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H. R. 3438

To provide for a temporarily enhanced Federal match for certain State or tribal child welfare data reporting expenditures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BASS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide for a temporarily enhanced Federal match for certain State or tribal child welfare data reporting expenditures.

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 “Child Welfare Data
5 Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARILY ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCH FOR**
7 **CERTAIN STATE OR TRIBAL EXPENDITURES**
8 **FOR CHILD WELFARE DATA REPORTING.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The percentages which shall be in
10 effect under section 474(a)(3)(C) of the Social Security

1 Act with respect to eligible child welfare data reporting
2 expenditures of a State, Indian tribe, tribal organization,
3 or tribal consortium in the applicable period shall—

4 (1) be 75 percent; and

5 (2) apply with respect to the expenditures, with-
6 out regard to whether the systems for which the ex-
7 penditures are made may be used with respect to
8 foster or adoptive children other than those on be-
9 half of whom foster care maintenance payments or
10 adoption assistance payments are made under a
11 State or tribal plan approved under this part.

12 (b) TREATMENT OF DIGITAL SYSTEM AS MECHA-
13 NIZED SYSTEM.—The digital system described in sub-
14 section (c)(2) of this section shall be considered a mecha-
15 nized system for purposes of subparagraphs (C) and (D)
16 of section 474(a)(3) of the Social Security Act.

17 (c) MEANING OF TERMS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
19 vided in this subsection, the terms used in this sec-
20 tion shall have the meanings the terms would have
21 if this section were in part E of title IV of the Social
22 Security Act.

23 (2) ELIGIBLE CHILD WELFARE DATA REPORT-
24 ING EXPENDITURES.—In subsection (a) of this sec-
25 tion, the term “eligible child welfare data reporting

1 expenditures” means expenditures as are for the
2 planning, design, development, update, or installa-
3 tion of statewide or tribal digital data collection and
4 information retrieval systems (including for hard-
5 ware components for the systems), but only to the
6 extent that the systems—

7 (A) meet the requirements imposed by the
8 regulations prescribed under section 479(b)(2)
9 of the Social Security Act, as in effect on Janu-
10 ary 13, 2017;

11 (B) use cost-effective, innovative tech-
12 nologies to automate the collection of high-qual-
13 ity case management data, and promote the
14 analysis, distribution, and use the data by
15 workers, supervisors, administrators, research-
16 ers, and policymakers—

17 (i) in accordance with the Comprehen-
18 sive Child Welfare Information System
19 Final Rule (81 FR 35449); or

20 (ii) by means of a statewide auto-
21 mated child welfare information system
22 that meets the requirements of the regula-
23 tions prescribed under such section
24 479(b)(2);

1 (C) include the information required to be
2 collected and reported by section 471(e)(4)(E),
3 and the data described in clauses (i) and (ii) of
4 479A(a)(7)(A), of such Act;

5 (D) to the extent practicable, are capable
6 of interfacing with the State or tribal data col-
7 lection system that collects information relating
8 to child abuse and neglect;

9 (E) to the extent practicable, have the ca-
10 pability of interfacing with, and retrieving infor-
11 mation from, the State or tribal data collection
12 system that collects information relating to the
13 eligibility of individuals for assistance under a
14 program funded under part A, for purposes of
15 facilitating verification of income for purposes
16 of eligibility for benefits under a State plan ap-
17 proved under this part; and

18 (F) are determined by the Secretary to be
19 likely to provide more efficient, economical, and
20 effective administration of a State or tribal pro-
21 gram carried out under a plan developed under
22 part B or approved under this part.

23 (3) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—In subsection (a),
24 the term “applicable period” means the period that

- 1 begins with January 13, 2017, and ends with Sep-
- 2 tember 30, 2020.

