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H. R. 3491

To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for improving support services for adopted children and families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2017

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BASS, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. MARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Adopted
5 Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE- AND POST-ADOPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
2 **STATES AS CONDITION OF RECEIVING ADOP-**
3 **TION AND LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP INCENTIVE**
4 **PAYMENTS.**

5 Section 473A(b) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 673b(b)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
8 (3);

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

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

12 “(5)(A) the State requires at least 20 hours of
13 pre-placement training for all prospective adoptive
14 parents and legal guardians in the State (except
15 that, in the case of adult relatives of the child in-
16 volved, the State shall provide training options, such
17 as completing training after the adoption placement
18 or reduced hours of training, as appropriate), and
19 the State has satisfied that requirement in each fis-
20 cal year beginning on or after the effective date of
21 this paragraph for which an award has been made
22 to the State under this section; and

23 “(B) the State provides pre- and post-adoption
24 services, through a variety of delivery methods (such
25 as at-home training), to families adopting or obtain-
26 ing legal guardianship out of foster care which ap-

1 appropriately address the specific mental health needs
2 of adopted children, children to be adopted, and the
3 families of all such children, that are related to the
4 emotional, behavioral, and developmental issues as-
5 sociated with adoption, including, if relevant, trau-
6 ma, identity, loss, abuse, neglect, and substance ex-
7 posure.”.

8 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
10 on the 1st day of the 2nd fiscal year beginning on or after
11 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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