

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2535

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to ensure that child protective services systems do not permit the separation of children from parents on the basis of poverty, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2019

Ms. MOORE (for herself and Ms. FUDGE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Family Poverty is Not
5 Child Neglect Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NE-**
2 **GLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PRO-**
3 **GRAMS.**

4 Section 106(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and
5 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “neglect;” and
7 inserting “neglect, ensuring that reports concerning
8 a child’s living arrangements or subsistence needs
9 are addressed through services and benefits and that
10 no child is separated from the child’s parent for rea-
11 sons of poverty;”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “response;”
13 and inserting “response, except that such system,
14 tools, and protocols shall not authorize the separa-
15 tion of any child from the child’s parent or guardian
16 on the basis of poverty;”.

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