON EXTENDED LEARNING TIME MODELS.**

8 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study—

9 (1) to evaluate extended learning time models,
 10 such as extended school week and longer school
 11 days, for elementary schools and secondary schools;
 12 and

13 (2) to determine how extended learning time
 14 models could be used, or are being used, by local
 15 educational agencies to provide additional edu-
 16 cational opportunities to students, such as—

17 (A) providing bilingual education to all
 18 students in kindergarten through grade 8;

19 (B) offering career and technical education
 20 classes to all secondary school students served
 21 by a local educational agency; and

22 (C) providing opportunities for non-aca-
 23 demic skill development for students.

24 (b) REPORT.—By not later than 30 days after the
 25 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall prepare

1 and submit to Congress, and make available through elec-
 2 tronic means to the public, a report regarding the findings
 3 of the study conducted under subsection (a).

4 **Subtitle D—Business Engagement** 5 **in Schools**

6 **SEC. 361. REAUTHORIZING THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER** 7 **AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006.**

8 (a) SCHOOL ADOPTION AND MENTORING PRO-
 9 GRAMS.—Section 135(b) of the Carl D. Perkins Career
 10 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2355(b))
 11 is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, school
 13 adoption programs where a business works closely
 14 with a school to provide students with additional in-
 15 formation about an industry or profession, men-
 16 toring programs in which representatives of local
 17 businesses provide mentoring to students, or entre-
 18 preneurship education provided through academies
 19 or integration with other programs, including by col-
 20 laboration and agreements with small business devel-
 21 opment centers and incubation opportunities for sec-
 22 ondary school programs” before the semicolon; and

23 (2) in paragraph (5)(C), by inserting “or men-
 24 toring programs that connect school leaders with
 25 mentors who are representatives of local businesses”.

1 (b) REAUTHORIZATION.—The Carl D. Perkins Ca-
 2 reer and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.
 3 2301 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in section 9 (20 U.S.C. 2307), by striking
 5 “fiscal years 2007 through 2012” and inserting “fis-
 6 cal years 2016 through 2020”;

7 (2) in section 114(e) (20 U.S.C. 2324(e)), by
 8 striking “fiscal years 2007 through 2012” and in-
 9 serting “fiscal years 2016 through 2020”;

10 (3) in section 117(i) (20 U.S.C. 2327(i)), by
 11 striking “fiscal years 2007 through 2012” and in-
 12 serting “fiscal years 2016 through 2020”;

13 (4) in section 118(g) (20 U.S.C. 2328(g)), by
 14 striking “fiscal years 2007 through 2012” and in-
 15 serting “fiscal years 2016 through 2020”; and

16 (5) in section 206 (20 U.S.C. 2376), by striking
 17 “fiscal year 2007 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal
 18 years” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2016
 19 through 2020”.

20 **SEC. 362. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the
 22 Secretary of Education shall jointly establish an inter-
 23 agency committee, in order to coordinate programs, activi-
 24 ties, and services carried out under the Workforce Innova-
 25 tion and Opportunity Act with programs, activities, and

1 services carried out under the Carl D. Perkins Career and
2 Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et
3 seq.).

4 (b) COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE.—The interagency
5 committee established under subsection (a) shall consist
6 of 10 members, 5 of whom shall be employees or officers
7 of the Department of Education and appointed by the Sec-
8 retary of Education, and 5 of whom shall be employees
9 or officers of the Department of Labor and appointed by
10 the Secretary of Labor.

11 (c) REPORT.—The interagency committee shall pre-
12 pare and submit to the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary
13 of Education, and Congress, an annual report regarding—

14 (1) the actions taken and improvements made
15 during the preceding year to better coordinate pro-
16 grams, activities, and services carried out under the
17 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act with pro-
18 grams, activities, and services carried out under the
19 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
20 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

21 (2) recommendations for further actions or im-
22 provements to better the coordination of programs,
23 activities, and services carried out under the Work-
24 force Innovation and Opportunity Act with pro-
25 grams, activities, and services carried out under the

1 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
2 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

3 **Subtitle E—Support for Parents**

4 **SEC. 371. STATE AND LOCAL PARENTING GRANT PRO-**
5 **GRAMS.**

6 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made avail-
8 able to carry out this section and not reserved under
9 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall award grants, on
10 a competitive basis, to eligible agencies to enable the
11 eligible agencies to support parents of children in
12 prekindergarten programs or elementary schools
13 through the activities described in subsection (c).

14 (2) RESERVATION.—For each fiscal year, the
15 Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of
16 the amount made available to carry out this section
17 for the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activi-
18 ties consistent with this section for Indian children.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible agency that de-
21 sires a grant under this section shall submit an ap-
22 plication at such time, in such manner, and con-
23 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
24 quire.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible agency receiving a
2 grant under this section shall use grant funds to—

3 (1) build the capacity of parents of to evaluate
4 and select appropriate childcare;

5 (2) build the capacity of parents to serve as
6 partners with school teachers and administrators;
7 and

8 (3) provide parents with access to job skills and
9 training needed for successful employment.

10 (d) REPORTS.—

11 (1) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Not later than
12 60 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
13 under this section, each eligible agency receiving
14 such grant shall prepare and submit a report to the
15 Secretary regarding the progress made under the
16 grant.

17 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
18 60 days after the receipt of the report described in
19 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
20 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
21 gram under this section.

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “eligible
23 agency” means a State educational agency or a local edu-
24 cational agency.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 3 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
 4 each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

5 **Subtitle F—College Affordability**

6 **SEC. 376. STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING.**

7 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—Section 451(a) of the
 8 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a(a)) is
 9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “and (2)” and inserting “(2)”;

11 and

12 (2) by inserting “; and (3) to make loans under
 13 section 460A and section 460B” after “section
 14 459A”.

15 (b) REFINANCING PROGRAM.—Part D of title IV of
 16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et
 17 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 **“SEC. 460A. REFINANCING FFEL AND FEDERAL DIRECT**
 19 **LOANS.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 180
 21 days after the date of enactment of the Saving Our Next
 22 Generation Act, the Secretary shall establish a program
 23 under which the Secretary, upon the receipt of an applica-
 24 tion from a qualified borrower, makes a loan under this
 25 part, in accordance with the provisions of this section, in

1 order to permit the borrower to obtain the interest rate
2 provided under subsection (c).

3 “(b) REFINANCING DIRECT LOANS.—

4 “(1) FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS.—Upon applica-
5 tion of a qualified borrower, the Secretary shall
6 repay a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Di-
7 rect Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct
8 PLUS Loan, or a Federal Direct Consolidation
9 Loan of the qualified borrower, for which the first
10 disbursement was made, or the application for the
11 consolidation loan was received, before July 1, 2013,
12 with the proceeds of a refinanced Federal Direct
13 Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
14 ford Loan, a Federal Direct PLUS Loan, or a Fed-
15 eral Direct Consolidation Loan, respectively, issued
16 to the borrower in an amount equal to the sum of
17 the unpaid principal, accrued unpaid interest, and
18 late charges of the original loan.

19 “(2) REFINANCING FFEL PROGRAM LOANS AS
20 REFINANCED FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS.—Upon ap-
21 plication of a qualified borrower for any loan that
22 was made, insured, or guaranteed under part B and
23 for which the first disbursement was made, or the
24 application for the consolidation loan was received,
25 before July 1, 2010, the Secretary shall make a loan

1 under this part, in an amount equal to the sum of
2 the unpaid principal, accrued unpaid interest, and
3 late charges of the original loan to the borrower in
4 accordance with the following:

5 “(A) The Secretary shall pay the proceeds
6 of such loan to the eligible lender of the loan
7 made, insured, or guaranteed under part B, in
8 order to discharge the borrower from any re-
9 maining obligation to the lender with respect to
10 the original loan.

11 “(B) A loan made under this section that
12 was originally—

13 “(i) a loan originally made, insured,
14 or guaranteed under section 428 shall be a
15 Federal Direct Stafford Loan;

16 “(ii) a loan originally made, insured,
17 or guaranteed under section 428B shall be
18 a Federal Direct PLUS Loan;

19 “(iii) a loan originally made, insured,
20 or guaranteed under section 428H shall be
21 a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford
22 Loan; and

23 “(iv) a loan originally made, insured,
24 or guaranteed under section 428C shall be
25 a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan.

1 “(C) The interest rate for each loan made
2 by the Secretary under this paragraph shall be
3 the rate provided under subsection (c).

4 “(c) INTEREST RATES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The interest rate for the
6 refinanced Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Federal
7 Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Federal Direct
8 PLUS Loans, and Federal Direct Consolidation
9 Loans, shall be a rate equal to—

10 “(A) in any case where the original loan
11 was a loan under section 428 or 428H, a Fed-
12 eral Direct Stafford loan, or a Federal Direct
13 Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, that was issued to
14 an undergraduate student, a rate equal to the
15 rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans and
16 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
17 issued to undergraduate students for the 12-
18 month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and
19 ending on June 30, 2014;

20 “(B) in any case where the original loan
21 was a loan under section 428 or 428H, a Fed-
22 eral Direct Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct
23 Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, that was issued to
24 a graduate or professional student, a rate equal
25 to the rate for Federal Direct Unsubsidized

Stafford Loans issued to graduate or professional students for the 12-month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2014;

“(C) in any case where the original loan was a loan under section 428B or a Federal Direct PLUS Loan, a rate equal to the rate for Federal Direct PLUS Loans for the 12-month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2014; and

“(D) in any case where the original loan was a loan under section 428C or a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan, a rate calculated in accordance with paragraph (2).

“(2) INTEREST RATES FOR CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—

“(A) METHOD OF CALCULATION.—In order to determine the interest rate for any refinanced Federal Direct Consolidation Loan under paragraph (1)(D), the Secretary shall—

“(i) determine each of the component loans that were originally consolidated in the loan under section 428C or the Federal Direct Consolidation Loan, and calculate the proportion of the unpaid principal bal-

1 ance of the loan under section 428C or the
2 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan that
3 each component loan represents;

4 “(ii) use the proportions determined
5 in accordance with clause (i) and the inter-
6 est rate applicable for each component
7 loan, as determined under subparagraph
8 (B), to calculate the weighted average of
9 the interest rates on the loans consolidated
10 into the loan under section 428C or the
11 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan; and

12 “(iii) apply the weighted average cal-
13 culated under clause (ii) as the interest
14 rate for the refinanced Federal Direct Con-
15 solidation Loan.

16 “(B) INTEREST RATES FOR COMPONENT
17 LOANS.—The interest rates for the component
18 loans of a loan made under section 428C or a
19 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan shall be the
20 following:

21 “(i) The interest rate for any loan
22 under section 428 or 428H, Federal Direct
23 Stafford Loan, or Federal Direct Unsub-
24 sidized Stafford Loan issued to an under-

graduate student shall be a rate equal to
the lesser of—

“(I) the rate for Federal Direct
Stafford Loans and Federal Direct
Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued
to undergraduate students for the 12-
month period beginning on July 1,
2013, and ending on June 30, 2014;
or

“(II) the original interest rate of
the component loan.

“(ii) The interest rate for any loan
under section 428 or 428H, Federal Direct
Stafford Loan, or Federal Direct Unsub-
sidized Stafford Loan issued to a graduate
or professional student shall be a rate
equal to the lesser of—

“(I) the rate for Federal Direct
Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued
to graduate or professional students
for the 12-month period beginning on
July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30,
2014; or

“(II) the original interest rate of
the component loan.

1 “(iii) The interest rate for any loan
2 under section 428B or Federal Direct
3 PLUS Loan shall be a rate equal to the
4 lesser of—

5 “(I) the rate for Federal Direct
6 PLUS Loans for the 12-month period
7 beginning on July 1, 2013, and end-
8 ing on June 30, 2014; or

9 “(II) the original interest rate of
10 the component loan.

11 “(iv) The interest rate for any compo-
12 nent loan that is a loan under section
13 428C or a Federal Direct Consolidation
14 Loan shall be the weighted average of the
15 interest rates that would apply under this
16 subparagraph for each loan comprising the
17 component consolidation loan.

18 “(v) The interest rate for any eligible
19 loan that is a component of a loan made
20 under section 428C or a Federal Direct
21 Consolidation Loan and is not described in
22 clauses (i) through (iv) shall be the inter-
23 est rate on the original component loan.

24 “(3) FIXED RATE.—The applicable rate of in-
25 terest determined under paragraph (1) for a refi-

1 nanced loan under this section shall be fixed for the
2 period of the loan.

3 “(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOANS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A loan that is refinanced
5 under this section shall have the same terms and
6 conditions as the original loan, except as otherwise
7 provided in this section.

8 “(2) NO AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF REPAY-
9 MENT PERIOD.—Refinancing a loan under this sec-
10 tion shall not result in the extension of the duration
11 of the repayment period of the loan, and the bor-
12 rower shall retain the same repayment term that
13 was in effect on the original loan. Nothing in this
14 paragraph shall be construed to prevent a borrower
15 from electing a different repayment plan at any time
16 in accordance with section 455(d)(3).

17 “(e) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED BORROWER.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
19 tion, the term ‘qualified borrower’ means a bor-
20 rower—

21 “(A) of a loan under this part or part B
22 for which the first disbursement was made, or
23 the application for a consolidation loan was re-
24 ceived, before July 1, 2013; and

1 “(B) who meets the eligibility requirements
2 based on income or debt-to-income ratio estab-
3 lished by the Secretary.

4 “(2) INCOME REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
5 180 days after the date of enactment of the Saving
6 Our Next Generation Act, the Secretary shall estab-
7 lish eligibility requirements based on income or debt-
8 to-income ratio that take into consideration pro-
9 viding access to refinancing under this section for
10 borrowers with the greatest financial need.

11 “(f) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—The Secretary,
12 in coordination with the Director of the Bureau of Con-
13 sumer Financial Protection, shall undertake a campaign
14 to alert borrowers of loans that are eligible for refinancing
15 under this section that the borrowers are eligible to apply
16 for such refinancing. The campaign shall include the fol-
17 lowing activities:

18 “(1) Developing consumer information mate-
19 rials about the availability of Federal student loan
20 refinancing.

21 “(2) Requiring servicers of loans under this
22 part or part B to provide such consumer information
23 to borrowers in a manner determined appropriate by
24 the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of
25 the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

1 **“SEC. 460B. FEDERAL DIRECT REFINANCED PRIVATE LOAN**
 2 **PROGRAM.**

3 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) ELIGIBLE PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN.—

5 The term ‘eligible private education loan’ means a
 6 private education loan, as defined in section 140(a)
 7 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1650(a)),
 8 that—

9 “(A) was disbursed to the borrower before
 10 July 1, 2013; and

11 “(B) was for the borrower’s own postsec-
 12 ondary educational expenses for an eligible pro-
 13 gram at an institution of higher education par-
 14 ticipating in the loan program under this part,
 15 as of the date that the loan was disbursed.

16 “(2) FEDERAL DIRECT REFINANCED PRIVATE
 17 LOAN.—The term ‘Federal Direct Refinanced Pri-
 18 vate Loan’ means a loan issued under subsection
 19 (b)(1).

20 “(3) PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL LENDER.—The
 21 term ‘private educational lender’ has the meaning
 22 given the term in section 140(a) of the Truth in
 23 Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1650(a)).

24 “(4) QUALIFIED BORROWER.—The term ‘quali-
 25 fied borrower’ means an individual who—

26 “(A) has an eligible private education loan;

1 “(B) has been current on payments on the
2 eligible private education loan for the 6 months
3 prior to the date of the qualified borrower’s ap-
4 plication for refinancing under this section, and
5 is in good standing on the loan at the time of
6 such application;

7 “(C) is not in default on the eligible pri-
8 vate education loan or on any loan made, in-
9 sured, or guaranteed under this part or part B
10 or E; and

11 “(D) meets the eligibility requirements de-
12 scribed in subsection (b)(2).

13 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
15 tion with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall carry
16 out a program under which the Secretary, upon ap-
17 plication by a qualified borrower who has an eligible
18 private education loan, shall issue such borrower a
19 loan under this part in accordance with the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(A) The loan issued under this program
22 shall be in an amount equal to the sum of the
23 unpaid principal, accrued unpaid interest, and
24 late charges of the private education loan.

1 “(B) The Secretary shall pay the proceeds
2 of the loan issued under this program to the
3 private educational lender of the private edu-
4 cation loan, in order to discharge the qualified
5 borrower from any remaining obligation to the
6 lender with respect to the original loan.

7 “(C) The Secretary shall require that the
8 qualified borrower undergo loan counseling that
9 provides all of the information and counseling
10 required under clauses (i) through (viii) of sec-
11 tion 485(b)(1)(A) before the loan is refinanced
12 in accordance with this section, and before the
13 proceeds of such loan are paid to the private
14 educational lender.

15 “(D) The Secretary shall issue the loan as
16 a Federal Direct Refinanced Private Loan,
17 which shall have the same terms, conditions,
18 and benefits as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized
19 Stafford Loan, except as otherwise provided in
20 this section.

21 “(2) BORROWER ELIGIBILITY.—Not later than
22 180 days after the date of enactment of the Saving
23 Our Next Generation Act, the Secretary, in con-
24 sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the

1 Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Pro-
2 tection, shall establish eligibility requirements—

3 “(A) based on income or debt-to-income
4 ratio that take into consideration providing ac-
5 cess to refinancing under this section for bor-
6 rowers with the greatest financial need;

7 “(B) to ensure eligibility only for bor-
8 rowers in good standing;

9 “(C) to minimize inequities between Fed-
10 eral Direct Refinanced Private Loans and other
11 Federal student loans;

12 “(D) to preclude windfall profits for pri-
13 vate educational lenders; and

14 “(E) to ensure full access to the program
15 authorized in this subsection for borrowers with
16 private loans who otherwise meet the criteria
17 established in accordance with subparagraphs
18 (A) and (B).

19 “(c) INTEREST RATE.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The interest rate for a
21 Federal Direct Refinanced Private Loan is—

22 “(A) in the case of a Federal Direct Refi-
23 nanced Private Loan for a private education
24 loan originally issued for undergraduate post-
25 secondary educational expenses, a rate equal to

1 the rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans and
2 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
3 issued to undergraduate students for the 12-
4 month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and
5 ending on June 30, 2014; and

6 “(B) in the case of a Federal Direct Refi-
7 nanced Private Loan for a private education
8 loan originally issued for graduate or profes-
9 sional degree postsecondary educational ex-
10 penses, a rate equal to the rate for Federal Di-
11 rect Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued to
12 graduate or professional students for the 12-
13 month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and
14 ending on June 30, 2014.

15 “(2) COMBINED UNDERGRADUATE AND GRAD-
16 UATE STUDY LOANS.—If a Federal Direct Refi-
17 nanced Private Loan is for a private education loan
18 originally issued for both undergraduate and grad-
19 uate or professional postsecondary educational ex-
20 penses, the interest rate shall be a rate equal to the
21 rate for Federal Direct PLUS Loans for the 12-
22 month period beginning on July 1, 2013, and ending
23 on June 30, 2014.

24 “(3) FIXED RATE.—The applicable rate of in-
25 terest determined under this subsection for a Fed-

1 eral Direct Refinanced Private Loan shall be fixed
2 for the period of the loan.

3 “(d) NO INCLUSION IN AGGREGATE LIMITS.—The
4 amount of a Federal Direct Refinanced Private Loan, or
5 a Federal Direct Consolidated Loan to the extent such
6 loan was used to repay a Federal Direct Refinanced Pri-
7 vate Loan, shall not be included in calculating a bor-
8 rower’s annual or aggregate loan limits under section 428
9 or 428H.

10 “(e) NO ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE-RELATED RE-
11 PAYMENT.—Notwithstanding sections 428K(a)(2)(A),
12 428L(b)(2), 455(m)(3)(A), and 460(b), a Federal Direct
13 Refinanced Private Loan, or any Federal Direct Consoli-
14 dation Loan to the extent such loan was used to repay
15 a Federal Direct Refinanced Private Loan, shall not be
16 eligible for any loan repayment or loan forgiveness pro-
17 gram under section 428K, 428L, or 460 or for the repay-
18 ment plan for public service employees under section
19 455(m).

20 “(f) PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL LENDER REPORTING
21 REQUIREMENT.—

22 “(1) REPORTING REQUIRED.—Not later than
23 180 days after the date of enactment of the Saving
24 Our Next Generation Act, the Secretary, in con-
25 sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the

1 Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Pro-
2 tection, shall establish a requirement that private
3 educational lenders report the data described in
4 paragraph (2) to the Secretary, to Congress, to the
5 Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Director of the
6 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, in order
7 to allow for an assessment of the private education
8 loan market.

9 “(2) CONTENTS OF REPORTING.—The data
10 that private educational lenders shall report in ac-
11 cordance with paragraph (1) shall include each of
12 the following about private education loans (as de-
13 fined in section 140(a) of the Truth in Lending Act
14 (15 U.S.C. 1650(a))):

15 “(A) The total amount of private education
16 loan debt the lender holds.

17 “(B) The total number of private edu-
18 cation loan borrowers the lender serves.

19 “(C) The average interest rate on the out-
20 standing private education loan debt held by the
21 lender.

22 “(D) The proportion of private education
23 loan borrowers who are in default on a loan
24 held by the lender.

1 “(E) The proportion of the outstanding
2 private education loan volume held by the lend-
3 er that is in default.

4 “(F) The proportions of outstanding pri-
5 vate education loan borrowers who are 30, 60,
6 and 90 days delinquent.

7 “(G) The proportions of outstanding pri-
8 vate education loan volume that is 30, 60, and
9 90 days delinquent.

10 “(g) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—The Sec-
11 retary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury
12 and the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial
13 Protection, shall undertake a campaign to alert borrowers
14 about the availability of private student loan refinancing
15 under this section.”.

16 (c) AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC SERVICE REPAYMENT
17 PLAN PROVISIONS.—Section 455(m) of the Higher Edu-
18 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR SECTION 460A
24 LOANS.—

1 “(A) REFINANCED FEDERAL DIRECT
 2 LOANS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in de-
 3 termining the number of monthly payments
 4 that meet the requirements of such paragraph
 5 for an eligible Federal Direct Loan refinanced
 6 under section 460A that was originally a loan
 7 under this part, the Secretary shall include all
 8 monthly payments made on the original loan
 9 that meet the requirements of such paragraph.

10 “(B) REFINANCED FFEL LOANS.—In the
 11 case of an eligible Federal Direct Loan refi-
 12 nanced under section 460A that was originally
 13 a loan under part B, only monthly payments
 14 made after the date on which the loan was refi-
 15 nanced may be included for purposes of para-
 16 graph (1).”; and

17 (3) in paragraph (4)(A) (as redesignated by
 18 paragraph (1)), by inserting “(including any Federal
 19 Direct Stafford Loan, Federal Direct PLUS Loan,
 20 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or Fed-
 21 eral Direct Consolidation Loan refinanced under sec-
 22 tion 460A)” before the period at the end.

23 (d) INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT.—Section 493C of
 24 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098e) is
 25 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) SPECIAL RULE FOR REFINANCED LOANS.—

2 “(1) REFINANCED FEDERAL DIRECT AND FFEL
3 LOANS.—In calculating the period of time during
4 which a borrower of a loan that is refinanced under
5 section 460A has made monthly payments for pur-
6 poses of subsection (b)(7), the Secretary shall deem
7 the period to include all monthly payments made for
8 the original loan, and all monthly payments made
9 for the refinanced loan, that otherwise meet the re-
10 quirements of this section.

11 “(2) FEDERAL DIRECT REFINANCED PRIVATE
12 LOANS.—In calculating the period of time during
13 which a borrower of a Federal Direct Refinanced
14 Private Loan under section 460B has made monthly
15 payments for purposes of subsection (b)(7), the Sec-
16 retary shall include only payments—

17 “(A) that are made after the date of the
18 issuance of the Federal Direct Refinanced Pri-
19 vate Loan; and

20 “(B) that otherwise meet the requirements
21 of this section.”.

22 **SEC. 377. PUBLICITY OF THE PUBLIC LOAN REPAYMENT**
23 **PLAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

24 The Secretary shall conduct a program to increase
25 publicity about the repayment plan for public service em-

1 ployees under section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act
 2 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)), including through guid-
 3 ance counselors at secondary schools.

4 **SEC. 378. STUDENT LOANS ALLOWED TO BE DISCHARGED**
 5 **IN BANKRUPTCY.**

6 Section 523(a)(8) of title 11, United States Code, is
 7 amended by striking “dependents, for” and all that follows
 8 through the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “de-
 9 pendants, for a private education loan (as defined in sec-
 10 tion 140 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1650))
 11 made by a private educational lender (as defined under
 12 such section 140) or an educational benefit overpayment
 13 or loan made, insured, or guaranteed by a governmental
 14 unit or made under any program funded in whole or in
 15 part by a governmental unit or an obligation to repay
 16 funds received from a governmental unit as an educational
 17 benefit, scholarship, or stipend;”.

18 **SEC. 379. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL**
 19 **LENDERS REGARDING DISCHARGE OF STU-**
 20 **DENT LOANS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 140 of the Truth in Lend-
 22 ing Act (15 U.S.C. 1650) is amended by adding at the
 23 end the following new subsection:

24 “(g) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DISCHARGE OF
 25 PRIVATE EDUCATION LOANS.—

1 “(1) COSIGNER REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(A) COSIGNER RELEASE REQUIRE-
3 MENTS.—If a private education loan has a co-
4 signer who is jointly liable for such loan, a pri-
5 vate educational lender shall include a process
6 for releasing the cosigner from any obligations
7 on the loan and in such process the lender—

8 “(i) shall make the criteria for obtain-
9 ing the release clear, transparent, and eas-
10 ily accessible via the website of the private
11 educational lender;

12 “(ii) shall notify the borrower if the
13 borrower is eligible to release a cosigner;

14 “(iii) shall, if denying a request to re-
15 lease a cosigner, provide an explanation for
16 the denial and offer the borrower an op-
17 portunity to correct the request; and

18 “(iv) may not change the terms of the
19 release to impose additional duties on the
20 borrower or cosigner over the duration of
21 the private education loan.

22 “(B) COSIGNER REQUIREMENTS REGARD-
23 ING DEATH, DISABILITY, OR BANKRUPTCY OF
24 COSIGNER.—Notwithstanding any provision in a
25 private education loan agreement that contains

1 a process for releasing a cosigner from obliga-
2 tions on the loan, a private educational lender
3 shall, upon receiving notification of the death,
4 disability, inability to engage in any substantial
5 gainful activity, or bankruptcy of the cosigner—

6 “(i) notify the borrower about the bor-
7 rower’s rights under the private education
8 loan agreement regarding the release of
9 the cosigner; and

10 “(ii) if the borrower continues to
11 make on-time payments (in the amount de-
12 termined prior to the death, disability, or
13 bankruptcy of the cosigner) on the private
14 education loan, provide a period of time of
15 not less than 90 days for the borrower to
16 follow the process for release of the co-
17 signer before deeming the borrower to be
18 in default, changing the terms of the loan,
19 accelerating the repayment terms of the
20 loan, or notifying consumer reporting
21 agencies (as defined in section 603(f)) of a
22 change in the status of the loan.

23 “(2) BORROWER REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
24 DEATH, DISABILITY, OR BANKRUPTCY OF BOR-
25 ROWER.—In the event of the death, disability, or in-

1 ability to engage in any substantial gainful activity
 2 of a borrower of a private educational loan, neither
 3 the estate of the borrower nor any cosigner of such
 4 private educational loan shall be obligated to repay
 5 the outstanding principle and interest on the loan.

6 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this
 7 subsection—

8 “(A) the term ‘cosigner’—

9 “(i) means any individual who is liable
 10 for the obligation of another without com-
 11 pensation, regardless of how designated in
 12 the contract or instrument;

13 “(ii) includes any person whose signa-
 14 ture is requested as condition to grant
 15 credit or to forbear on collection; and

16 “(iii) does not include a spouse of an
 17 individual referred to in clause (i) whose
 18 signature is needed to perfect the security
 19 interest in the loan; and

20 “(B) with respect to a borrower or co-
 21 signer, the term ‘death, disability, or inability to
 22 engage in any substantial gainful activity’—

23 “(i) means any condition described in
 24 section 437(a) of the Higher Education
 25 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087(a)); and

1 “(ii) shall be interpreted by the Bu-
 2 reau in such a manner as to conform with
 3 the regulations prescribed by the Secretary
 4 of Education under section 437(a) of such
 5 Act (20 U.S.C. 1087(a)) to the fullest ex-
 6 tent practicable, including safeguards to
 7 prevent fraud and abuse.”.

8 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than the end of the 1-
 9 year period following the date of the enactment of this
 10 Act, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall
 11 issue regulations to carry out section 140(g) of the Truth
 12 in Lending Act.

13 **SEC. 380. PROHIBITIONS FOR CONSUMER REPORTING**
 14 **AGENCIES AND FURNISHERS OF INFORMA-**
 15 **TION TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES**
 16 **RELATED TO PRIVATE EDUCATION LOANS.**

17 (a) PROHIBITION FOR CONSUMER REPORTING AGEN-
 18 CIES.—Subsection (a) of section 605 of the Fair Credit
 19 Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681c(a)) is amended by adding
 20 at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(7) Default on a private education loan (as de-
 22 fined in section 140(a)) resulting from accelerated
 23 repayment terms of the loan after the death, dis-
 24 ability, inability to engage in any substantial gainful

1 activity, or bankruptcy of a cosigner who is jointly
 2 liable for the loan.”.

3 (b) PROHIBITION FOR FURNISHERS OF INFORMA-
 4 TION TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES.—Paragraph
 5 (1) of section 623(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15
 6 U.S.C. 1681s–2(a)(1)) is amended by adding the following
 7 new subparagraph:

8 “(E) REPORTING INFORMATION ON PRI-
 9 VATE EDUCATION LOANS.—A private edu-
 10 cational lender (as defined in section 140(a)) or
 11 the servicer of a private education loan (as de-
 12 fined in such section) shall not furnish any in-
 13 formation relating to the loan to any consumer
 14 reporting agency if the consumer defaulted on
 15 the loan due to accelerated repayment terms of
 16 the loan after the death, disability, inability to
 17 engage in any substantial gainful activity, or
 18 bankruptcy of a cosigner who is jointly liable
 19 for the loan.”.

20 **SEC. 381. ENTRANCE COUNSELING ASSESSMENT.**

21 Section 485(l) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 22 (20 U.S.C. 1092(l)) is amended by adding at the end the
 23 following:

24 “(3) ASSESSMENT.—In addition to the other re-
 25 quirements of this subsection, each eligible institu-

1 tion shall, prior to certifying a Federal direct loan
 2 under part D for disbursement to a student (other
 3 than a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan or a Fed-
 4 eral Direct PLUS loan made on behalf of a stu-
 5 dent), ensure that the student complete an assess-
 6 ment (which shall be completed online) dem-
 7 onstrating the student's understanding of the terms
 8 and conditions of the loan that the student will re-
 9 ceive, including the terms and conditions of repay-
 10 ment and the consequences of failing to repay the
 11 loan.”.

12 **SEC. 382. NATIONAL GRANT TO DEVELOP AND PILOT MEAS-**
 13 **URES OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VALUE AND**
 14 **COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN HIGHER EDU-**
 15 **CATION.**

16 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made
 17 available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
 18 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible nonprofit
 19 or educational entities to enable the eligible nonprofit or
 20 educational entities to develop, and pilot, measures of ac-
 21 countability for value and cost-effectiveness in higher edu-
 22 cation.

23 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible nonprofit or edu-
 24 cational entity that desires a grant under this section shall

1 submit an application at such time, in such manner, and
2 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

3 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible nonprofit or edu-
4 cational entity receiving a grant shall use grant funds to
5 identify and evaluate metrics that capture the value of
6 higher education, based on expert recommendations, and
7 which may include—

8 (1) graduation rates of the institution of higher
9 education;

10 (2) social purpose and service of the education
11 provided by the institution of higher education;

12 (3) affordability of the education provided by
13 the institution of higher education;

14 (4) student loan default rates for the institution
15 of higher education; and

16 (5) price of attendance at the institution of
17 higher education.

18 (d) REPORTS.—

19 (1) REPORTS BY GRANTEES.—Not later than
20 60 days after the end of the grant period for a grant
21 under this section, the recipient of the grant shall
22 prepare and submit a report to the Secretary re-
23 garding the progress made under the grant.

24 (2) REPORTS BY SECRETARY.—Not later than
25 60 days after the receipt of the report described in

1 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
2 mit to Congress a report regarding the grant pro-
3 gram under this section.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016 and
7 each of the 3 succeeding fiscal years.

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