

object, again let me applaud the chairman and the staff and the committee for their outstanding work in echoing the comments of our Chair, and if the Chair would engage me in a short dialogue, this extension has no impact on the well thought-out plan of the two-thirds/one-third distribution in the committee that all the Chairs and ranking members had agreed to over the course; is that correct?

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, to answer the ranking member's question, it has absolutely zero impact. Our ranking member has made it crystal clear, and we understand that there will be the two-thirds/one-third. We appreciate that. We appreciate our Chairs cooperating fully on that and the ranking member. So there will be zero impact on the two-thirds/one-third ratio.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, continuing that dialogue, it is our understanding as well that as we proceed down this course that the Special Select Committee on Homeland Security has been treated outside of this process as well; is that correct?

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, the gentleman is correct. We have a very unique situation in this funding resolution; and I have been here 8 years, and for one of the first times we have a major committee, which is important, and has been created, and now we have to do the funding for it. So this year our ranking member and me and the members of the committee had even a bigger task to set up the funding, the process for that committee for the gentleman from California (Chairman COX) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), ranking member, and to make sure that important committee can function and that it really is considered absolutely outside the box.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio for clarifying that. The distinguished chairman again has done an outstanding job in putting this together.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 163

*Resolved*, That there shall be available from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives such amounts as may be necessary for continuing expenses of standing and select committees of the House for the period beginning on April 1, 2003, and ending on April 11, 2003, on the same terms and conditions as amounts were available to such committees for the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2003, and ending at midnight on March 31, 2003, pursuant to clause 7 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, or, in the case of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, pursuant to House Resolution 77 (agreed to February 13, 2003).

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 163.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT OF 2003

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of March 25, 2003, I call up the bill (H.R. 14) to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, March 25, 2003, the bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 14 is as follows:

H.R. 14

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

Sec. 101. Findings.

Subtitle A—General Program

Sec. 111. National Clearinghouse for Information Relating to Child Abuse.

Sec. 112. Research and assistance activities and demonstrations.

Sec. 113. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations.

Sec. 114. Grants to States for child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment programs.

Sec. 115. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 116. Reports.

Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Sec. 121. Purpose and authority.

Sec. 122. Eligibility.

Sec. 123. Amount of grant.

Sec. 124. Existing grants.

Sec. 125. Application.

Sec. 126. Local program requirements.

Sec. 127. Performance measures.

Sec. 128. National network for community-based family resource programs.

Sec. 129. Definitions.

Sec. 130. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments

Sec. 141. Conforming amendments.

**TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

Sec. 201. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose.

Sec. 202. Information and services.

Sec. 203. Study of adoption placements.

Sec. 204. Studies on successful adoptions.

Sec. 205. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE**

Sec. 301. Findings.

Sec. 302. Establishment of local programs.

Sec. 303. Evaluations, study, and reports by Secretary.

Sec. 304. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 305. Definitions.

**TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT**

Sec. 401. State demonstration grants.

Sec. 402. Secretarial responsibilities.

Sec. 403. Evaluation.

Sec. 404. Information and technical assistance centers.

Sec. 405. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 406. Grants for State domestic violence coalitions.

Sec. 407. Evaluation and monitoring.

Sec. 408. Family member abuse information and documentation project.

Sec. 409. Model State leadership grants.

Sec. 410. National domestic violence hotline grant.

Sec. 411. Youth education and domestic violence.

Sec. 412. Demonstration grants for community initiatives.

Sec. 413. Transitional housing assistance.

Sec. 414. Technical and conforming amendments.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

Section 2 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “close to 1,000,000” and inserting “approximately 900,000”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (11) as paragraphs (4) through (13), respectively;

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

“(2)(A) more children suffer neglect than any other form of maltreatment; and

“(B) investigations have determined that approximately 63 percent of children who were victims of maltreatment in 2000 suffered neglect, 19 percent suffered physical abuse, 10 percent suffered sexual abuse, and 8 percent suffered emotional maltreatment;

“(3)(A) child abuse can result in the death of a child;

“(B) in 2000, an estimated 1,200 children were counted by child protection services to have died as a result of abuse or neglect; and

“(C) children younger than 1 year old comprised 44 percent of child abuse fatalities and 85 percent of child abuse fatalities were younger than 6 years of age;”;

(4) by striking paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

“(4)(A) many of these children and their families fail to receive adequate protection and treatment;

“(B) slightly less than half of these children (45 percent in 2000) and their families fail to receive adequate protection or treatment; and

“(C) in fact, approximately 80 percent of all children removed from their homes and placed in foster care in 2000, as a result of an investigation or assessment conducted by the child protective services agency, received no services;”;

(5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “organizations” and inserting “community-based organizations”;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “ensures” and all that follows through “knowledge,” and inserting “recognizes the need for

properly trained staff with the qualifications needed"; and

(C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", which may impact child rearing patterns, while at the same time, not allowing those differences to enable abuse";

(6) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated), by striking "this national child and family emergency" and inserting "child abuse and neglect"; and

(7) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking "intensive" and inserting "needed"; and

(B) by striking "if removal has taken place" and inserting "where appropriate".

#### Subtitle A—General Program

### SEC. 111. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.

(a) FUNCTIONS.—Section 103(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "all programs," and all that follows through "neglect; and" and inserting "all effective programs, including private and community-based programs, that show promise of success with respect to the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect and hold the potential for broad scale implementation and replication";

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

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

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

"(2) maintain information about the best practices used for achieving improvements in child protective systems;" and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) provide technical assistance upon request that may include an evaluation or identification of—

"(A) various methods and procedures for the investigation, assessment, and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases;

"(B) ways to mitigate psychological trauma to the child victim; and

"(C) effective programs carried out by the States under this Act; and

"(5) collect and disseminate information relating to various training resources available at the State and local level to—

"(A) individuals who are engaged, or who intend to engage, in the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

"(B) appropriate State and local officials to assist in training law enforcement, legal, judicial, medical, mental health, education, and child welfare personnel."

(b) COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES.—Section 103(c)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(c)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking "105(a); and" and inserting "104(a)";

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

"(F) collect and disseminate information that describes best practices being used throughout the Nation for making appropriate referrals related to, and addressing, the physical, developmental, and mental health needs of abused and neglected children; and"

### SEC. 112. RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

(a) RESEARCH.—Section 104(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), in the first sentence, by inserting ", including longitudinal research," after "interdisciplinary program of research"; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", including the effects of abuse and neglect on a child's development and the identification of successful early intervention services or other services that are needed";

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking "judicial procedures" and inserting "judicial systems, including multidisciplinary, coordinated decisionmaking procedures"; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end; and

(D) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (viii), by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) by redesignating clause (ix) as clause (x); and

(iii) by inserting after clause (viii), the following:

"(ix) the incidence and prevalence of child maltreatment by a wide array of demographic characteristics such as age, sex, race, family structure, household relationship (including the living arrangement of the resident parent and family size), school enrollment and education attainment, disability, grandparents as caregivers, labor force status, work status in previous year, and income in previous year; and"

(E) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (I); and

(F) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the following:

"(D) the evaluation and dissemination of best practices consistent with the goals of achieving improvements in the child protective services systems of the States in accordance with paragraphs (1) through (12) of section 106(a);

"(E) effective approaches to interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system that improve the delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems;

"(F) an evaluation of the redundancies and gaps in the services in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention in order to make better use of resources;

"(G) the nature, scope, and practice of voluntary relinquishment for foster care or State guardianship of low income children who need health services, including mental health services;

"(H) the information on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect specified in clauses (i) through (xi) of subparagraph (H); and"

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

"(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public comment concerning the priorities proposed under subparagraph (A) and maintain an official record of such public comment."

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4);

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

"(2) RESEARCH.—The Secretary shall conduct research on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect, including the information on the national incidence on child abuse and neglect specified in subparagraphs (i) through (ix) of paragraph (1)(I).

"(3) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the research conducted under paragraph (2)."

(b) PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 104(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking "nonprofit private agencies and" and inserting "private agencies and community-based"; and

(B) by inserting ", including replicating successful program models," after "programs and activities"; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) effective approaches being utilized to link child protective service agencies with health care, mental health care, and developmental services to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations, and barriers and shortages to such linkages."

(c) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—The Secretary may award grants to, and enter into contracts with, States or public or private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) for time-limited, demonstration projects for the following:

"(1) PROMOTION OF SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR VISITATION AND EXCHANGE.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities to assist such entities in establishing and operating safe, family-friendly physical environments—

"(A) for court-ordered, supervised visitation between children and abusing parents; and

"(B) to safely facilitate the exchange of children for visits with noncustodial parents in cases of domestic violence.

"(2) EDUCATION IDENTIFICATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide educational identification, prevention, and treatment services in cooperation with preschool and elementary and secondary schools.

"(3) RISK AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT TOOLS.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide for the development of research-based risk and safety assessment tools relating to child abuse and neglect.

"(4) TRAINING.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that involve research-based innovative training for mandated child abuse and neglect reporters."

### SEC. 113. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking "DEMONSTRATION" and inserting "GRANTS FOR";

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting "States," after "contracts with,";

(B) by striking "nonprofit"; and

(C) by striking "time limited, demonstration";

(3) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "law, education, social work, and other relevant fields" and inserting "law enforcement, judiciary, social work and child protection, education, and other relevant fields, or individuals such as court appointed special advocates (CASAs) and guardian ad litem";

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "non-profit" and all that follows through "; and" and inserting "children, youth and family service organizations in order to prevent child abuse and neglect";

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon;

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) for training to support the enhancement of linkages between child protective service agencies and health care agencies, including physical and mental health services, to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations and for innovative partnerships between child protective service agencies and health care agencies that offer creative approaches to using existing Federal, State, local, and private funding to meet the health evaluation needs of children who have been subjects of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect;

"(E) for the training of personnel in best practices to promote collaboration with the families from the initial time of contact during the investigation through treatment;

"(F) for the training of personnel regarding the legal duties of such personnel and their responsibilities to protect the legal rights of children and families;

"(G) for improving the training of supervisory and nonsupervisory child welfare workers;

"(H) for enabling State child welfare agencies to coordinate the provision of services with State and local health care agencies, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies, mental health agencies, and other public and private welfare agencies to promote child safety, permanence, and family stability;

"(I) for cross training for child protective service workers in research-based methods for recognizing situations of substance abuse, domestic violence, and neglect; and

"(J) for developing, implementing, or operating information and education programs or training programs designed to improve the provision of services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions for—

(i) professionals and paraprofessional personnel concerned with the welfare of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including personnel employed in child protective services programs and health care facilities; and

(ii) the parents of such infants.";

(4) by redesignating paragraph (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (1), the following:

"(2) **TRIAGE PROCEDURES.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to public and private agencies that demonstrate innovation in responding to reports of child abuse and neglect, including programs of collaborative partnerships between the State child protective services agency, community social service agencies and family support programs, law enforcement agencies, developmental disability agencies, substance abuse treatment entities, health care entities, domestic violence prevention entities, mental health service entities, schools, churches and synagogues, and other community agencies, to allow for the establishment of a triage system that—

"(A) accepts, screens, and assesses reports received to determine which such reports require an intensive intervention and which require voluntary referral to another agency, program, or project;

"(B) provides, either directly or through referral, a variety of community-linked services to assist families in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

"(C) provides further investigation and intensive intervention where the child's safety is in jeopardy.";

(6) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking "(such as Parents Anonymous)";

(7) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking the paragraph heading;

(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (C); and

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "(B) KINSHIP CARE.—" and inserting the following:

"(4) KINSHIP CARE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—"; and

(ii) by striking "nonprofit"; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) **LINKAGES BETWEEN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AGENCIES.**—The Secretary may award grants to entities that provide linkages between State or local child protective service agencies and public health, mental health, and developmental disabilities agencies, for the purpose of establishing linkages that are designed to help assure that a greater number of substantiated victims of child maltreatment have their physical health, mental health, and developmental needs appropriately diagnosed and treated.";

(b) **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.**—Section 105(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated), the following:

"(3) Programs based within children's hospitals or other pediatric and adolescent care facilities, that provide model approaches for improving medical diagnosis of child abuse and neglect and for health evaluations of children for whom a report of maltreatment has been substantiated.";

(4) in paragraph (4)(D), by striking "non-profit";

(c) **EVALUATION.**—Section 105(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(c)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "demonstration";

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting "or contract" after "or as a separate grant"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: "In the case of an evaluation performed by the recipient of a grant, the Secretary shall make available technical assistance for the evaluation, where needed, including the use of a rigorous application of scientific evaluation techniques.";

(d) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO HEADING.**—The section heading for section 105 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 105. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS."**

**SEC. 114. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

(a) **DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.**—Section 106(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting ", including ongoing case monitoring," after "case management"; and

(B) by inserting "and treatment" after "and delivery of services";

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking "improving" and all that follows through "referral systems" and inserting "developing, improving, and implementing risk and safety assessment tools and protocols";

(3) by striking paragraph (7);

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), (8), and (9) as paragraphs (6), (8), (9), and (12), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (4), the following:

"(5) developing and updating systems of technology that support the program and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition and allow interstate and intrastate information exchange";

(6) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking "opportunities" and all that follows through "system" and inserting "including training regarding research-based practices to promote collaboration with the families and the legal duties of such individuals";

(7) by inserting after paragraph (6) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(7) improving the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families, and the supervisors of such individuals, through the child protection system, including improvements in the recruitment and retention of caseworkers";

(8) by striking paragraph (9) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

"(9) developing and facilitating research-based training protocols for individuals mandated to report child abuse or neglect;

"(10) developing, implementing, or operating programs to assist in obtaining or coordinating necessary services for families of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including—

"(A) existing social and health services;

"(B) financial assistance; and

"(C) services necessary to facilitate adoptive placement of any such infants who have been relinquished for adoption;

"(11) developing and delivering information to improve public education relating to the role and responsibilities of the child protection system and the nature and basis for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect";

(9) in paragraph (12) (as so redesignated), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(10) by adding at the end the following:

"(13) supporting and enhancing inter-agency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system for improved delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems; or

"(14) supporting and enhancing collaboration among public health agencies, the child protection system, and private community-based programs to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment services (including linkages with education systems) and to address the health needs, including mental health needs, of children identified as abused or neglected, including supporting prompt, comprehensive health and developmental evaluations for children who are the subject of substantiated child maltreatment reports.";

(b) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) by striking "provide notice to the Secretary of any substantive changes" and inserting the following: "provide notice to the Secretary—

"(i) of any substantive changes; and";

(ii) by striking the period and inserting "and"; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

"(ii) any significant changes to how funds provided under this section are used to support the activities which may differ from the

activities as described in the current State application.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) by redesignating clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), and (xiii) as clauses (iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii), (xiv), (xv) and (xvi), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after clause (i), the following:

“(ii) policies and procedures to address the needs of infants born and identified with fetal alcohol effects, fetal alcohol syndrome, neonatal intoxication or withdrawal syndrome, or neonatal physical or neurological harm resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including—

“(I) the requirement that health care providers involved in the delivery or care of such infants notify the child protective services system of the occurrence of such condition in such infants, except that such notification shall not be construed to create a definition under Federal law of what constitutes child abuse and such notification shall not be construed to require prosecution for any illegal action; and

“(II) the development of a safe plan of care for the infant under which consideration may be given to providing the mother with health services (including mental health services), social services, parenting services, and substance abuse prevention and treatment counseling and to providing the infant with referral to the statewide early intervention program funded under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for an evaluation for the need for services provided under part C of such Act.”;

(iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by inserting “risk and” before “safety”;

(iv) by inserting after clause (iii) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(iv) triage procedures for the appropriate referral of a child not at risk of imminent harm to a community organization or voluntary preventive service.”;

(v) in clause (vii)(II) (as so redesignated), by striking “, having a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect” and inserting “, as described in clause (viii)”;

(vi) by inserting after clause (vii) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(viii) provisions to require a State to disclose confidential information to any Federal, State, or local government entity, or any agent of such entity, that has a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect.”;

(vii) in clause (xii) (as so redesignated)—

(I) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to the role, and” after “guardian ad litem,”; and

(II) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to that role” after “advocate”;

(viii) in clause (xiv) (as so redesignated), by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section”;

(ix) in clause (xv) (as so redesignated)—

(I) by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section”; and

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(x) in clause (xvi) (as so redesignated), by striking “clause (xii)” each place that such appears and inserting “clause (xv)”;

(xi) by adding at the end the following:

“(xvii) provisions and procedures to require that a representative of the child protective services agency shall, at the initial time of contact with the individual subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation, advise the individual of the complaints or al-

legations made against the individual, in a manner that is consistent with laws protecting the rights of the informant;

“(xviii) provisions addressing the training of representatives of the child protective services system regarding the legal duties of the representatives, which may consist of various methods of informing such representatives of such duties, in order to protect the legal rights and safety of children and families from the initial time of contact during investigation through treatment;

“(xix) provisions and procedures for improving the training, retention, and supervision of caseworkers;

“(xx) provisions and procedures for referral of a child under the age of 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect to the statewide early intervention program funded under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for an evaluation for the need of services provided under part C of such Act; and

“(xxi) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, provisions and procedures for requiring criminal background record checks for prospective foster and adoptive parents and other adult relatives and non-relatives residing in the household.”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

“Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to limit the State’s flexibility to determine State policies relating to public access to court proceedings to determine child abuse and neglect.”.

(2) LIMITATION.—Section 106(b)(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)(3)) is amended by striking “With regard to clauses (v) and (vi) of paragraph (2)(A)” and inserting “With regard to clauses (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (2)(A)”.

(c) CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—Section 106(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(I) by striking “and procedures” and inserting “, procedures, and practices”; and

(II) by striking “the agencies” and inserting “State and local child protection system agencies”; and

(ii) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “State” and inserting “State and local”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—Each panel shall provide for public outreach and comment in order to assess the impact of current procedures and practices upon children and families in the community and in order to meet its obligations under subparagraph (A).”; and

(2) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by striking “public” and inserting “State and the public”; and

(B) by inserting before the period the following: “and recommendations to improve the child protection services system at the State and local levels. Not later than 6 months after the date on which a report is submitted by the panel to the State, the appropriate State agency shall submit a written response to the State and local child protection systems that describes whether or how the State will incorporate the recommendations of such panel (where appropriate) to make measurable progress in improving the State and local child protective system”.

(d) ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.—Section 106(d) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(13) The annual report containing the summary of the activities of the citizen re-

view panels of the State required by subsection (c)(6).

“(14) The number of children under the care of the State child protection system who are transferred into the custody of the State juvenile justice system.”.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to Congress a report that describes the extent to which States are implementing the policies and procedures required under section 106(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

#### SEC. 115. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 112(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008.”.

(b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Section 112(a)(2)(B) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Secretary make” and inserting “Secretary shall make”; and

(2) by striking “section 106” and inserting “section 104”.

#### SEC. 116. REPORTS.

Section 110 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—

“(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study by random sample of the effectiveness of the citizen review panels established under section 106(c).

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).”.

#### Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse

#### SEC. 121. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.

(a) PURPOSE.—Section 201(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and, where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and”.

(b) AUTHORITY.—Section 201(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “Statewide” and all that follows through the dash, and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate) that are accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths that—”;

(B) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at the end; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (G) and inserting the following:

“(G) demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent leadership, including among

parents of children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other underrepresented or underserved groups; and

“(H) provide referrals to early health and developmental services;” and

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by inserting “through leveraging of funds” after “maximizing funding”;

(B) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(C) by striking “family resource and support program” and inserting “programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO TITLE HEAD-  
ING.—Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116) is amended by striking the heading for such title and inserting the following:

**“TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT”.**

**SEC. 122. ELIGIBILITY.**

Section 202 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(ii) by striking “family resource and support programs” and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting “programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “that exists to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect” after “written authority of the State”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “a network of community-based family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “to the network”; and

(ii) by inserting “, and parents with disabilities” before the semicolon;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “to the network”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and training and technical assistance, to the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “training, technical assistance, and evaluation assistance, to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(D) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “, parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities”.

**SEC. 123. AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

Section 203(b)(1)(B) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116b(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “as the amount leveraged by the State from private, State, or other non-Federal sources and directed through the” and inserting “as the amount of private, State or other non-Federal funds leveraged and directed through the currently designated”; and

(2) by striking “the lead agency” and inserting “the current lead agency”.

**SEC. 124. EXISTING GRANTS.**

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5115c) is repealed.

**SEC. 125. APPLICATION.**

Section 205 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) by striking “, including those funded by programs consolidated under this Act.”;

(3) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) a description of the inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State;”;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “State’s network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(5) in paragraph (5), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “start up, maintenance, expansion, and redesign of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(6) in paragraph (7), by striking “individual community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(7) in paragraph (8), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(8) in paragraph (9), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(9) in paragraph (10), by inserting “(where appropriate)” after “members”;

(10) in paragraph (11), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support program” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”; and

(11) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (12).

**SEC. 126. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

Section 206(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116e(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “family resource and support services” and inserting “family support services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect”;

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

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) respite care;

“(vi) home visiting; and

“(vii) family support services”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “voluntary home visiting and” after “including”; and

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) participate with other community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect in the development, operation and expansion of networks where appropriate.”.

**SEC. 127. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

Section 207 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116f) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) shall demonstrate that they will have addressed unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(3);”;

(3) in paragraph (4),

(A) by inserting “and parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities.”; and

(B) by striking “evaluation of” the first place it appears and all that follows through “under this title” and inserting “evaluation of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the networks of such community-based and prevention-focused programs”;

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking “, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(5) in paragraph (6), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”; and

(6) in paragraph (8), by striking “community based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”.

**SEC. 128. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.**

Section 208(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116g(3)) is amended by striking “Statewide networks of

community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”.

#### SEC. 129. DEFINITIONS.

(a) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.—Section 209(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h(1)) is amended by striking “given such term in section 602(a)(2)” and inserting “given the term ‘child with a disability’ in section 602(3) or ‘infant or toddler with a disability’ in section 632(5)”.

(b) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—Section 209 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h) is amended by striking paragraphs (3) and (4) and inserting the following:

“(3) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—The term ‘community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect’ includes organizations such as family resource programs, family support programs, voluntary home visiting programs, respite care programs, parenting education, mutual support programs, and other community programs that provide activities that are designed to prevent or respond to child abuse and neglect.”.

#### SEC. 130. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 210 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116i) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008.”.

#### Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments

#### SEC. 141. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

The table of contents of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as contained in section 1(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note), is amended as follows:

(1) By striking the item relating to section 105 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 105. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations.”.

(2) By striking the item relating to title II and inserting the following:

“TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT”.

(3) By striking the item relating to section 204.

#### TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES

#### SEC. 201. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.

Section 201 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—  
(A) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

“(1) the number of children in substitute care has increased by nearly 24 percent since 1994, as our Nation’s foster care population included more than 565,000 as of September of 2001;

“(2) children entering foster care have complex problems that require intensive services, with many such children having special needs because they are born to mothers who did not receive prenatal care, are born with life threatening conditions or disabilities, are born addicted to alcohol or other drugs, or have been exposed to infec-

tion with the etiologic agent for the human immunodeficiency virus;

“(3) each year, thousands of children are in need of placement in permanent, adoptive homes;”;

(B) by striking paragraph (6);

(C) by striking paragraph (7)(A) and inserting the following:

“(7)(A) currently, there are 131,000 children waiting for adoption;”;

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) respectively; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “, including geographic barriers,” after “barriers”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “a national” and inserting “an Internet-based national”.

#### SEC. 202. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.

Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 203. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.”;

(2) by striking “SEC. 203. (a) The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting “REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—” after “(b)”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “nonprofit” each place that such appears;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “nonprofit”;

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking “nonprofit”;

(E) in paragraph (4), by striking “nonprofit”;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking “study the nature, scope, and effects of” and insert “support”;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking “nonprofit”;

(H) in paragraph (9)—

(i) by striking “nonprofit”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end;

(I) in paragraph (10)—

(i) by striking “nonprofit”; each place that such appears; and

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

(J) by adding at the end the following:

“(11) provide (directly or by grant to or contract with States, local government entities, or public or private licensed child welfare or adoption agencies) for the implementation of programs that are intended to increase the number of older children (who are in foster care and with the goal of adoption) placed in adoptive families, with a special emphasis on child-specific recruitment strategies, including—  
“(A) outreach, public education, or media campaigns to inform the public of the needs and numbers of older youth available for adoption;  
“(B) training of personnel in the special needs of older youth and the successful strategies of child-focused, child-specific recruitment efforts; and  
“(C) recruitment of prospective families for such children.”;

(4) in subsection (c)—  
(A) by striking “(c)(1) The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(c) SERVICES FOR FAMILIES ADOPTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.—  
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(B) by striking “(2) Services” and inserting the following:

“(2) SERVICES.—Services”; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by realigning the margins of subparagraphs (A) through (G) accordingly;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(H) day treatment; and

“(I) respite care.”; and

(D) by striking “nonprofit”; each place that such appears;

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “(d)(1) The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(d) IMPROVING PLACEMENT RATE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

(B) by striking “(2)(A) Each State” and inserting the following:

“(2) APPLICATIONS; TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) APPLICATIONS.—Each State”;

(C) by striking “(B) The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(B) TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary”;

(D) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(i) by realigning the margins of clauses (i) and (ii) accordingly; and

(ii) by striking “nonprofit”;

(E) by striking “(3)(A) Payments” and inserting the following:

“(3) PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Payments”; and

(F) by striking “(B) Any payment” and inserting the following:

“(B) REVERSION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—Any payment”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO ADOPTIONS ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to, or enter into contracts with, States, local government entities, public or private child welfare or adoption agencies, adoption exchanges, or adoption family groups to carry out initiatives to improve efforts to eliminate barriers to placing children for adoption across jurisdictional boundaries.

“(2) SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Services provided under grants made under this subsection shall supplement, not supplant, services provided using any other funds made available for the same general purposes including—

“(A) developing a uniform homestudy standard and protocol for acceptance of homestudies between States and jurisdictions;

“(B) developing models of financing cross-jurisdictional placements;

“(C) expanding the capacity of all adoption exchanges to serve increasing numbers of children;

“(D) developing training materials and training social workers on preparing and moving children across State lines; and

“(E) developing and supporting initiative models for networking among agencies, adoption exchanges, and parent support groups across jurisdictional boundaries.”.

#### SEC. 203. STUDY OF ADOPTION PLACEMENTS.

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended—

(1) by striking “The” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”;

(2) by striking “of this Act” and inserting “of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003”;

(3) by striking “to determine the nature” and inserting “to determine—

“(1) the nature”;

(4) by striking “which are not licensed” and all that follows through “entity”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) how interstate placements are being financed across State lines;

“(3) recommendations on best practice models for both interstate and intrastate adoptions; and

“(4) how State policies in defining special needs children differentiate or group similar categories of children.”.

#### SEC. 204. STUDIES ON SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS.

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(b) DYNAMICS OF SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION.—The Secretary shall conduct research (directly or by grant to, or contract with, public or private nonprofit research agencies or organizations) about adoption outcomes and the factors affecting those outcomes. The Secretary shall submit a report containing the results of such research to the appropriate committees of the Congress not later than the date that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

“(c) INTERJURISDICTIONAL ADOPTION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary, in consultation with the Comptroller General, shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report that contains recommendations for an action plan to facilitate the interjurisdictional adoption of foster children.”.

#### SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 205(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5115(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“There are authorized to be appropriated \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008 to carry out programs and activities authorized under this subtitle.”.

### TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE

#### SEC. 301. FINDINGS.

Section 2 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1);

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting “studies indicate that a number of factors contribute to” before “the inability of”;

(B) by inserting “some” after “inability of”;

(C) by striking “who abuse drugs”; and

(D) by striking “care for such infants” and inserting “care for their infants”;

(3) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) appropriate training is needed for personnel working with infants and young children with life-threatening conditions and other special needs, including those who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as ‘HIV’), those who have acquired immune deficiency syndrome (commonly known as ‘AIDS’), and those who have been exposed to dangerous drugs;”;

(4) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7);

(5) in paragraph (8), by inserting “by parents abusing drugs,” after “deficiency syndrome,”;

(6) in paragraph (9), by striking “comprehensive services” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting “comprehensive support services for such infants and young children and their families and services to prevent the abandonment of such infants and young children, including foster care services, case management services, family support services, respite and crisis intervention services, counseling services, and group residential home services; and”;

(7) by striking paragraph (11);

(8) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (1) through (7), respectively; and

(9) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) Private, Federal, State, and local resources should be coordinated to establish and maintain such services and to ensure the optimal use of all such resources.”.

#### SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.

Section 101 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) PRIORITY IN PROVISION OF SERVICES.—The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the applicant for the grant agrees to give priority to abandoned infants and young children who—

“(1) are infected with, or have been perinatally exposed to, the human immunodeficiency virus, or have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need; or

“(2) have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug.”.

#### SEC. 303. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.

Section 102 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 102. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.

“(a) EVALUATIONS OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall, directly or through contracts with public and nonprofit private entities, provide for evaluations of projects carried out under section 101 and for the dissemination of information developed as a result of such projects.

“(b) STUDY AND REPORT ON NUMBER OF ABANDONED INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study for the purpose of determining—

“(A) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children relinquished, abandoned, or found deceased in the United States and the number of such infants and young children who are infants and young children described in section 223(b);

“(B) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children who are victims of homicide;

“(C) characteristics and demographics of parents who have abandoned an infant within 1 year of the infant’s birth; and

“(D) an estimate of the annual costs incurred by the Federal Government and by State and local governments in providing housing and care for abandoned infants and young children.

“(2) DEADLINE.—Not later than 36 months after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall complete the study required under paragraph (1) and submit to the Congress a report describing the findings made as a result of the study.

“(c) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate and report on effective methods of intervening before the abandonment of an infant or young child so as to prevent such abandonments, and effective methods for responding to the needs of abandoned infants and young children.”.

#### SEC. 304. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 104 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this Act, there are authorized

to be appropriated \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

“(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year may be obligated for carrying out section 224(a).”;

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “AUTHORIZATION.—” after “(1)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “LIMITATION.—” after “(2)”; and

(ii) by striking “fiscal year 1991.” and inserting “fiscal year 2003.”; and

(4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

#### SEC. 305. DEFINITIONS

Section 103 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

#### “SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

“For purposes of this Act:

“(1) The terms ‘abandoned’ and ‘abandonment’, with respect to infants and young children, mean that the infants and young children are medically cleared for discharge from acute-care hospital settings, but remain hospitalized because of a lack of appropriate out-of-hospital placement alternatives.

“(2) The term ‘acquired immune deficiency syndrome’ includes infection with the etiologic agent for such syndrome, any condition indicating that an individual is infected with such etiologic agent, and any condition arising from such etiologic agent.

“(3) The term ‘dangerous drug’ means a controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act.

“(4) The term ‘natural family’ shall be broadly interpreted to include natural parents, grandparents, family members, guardians, children residing in the household, and individuals residing in the household on a continuing basis who are in a care-giving situation with respect to infants and young children covered under this subtitle.

“(5) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

### TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT

#### SEC. 401. STATE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.

(a) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—Section 303(a)(2)(C) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “underserved populations,” and all that follows and inserting the following: “underserved populations, as defined in section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-2);”.

(b) REPORT.—Section 303(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) Upon completion of the activities funded by a grant under this title, the State grantee shall submit to the Secretary a report that contains a description of the activities carried out under paragraph (2)(B)(i).”.

#### SEC. 402. SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

Section 305(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10404(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “an employee” and inserting “1 or more employees”;

(2) by striking “of this title.” and inserting “of this title, including carrying out evaluation and monitoring under this title.”; and

(3) by striking “The individual” and inserting “Any individual”.

#### SEC. 403. EVALUATION.

Section 306 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10405) is

amended in the first sentence by striking "Not later than two years after the date on which funds are obligated under section 303(a) for the first time after the date of the enactment of this title, and every two years thereafter," and inserting "Every 2 years."

**SEC. 404. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.**

Section 308 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10407) is amended by striking subsection (g).

**SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 310(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10409(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$175,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008."

(b) GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Section 311(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10410(g)) is amended to read as follows:

"(g) FUNDING.—Of the amount appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations under section 310(a) for a fiscal year, not less than 10 percent of such amount shall be made available to award grants under this section."

**SEC. 406. GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.**

Section 311 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended by striking subsection (h).

**SEC. 407. EVALUATION AND MONITORING.**

Section 312 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10412) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) Of the amount appropriated under section 310(a) for each fiscal year, not more than 2 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title."

**SEC. 408. FAMILY MEMBER ABUSE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECT.**

Section 313 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10413) is repealed.

**SEC. 409. MODEL STATE LEADERSHIP GRANTS.**

Section 315 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10415) is repealed.

**SEC. 410. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.**

(a) DURATION.—Section 316(b) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "A grant" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a grant"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may extend the duration of a grant under this section beyond the period described in paragraph (1) if, prior to such extension—

"(A) the entity prepares and submits to the Secretary a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the use of amounts received under the grant for the period described in paragraph (1) and contains any other information as the Secretary may prescribe; and

"(B) the report and other appropriate criteria indicate that the entity is successfully operating the hotline in accordance with subsection (a)."

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 316(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(f)) is amended in paragraph (1) by striking "fiscal years 2001 through 2005" and inserting "fiscal years 2004 through 2008".

**SEC. 411. YOUTH EDUCATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

Section 317 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10417) is repealed.

**SEC. 412. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 318(h) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)) is amended to read as follows:

"(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008."

(b) REGULATIONS.—Section 318 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10418) is amended by striking subsection (i).

**SEC. 413. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

Section 319(f) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10419(f)) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2001" and inserting "each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008".

**SEC. 414. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(1) In section 302(1) by striking "demonstrate the effectiveness of assisting" and inserting "assist".

(2) In section 303(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking "State domestic violence coalitions knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations" and inserting "State domestic violence coalitions, knowledgeable individuals, and interested organizations"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by adding "and" at the end; and

(B) by aligning the margins of paragraph (4) with the margins of paragraph (3).

(3) In section 305(b)(2)(A) by striking "provide for research, and into" and inserting "provide for research into".

(4) In section 311(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(K), by striking "other criminal justice professionals;" and inserting "other criminal justice professionals;" and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "family law judges," and inserting "family law judges";

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting "criminal court judges," after "family law judges"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (H), by striking "supervised visitations that do not endanger victims and their children" and inserting "supervised visitations or denial of visitation to protect against danger to victims or their children".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment printed in the bill, modified by the amendments reported by the Clerk in conjunction with that previous order, is adopted.

The text of H.R. 14, as modified pursuant to the order of the House of March 25, 2003, is as follows:

H.R. 14

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003".

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

Sec. 101. Findings.

Subtitle A—General Program

Sec. 111. National Clearinghouse for Information Relating to Child Abuse.

Sec. 112. Research and assistance activities and demonstrations.

Sec. 113. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations.

Sec. 114. Grants to States for child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment programs.

Sec. 115. Grants to States for programs relating to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases.

Sec. 116. Miscellaneous requirements relating to assistance.

Sec. 117. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 118. Reports.

Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Sec. 121. Purpose and authority.

Sec. 122. Eligibility.

Sec. 123. Amount of grant.

Sec. 124. Existing grants.

Sec. 125. Application.

Sec. 126. Local program requirements.

Sec. 127. Performance measures.

Sec. 128. National network for community-based family resource programs.

Sec. 129. Definitions.

Sec. 130. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments

Sec. 141. Conforming amendments.

**TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

Sec. 201. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose.

Sec. 202. Information and services.

Sec. 203. Study of adoption placements.

Sec. 204. Studies on successful adoptions.

Sec. 205. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE**

Sec. 301. Findings.

Sec. 302. Establishment of local programs.

Sec. 303. Evaluations, study, and reports by Secretary.

Sec. 304. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 305. Definitions.

**TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT**

Sec. 401. State demonstration grants.

Sec. 402. Secretarial responsibilities.

Sec. 403. Evaluation.

Sec. 404. Information and technical assistance centers.

Sec. 405. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 406. Grants for State domestic violence coalitions.

Sec. 407. Evaluation and monitoring.

Sec. 408. Family member abuse information and documentation project.

Sec. 409. Model State leadership grants.

Sec. 410. National domestic violence hotline grant.

Sec. 411. Youth education and domestic violence.

Sec. 412. Demonstration grants for community initiatives.

Sec. 413. Transitional housing assistance.

Sec. 414. Technical and conforming amendments.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

Section 2 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "close to 1,000,000" and inserting "approximately 900,000";

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (11) as paragraphs (4) through (13), respectively;

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

"(2)(A) more children suffer neglect than any other form of maltreatment; and

"(B) investigations have determined that approximately 63 percent of children who were victims of maltreatment in 2000 suffered neglect, 19

percent suffered physical abuse, 10 percent suffered sexual abuse, and 8 percent suffered emotional maltreatment;

“(3)(A) child abuse can result in the death of a child;

“(B) in 2000, an estimated 1,200 children were counted by child protection services to have died as a result of abuse or neglect; and

“(C) children younger than 1 year old comprised 44 percent of child abuse fatalities and 85 percent of child abuse fatalities were younger than 6 years of age;”;

(4) by striking paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

“(4)(A) many of these children and their families fail to receive adequate protection and treatment;

“(B) slightly less than half of these children (45 percent in 2000) and their families fail to receive adequate protection or treatment; and

“(C) in fact, approximately 80 percent of all children removed from their homes and placed in foster care in 2000, as a result of an investigation or assessment conducted by the child protective services agency, received no services;”;

(5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “organizations” and inserting “community-based organizations”;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “ensures” and all that follows through “knowledge,” and inserting “recognizes the need for properly trained staff with the qualifications needed”;

(C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, which may impact child rearing patterns, while at the same time, not allowing those differences to enable abuse”;

(6) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated), by striking “this national child and family emergency” and inserting “child abuse and neglect”;

(7) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking “intensive” and inserting “needed”;

(B) by striking “if removal has taken place” and inserting “where appropriate”.

**Subtitle A—General Program**

**SEC. 111. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.**

(a) **FUNCTIONS.**—Section 103(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “all programs,” and all that follows through “neglect; and” and inserting “all effective programs, including private and community-based programs, that show promise of success with respect to the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect and hold the potential for broad scale implementation and replication;”;

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

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

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

“(2) maintain information about the best practices used for achieving improvements in child protective systems;”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) provide technical assistance upon request that may include an evaluation or identification of—

“(A) various methods and procedures for the investigation, assessment, and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases;

“(B) ways to mitigate psychological trauma to the child victim; and

“(C) effective programs carried out by the States under this Act; and

“(5) collect and disseminate information relating to various training resources available at the State and local level to—

“(A) individuals who are engaged, or who intend to engage, in the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

“(B) appropriate State and local officials to assist in training law enforcement, legal, judicial, medical, mental health, education, and child welfare personnel.”.

(b) **COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES.**—Section 103(c)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(c)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “105(a); and” and inserting “104(a);”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) collect and disseminate information that describes best practices being used throughout the Nation for making appropriate referrals related to, and addressing, the physical, developmental, and mental health needs of abused and neglected children; and”.

**SEC. 112. RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.**

(a) **RESEARCH.**—Section 104(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), in the first sentence, by inserting “, including longitudinal research,” after “interdisciplinary program of research”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, including the effects of abuse and neglect on a child’s development and the identification of successful early intervention services or other services that are needed”;

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking “judicial procedures” and inserting “judicial systems, including multidisciplinary, coordinated decisionmaking procedures”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end; and

(D) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (viii), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) by redesignating clause (ix) as clause (x); and

(iii) by inserting after clause (viii), the following:

“(ix) the incidence and prevalence of child maltreatment by a wide array of demographic characteristics such as age, sex, race, family structure, household relationship (including the living arrangement of the resident parent and family size), school enrollment and education attainment, disability, grandparents as caregivers, labor force status, work status in previous year, and income in previous year; and”;

(E) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (I); and

(F) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the following:

“(D) the evaluation and dissemination of best practices consistent with the goals of achieving improvements in the child protective services systems of the States in accordance with paragraphs (1) through (12) of section 106(a);

“(E) effective approaches to interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system that improve the delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems;

“(F) an evaluation of the redundancies and gaps in the services in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention in order to make better use of resources;

“(G) the nature, scope, and practice of voluntary relinquishment for foster care or State guardianship of low income children who need health services, including mental health services;

“(H) the information on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect specified in clauses (i) through (x) of subparagraph (I); and”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public comment concerning the priorities proposed under subparagraph (A) and maintain an official record of such public comment.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4);

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

“(2) **RESEARCH.**—The Secretary shall conduct research on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect, including the information on the national incidence on child abuse and neglect specified in clauses (i) through (x) of paragraph (1)(I).

“(3) **REPORT.**—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the research conducted under paragraph (2).”.

(b) **PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—Section 104(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “nonprofit private agencies and” and inserting “private agencies and community-based”; and

(B) by inserting “, including replicating successful program models,” after “programs and activities”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) effective approaches being utilized to link child protective service agencies with health care, mental health care, and developmental services to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations, and barriers and shortages to such linkages.”.

(c) **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.**—Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.**—The Secretary may award grants to, and enter into contracts with, States or public or private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) for time-limited, demonstration projects for the following:

“(1) **PROMOTION OF SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR VISITATION AND EXCHANGE.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities to assist such entities in establishing and operating safe, family-friendly physical environments—

“(A) for court-ordered, supervised visitation between children and abusing parents; and

“(B) to safely facilitate the exchange of children for visits with noncustodial parents in cases of domestic violence.

“(2) **EDUCATION IDENTIFICATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide educational identification, prevention, and treatment services in cooperation with preschool and elementary and secondary schools.

“(3) **RISK AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT TOOLS.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide for the development of research-based risk and safety assessment tools relating to child abuse and neglect.

“(4) **TRAINING.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for

projects that involve research-based innovative training for mandated child abuse and neglect reporters.”.

**SEC. 113. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.**

(a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “DEMONSTRATION” and inserting “GRANTS FOR”;

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “States,” after “contracts with.”;

(B) by striking “nonprofit”; and

(C) by striking “time limited, demonstration”;

(3) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “law, education, social work, and other relevant fields” and inserting “law enforcement, judiciary, social work and child protection, education, and other relevant fields, or individuals such as court appointed special advocates (CASAs) and guardian ad litem.”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “nonprofit” and all that follows through “; and” and inserting “children, youth and family service organizations in order to prevent child abuse and neglect.”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon;

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) for training to support the enhancement of linkages between child protective service agencies and health care agencies, including physical and mental health services, to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations and for innovative partnerships between child protective service agencies and health care agencies that offer creative approaches to using existing Federal, State, local, and private funding to meet the health evaluation needs of children who have been subjects of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect;

“(E) for the training of personnel in best practices to promote collaboration with the families from the initial time of contact during the investigation through treatment;

“(F) for the training of personnel regarding the legal duties of such personnel and their responsibilities to protect the legal rights of children and families;

“(G) for improving the training of supervisory and nonsupervisory child welfare workers;

“(H) for enabling State child welfare agencies to coordinate the provision of services with State and local health care agencies, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies, mental health agencies, and other public and private welfare agencies to promote child safety, permanence, and family stability;

“(I) for cross training for child protective service workers in research-based methods for recognizing situations of substance abuse, domestic violence, and neglect; and

“(J) for developing, implementing, or operating information and education programs or training programs designed to improve the provision of services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions for—

“(i) professionals and paraprofessional personnel concerned with the welfare of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including personnel employed in child protective services programs and health care facilities; and

“(ii) the parents of such infants.”;

(4) by redesignating paragraph (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (1), the following:

“(2) TRIAGE PROCEDURES.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to public and private agencies that demonstrate innovation in responding to reports of child abuse and neglect, including programs of collaborative partnerships between the State child protective

services agency, community social service agencies and family support programs, law enforcement agencies, developmental disability agencies, substance abuse treatment entities, health care entities, domestic violence prevention entities, mental health service entities, schools, churches and synagogues, and other community agencies, to allow for the establishment of a triage system that—

“(A) accepts, screens, and assesses reports received to determine which such reports require an intensive intervention and which require voluntary referral to another agency, program, or project;

“(B) provides, either directly or through referral, a variety of community-linked services to assist families in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

“(C) provides further investigation and intensive intervention where the child’s safety is in jeopardy.”;

(6) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking “(such as Parents Anonymous)”;

(7) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking the paragraph designation and heading;

(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (C); and

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “(B) KINSHIP CARE.—” and inserting the following:

“(4) KINSHIP CARE.—”; and

(ii) by striking “nonprofit”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) LINKAGES BETWEEN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AGENCIES.—The Secretary may award grants to entities that provide linkages between State or local child protective service agencies and public health, mental health, and developmental disabilities agencies, for the purpose of establishing linkages that are designed to help assure that a greater number of substantiated victims of child maltreatment have their physical health, mental health, and developmental needs appropriately diagnosed and treated.”.

(b) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.—Section 105(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(3) Programs based within children’s hospitals or other pediatric and adolescent care facilities, that provide model approaches for improving medical diagnosis of child abuse and neglect and for health evaluations of children for whom a report of maltreatment has been substantiated.”; and

(4) in paragraph (4)(D), by striking “nonprofit”.

(c) EVALUATION.—Section 105(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(c)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “demonstration”;

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting “or contract” after “or as a separate grant”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “In the case of an evaluation performed by the recipient of a grant, the Secretary shall make available technical assistance for the evaluation, where needed, including the use of a rigorous application of scientific evaluation techniques.”.

(d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO HEADING.—The section heading for section 105 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 105. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.**”.

**SEC. 114. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

(a) DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.—Section 106(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention

and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting “, including ongoing case monitoring,” after “case management”; and

(B) by inserting “and treatment” after “and delivery of services”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “improving” and all that follows through “referral systems” and inserting “developing, improving, and implementing risk and safety assessment tools and protocols”;

(3) by striking paragraph (7);

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), (8), and (9) as paragraphs (6), (8), (9), and (12), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (4), the following:

“(5) developing and updating systems of technology that support the program and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition and allow interstate and intrastate information exchange.”;

(6) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking “opportunities” and all that follows through “system” and inserting “including training regarding research-based practices to promote collaboration with the families and the legal duties of such individuals”;

(7) by inserting after paragraph (6) (as so redesignated) the following:

“(7) improving the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families, and the supervisors of such individuals, through the child protection system, including improvements in the recruitment and retention of caseworkers.”;

(8) by striking paragraph (9) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

“(9) developing and facilitating research-based training protocols for individuals mandated to report child abuse or neglect;

“(10) developing, implementing, or operating programs to assist in obtaining or coordinating necessary services for families of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including—

“(A) existing social and health services;

“(B) financial assistance; and

“(C) services necessary to facilitate adoptive placement of any such infants who have been relinquished for adoption;

“(11) developing and delivering information to improve public education relating to the role and responsibilities of the child protection system and the nature and basis for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.”;

(9) in paragraph (12) (as so redesignated), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(10) by adding at the end the following:

“(13) supporting and enhancing interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system for improved delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems; or

“(14) supporting and enhancing collaboration among public health agencies, the child protection system, and private community-based programs to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment services (including linkages with education systems) and to address the health needs, including mental health needs, of children identified as abused or neglected, including supporting prompt, comprehensive health and developmental evaluations for children who are the subject of substantiated child maltreatment reports.”.

(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) by striking “provide notice to the Secretary of any substantive changes” and inserting the following: “provide notice to the Secretary—

“(i) of any substantive changes”;  
 (ii) by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:  
 “(ii) any significant changes to how funds provided under this section are used to support the activities which may differ from the activities as described in the current State application.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—  
 (i) by redesignating clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), and (xiii) as clauses (iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii), (xiv), (xv) and (xvi), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after clause (i), the following:  
 “(ii) policies and procedures to address the needs of infants born and identified with fetal alcohol effects, fetal alcohol syndrome, neonatal intoxication or withdrawal syndrome, or neonatal physical or neurological harm resulting from prenatal drug exposure, including—

“(I) the requirement that health care providers involved in the delivery or care of such infants notify the child protective services system of the occurrence of such condition in such infants, except that such notification shall not be construed to create a definition under Federal law of what constitutes child abuse and such notification shall not be construed to require prosecution for any illegal action; and

“(II) the development of a safe plan of care for the infant under which consideration may be given to providing the mother with health services (including mental health services), social services, parenting services, and substance abuse prevention and treatment counseling and to providing the infant with referral to the statewide early intervention program funded under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for an evaluation for the need for services provided under part C of such Act.”;

(iii) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated), by inserting “risk and” before “safety”;

(iv) by inserting after clause (iii) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(iv) triage procedures for the appropriate referral of a child not at risk of imminent harm to a community organization or voluntary preventive service.”;

(v) in clause (vii)(II) (as so redesignated), by striking “, having a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect” and inserting “, as described in clause (viii)”;

(vi) by inserting after clause (vii) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(viii) provisions to require a State to disclose confidential information to any Federal, State, or local government entity, or any agent of such entity, that has a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect.”;

(vii) in clause (xii) (as so redesignated)—

(I) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to the role, and” after “guardian ad litem.”; and

(II) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to that role” after “advocate”;

(viii) in clause (xiv) (as so redesignated), by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this section”;

(ix) in clause (xv) (as so redesignated)—

(I) by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this section”;

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(x) in clause (xvi) (as so redesignated), by striking “clause (xii)” each place that such appears and inserting “clause (xv)”;

(xi) by adding at the end the following:

“(xvii) provisions and procedures to require that a representative of the child protective services agency shall, at the initial time of contact with the individual subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation, advise the individual of the complaints or allegations made against the individual, in a manner that is consistent with laws protecting the rights of the informant;

“(xviii) provisions addressing the training of representatives of the child protective services system regarding the legal duties of the representatives, which may consist of various methods of informing such representatives of such duties, in order to protect the legal rights and safety of children and families from the initial time of contact during investigation through treatment;

“(xix) provisions and procedures for improving the training, retention, and supervision of caseworkers;

“(xx) provisions and procedures for referral of a child under the age of 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect to the statewide early intervention program funded under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for an evaluation for the need of services provided under part C of such Act; and

“(xxi) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, provisions and procedures for requiring criminal background record checks for prospective foster and adoptive parents and other adult relatives and non-relatives residing in the household.”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

“Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to limit the State’s flexibility to determine State policies relating to public access to court proceedings to determine child abuse and neglect except that such policies shall, at a minimum, ensure the safety and well-being of the child, parents, and family.”.

(2) LIMITATION.—Section 106(b)(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)(3)) is amended by striking “With regard to clauses (v) and (vi) of paragraph (2)(A)” and inserting “With regard to clauses (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (2)(A)”.

(c) CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—Section 106(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(I) by striking “and procedures” and inserting “, procedures, and practices”;

(II) by striking “the agencies” and inserting “State and local child protection system agencies”;

(ii) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “State” and inserting “State and local”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—Each panel shall provide for public outreach and comment in order to assess the impact of current procedures and practices upon children and families in the community and in order to meet its obligations under subparagraph (A).”;

(2) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by striking “public” and inserting “State and the public”;

(B) by inserting before the period the following: “and recommendations to improve the child protection services system at the State and local levels. Not later than 6 months after the date on which a report is submitted by the panel to the State, the appropriate State agency shall submit a written response to the State and local child protection systems that describes whether or how the State will incorporate the recommendations of such panel (where appropriate) to make measurable progress in improving the State and local child protective system”.

(d) ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.—Section 106(d) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(13) The annual report containing the summary of the activities of the citizen review panels of the State required by subsection (c)(6).

“(14) The number of children under the care of the State child protection system who are transferred into the custody of the State juvenile justice system.”.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to Congress a report that describes the extent to which States are implementing the policies and procedures required under section 106(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

**SEC. 115. GRANTS TO STATES FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES.**

Section 107(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106c(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) the handling of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are victims of abuse or neglect.”.

**SEC. 116. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ASSISTANCE.**

Section 108 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should encourage all States and public and private agencies or organizations that receive assistance under this title to ensure that children and families with limited English proficiency who participate in programs under this title are provided materials and services under such programs in an appropriate language other than English.”.

**SEC. 117. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 112(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008.”.

(b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Section 112(a)(2)(B) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Secretary make” and inserting “Secretary shall make”;

(2) by striking “section 106” and inserting “section 104”.

**SEC. 118. REPORTS.**

Section 110 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—

“(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study by random sample of the effectiveness of the citizen review panels established under section 106(c).

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).”.

**Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse**

**SEC. 121. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

(a) PURPOSE.—Section 201(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and, where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and”.

(b) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 201(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “Statewide” and all that follows through the dash, and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate) that are accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths that—”;

(B) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at the end; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (G) and inserting the following:

“(G) demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent leadership, including among parents of children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other underrepresented or underserved groups; and

“(H) provide referrals to early health and developmental services.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by inserting “through leveraging of funds” after “maximizing funding”;

(B) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(C) by striking “family resource and support program” and inserting “programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”.

(c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO TITLE HEADING.**—Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116) is amended by striking the heading for such title and inserting the following:

**“TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT”.**

**SEC. 122. ELIGIBILITY.**

Section 202 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(ii) by striking “family resource and support programs” and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting “programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “that exists to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect” after “written authority of the State”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “a network of community-based family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “to the network”; and

(ii) by inserting “, and parents with disabilities” before the semicolon;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “to the network”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and preven-

tion-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and training and technical assistance, to the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “training, technical assistance, and evaluation assistance, to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(D) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “, parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities”.

**SEC. 123. AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

Section 203(b)(1)(B) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116b(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “as the amount leveraged by the State from private, State, or other non-Federal sources and directed through the” and inserting “as the amount of private, State or other non-Federal funds leveraged and directed through the currently designated”; and

(2) by striking “the lead agency” and inserting “the current lead agency”.

**SEC. 124. EXISTING GRANTS.**

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5115c) is repealed.

**SEC. 125. APPLICATION.**

Section 205 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) by striking “, including those funded by programs consolidated under this Act.”;

(3) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) a description of the inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State.”;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “State’s network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(5) in paragraph (5), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “start up, maintenance, expansion, and redesign of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(6) in paragraph (7), by striking “individual community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(7) in paragraph (8), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(8) in paragraph (9), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(9) in paragraph (10), by inserting “(where appropriate)” after “members”;

(10) in paragraph (11), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support program” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(11) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (12).

**SEC. 126. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

Section 206(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116e(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “family resource and support services” and inserting “family support services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect”;

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

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) respite care;

“(vi) home visiting; and

“(vii) family support services.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “voluntary home visiting and” after “including”; and

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) participate with other community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect in the development, operation and expansion of networks where appropriate.”.

**SEC. 127. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

Section 207 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116f) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) shall demonstrate that they will have addressed unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(3);”;

(3) in paragraph (4),

(A) by inserting “and parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities.”; and

(B) by striking “evaluation of” the first place it appears and all that follows through “under this title” and inserting “evaluation of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the networks of such community-based and prevention-focused programs”;

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking “, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(5) in paragraph (6), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”; and

(6) in paragraph (8), by striking “community based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect”.

**SEC. 128. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.**

Section 208(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116g(3)) is

amended by striking "Statewide networks of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs" and inserting "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect".

**SEC. 129. DEFINITIONS.**

(a) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.—Section 209(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h(1)) is amended by striking "given such term in section 602(a)(2)" and inserting "given the term 'child with a disability' in section 602(3) or 'infant or toddler with a disability' in section 632(5)".

(b) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—Section 209 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);

(2) by inserting the following after paragraph (2):

"(3) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—The term 'community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect' includes organizations such as family resource programs, family support programs, voluntary home visiting programs, respite care programs, parenting education, mutual support programs, and other community programs that provide activities that are designed to prevent or respond to child abuse and neglect."; and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4).

**SEC. 130. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 210 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116i) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008."

**Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments**

**SEC. 141. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The table of contents of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as contained in section 1(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note), is amended as follows:

(1) By striking the item relating to section 105 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 105. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations."

(2) By striking the item relating to title II and inserting the following:

"TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT"

(3) By striking the item relating to section 204.

**TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

**SEC. 201. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

Section 201 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

"(1) the number of children in substitute care has increased by nearly 24 percent since 1994, as our Nation's foster care population included more than 565,000 as of September of 2001;

"(2) children entering foster care have complex problems that require intensive services, with many such children having special needs because they are born to mothers who did not receive prenatal care, are born with life threatening conditions or disabilities, are born addicted to alcohol or other drugs, or have been exposed to infection with the etiologic agent for the human immunodeficiency virus;

"(3) each year, thousands of children are in need of placement in permanent, adoptive homes";;

(B) by striking paragraph (6);

(C) by striking paragraph (7)(A) and inserting the following:

"(7)(A) currently, there are 131,000 children waiting for adoption";; and

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) respectively; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "including geographic barriers," after "barriers";; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "a national" and inserting "an Internet-based national".

**SEC. 202. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.**

Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

**"SEC. 203. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.;"**

(2) by striking "SEC. 203. (a) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting "REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—" after "(b)";;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "nonprofit" each place that such appears;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "nonprofit";;

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking "nonprofit";;

(E) in paragraph (4), by striking "nonprofit";;

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking "study the nature, scope, and effects of" and insert "support";;

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking "nonprofit";;

(H) in paragraph (9)—

(i) by striking "nonprofit";; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end;

(I) in paragraph (10)—

(i) by striking "nonprofit";; each place that such appears; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting "and";; and

(J) by adding at the end the following:

"(11) provide (directly or by grant to or contract with States, local government entities, or public or private licensed child welfare or adoption agencies) for the implementation of programs that are intended to increase the number of older children (who are in foster care and with the goal of adoption) placed in adoptive families, with a special emphasis on child-specific recruitment strategies, including—

"(A) outreach, public education, or media campaigns to inform the public of the needs and numbers of older youth available for adoption;

"(B) training of personnel in the special needs of older youth and the successful strategies of child-focused, child-specific recruitment efforts; and

"(C) recruitment of prospective families for such children.";

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "(c)(1) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(c) SERVICES FOR FAMILIES ADOPTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";;

(B) by striking "(2) Services" and inserting the following:

"(2) SERVICES.—Services";; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by realigning the margins of subparagraphs (A) through (G) accordingly;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking "and" at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

"(H) day treatment; and

"(I) respite care."; and

(D) by striking "nonprofit";; each place that such appears;

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking "(d)(1) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(d) IMPROVING PLACEMENT RATE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";;

(B) by striking "(2)(A) Each State" and inserting the following:

"(2) APPLICATIONS; TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) APPLICATIONS.—Each State";;

(C) by striking "(B) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(B) TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary";;

(D) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(i) by realigning the margins of clauses (i) and (ii) accordingly; and

(ii) by striking "nonprofit";;

(E) by striking "(3)(A) Payments" and inserting the following:

"(3) PAYMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Payments";; and

(F) by striking "(B) Any payment" and inserting the following:

"(B) REVERSION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—Any payment";; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO ADOPTIONS ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to, or enter into contracts with, States, local government entities, public or private child welfare or adoption agencies, adoption exchanges, or adoption family groups to carry out initiatives to improve efforts to eliminate barriers to placing children for adoption across jurisdictional boundaries.

"(2) SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Services provided under grants made under this subsection shall supplement, not supplant, services provided using any other funds made available for the same general purposes including—

"(A) developing a uniform homestudy standard and protocol for acceptance of homestudies between States and jurisdictions;

"(B) developing models of financing cross-jurisdictional placements;

"(C) expanding the capacity of all adoption exchanges to serve increasing numbers of children;

"(D) developing training materials and training social workers on preparing and moving children across State lines; and

"(E) developing and supporting initiative models for networking among agencies, adoption exchanges, and parent support groups across jurisdictional boundaries.";

**SEC. 203. STUDY OF ADOPTION PLACEMENTS.**

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended—

(1) by striking "The" and inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—The";;

(2) by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003";;

(3) by striking "to determine the nature" and inserting "to determine—

"(1) the nature";;

(4) by striking "which are not licensed" and all that follows through "entity";; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) how interstate placements are being financed across State lines;

"(3) recommendations on best practice models for both interstate and intrastate adoptions; and

"(4) how State policies in defining special needs children differentiate or group similar categories of children.";

**SEC. 204. STUDIES ON SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS.**

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(b) **DYNAMICS OF SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION.**—The Secretary shall conduct research (directly or by grant to, or contract with, public or private nonprofit research agencies or organizations) about adoption outcomes and the factors affecting those outcomes. The Secretary shall submit a report containing the results of such research to the appropriate committees of the Congress not later than the date that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

“(c) **INTERJURISDICTIONAL ADOPTION.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary, shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report that contains recommendations for an action plan to facilitate the interjurisdictional adoption of foster children.”.

**SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 205(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5115(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) There are authorized to be appropriated \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008 to carry out programs and activities authorized under this subtitle.”.

**TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE**

**SEC. 301. FINDINGS.**

Section 2 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

- (1) by striking paragraph (1);
- (2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting “studies indicate that a number of factors contribute to” before “the inability of”;

- (B) by inserting “some” after “inability of”;
- (C) by striking “who abuse drugs”; and
- (D) by striking “care for such infants” and inserting “care for their infants”;

(3) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) appropriate training is needed for personnel working with infants and young children with life-threatening conditions and other special needs, including those who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as ‘HIV’), those who have acquired immune deficiency syndrome (commonly known as ‘AIDS’), and those who have been exposed to dangerous drugs;”;

- (4) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7);

(5) in paragraph (8), by inserting “by parents abusing drugs,” after “deficiency syndrome.”;

(6) in paragraph (9), by striking “comprehensive services” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting “comprehensive support services for such infants and young children and their families and services to prevent the abandonment of such infants and young children, including foster care services, case management services, family support services, respite and crisis intervention services, counseling services, and group residential home services; and”;

- (7) by striking paragraph (11);

(8) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (1) through (7), respectively; and

- (9) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) Private, Federal, State, and local resources should be coordinated to establish and maintain such services and to ensure the optimal use of all such resources.”.

**SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.**

Section 101 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“**SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.**”; and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) **PRIORITY IN PROVISION OF SERVICES.**—The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the applicant for the grant agrees to give priority to abandoned infants and young children who—

“(1) are infected with, or have been perinatally exposed to, the human immunodeficiency virus, or have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need; or

“(2) have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug.”.

**SEC. 303. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.**

Section 102 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 102. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.**

“(a) **EVALUATIONS OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.**—The Secretary shall, directly or through contracts with public and nonprofit private entities, provide for evaluations of projects carried out under section 101 and for the dissemination of information developed as a result of such projects.

“(b) **STUDY AND REPORT ON NUMBER OF ABANDONED INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall conduct a study for the purpose of determining—

“(A) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children relinquished, abandoned, or found deceased in the United States and the number of such infants and young children who are infants and young children described in section 223(b);

“(B) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children who are victims of homicide;

“(C) characteristics and demographics of parents who have abandoned an infant within 1 year of the infant’s birth; and

“(D) an estimate of the annual costs incurred by the Federal Government and by State and local governments in providing housing and care for abandoned infants and young children.

“(2) **DEADLINE.**—Not later than 36 months after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall complete the study required under paragraph (1) and submit to the Congress a report describing the findings made as a result of the study.

“(c) **EVALUATION.**—The Secretary shall evaluate and report on effective methods of intervening before the abandonment of an infant or young child so as to prevent such abandonments, and effective methods for responding to the needs of abandoned infants and young children.”.

**SEC. 304. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 104 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(1) **AUTHORIZATION.**—For the purpose of carrying out this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

“(2) **LIMITATION.**—Not more than 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year may be obligated for carrying out section 224(a).”;

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “AUTHORIZATION.—” after “(1)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “LIMITATION.—” after “(2)”; and

(ii) by striking “fiscal year 1991.” and inserting “fiscal year 2003.”; and

(4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

**SEC. 305. DEFINITIONS.**

Section 103 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.**

“For purposes of this Act:

“(1) The terms ‘abandoned’ and ‘abandonment’, with respect to infants and young children, mean that the infants and young children are medically cleared for discharge from acute-care hospital settings, but remain hospitalized because of a lack of appropriate out-of-hospital placement alternatives.

“(2) The term ‘acquired immune deficiency syndrome’ includes infection with the etiologic agent for such syndrome, any condition indicating that an individual is infected with such etiologic agent, and any condition arising from such etiologic agent.

“(3) The term ‘dangerous drug’ means a controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act.

“(4) The term ‘natural family’ shall be broadly interpreted to include natural parents, grandparents, family members, guardians, children residing in the household, and individuals residing in the household on a continuing basis who are in a care-giving situation with respect to infants and young children covered under this subtitle.

“(5) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

**TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT**

**SEC. 401. STATE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.**

(a) **UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.**—Section 303(a)(2)(C) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “underserved populations,” and all that follows and inserting the following: “underserved populations, as defined in section 2003 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-2);”.

(b) **REPORT.**—Section 303(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) Upon completion of the activities funded by a grant under this title, the State grantee shall submit to the Secretary a report that contains a description of the activities carried out under paragraph (2)(B)(i).”.

**SEC. 402. SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Section 305(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10404(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “an employee” and inserting “1 or more employees”;

(2) by striking “of this title.” and inserting “of this title, including carrying out evaluation and monitoring under this title.”; and

(3) by striking “The individual” and inserting “Any individual”.

**SEC. 403. EVALUATION.**

Section 306 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10405) is amended in the first sentence by striking “Not later than two years after the date on which funds are obligated under section 303(a) for the first time after the date of the enactment of this title, and every two years thereafter,” and inserting “Every 2 years.”.

**SEC. 404. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.**

Section 308 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10407) is amended by striking subsection (g).

**SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.**—Section 310(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10409(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$175,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008.”.

(b) **GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.**—Section 311(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10410(g)) is amended to read as follows:

“(g) **FUNDING.**—Of the amount appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations

under section 310(a) for a fiscal year, not less than 10 percent of such amount shall be made available to award grants under this section.”.

**SEC. 406. GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.**

Section 311 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended by striking subsection (h).

**SEC. 407. EVALUATION AND MONITORING.**

Section 312 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10412) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) Of the amount appropriated under section 310(a) for each fiscal year, not more than 2.5 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title.”.

**SEC. 408. FAMILY MEMBER ABUSE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECT.**

Section 313 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10413) is repealed.

**SEC. 409. MODEL STATE LEADERSHIP GRANTS.**

Section 315 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10415) is repealed.

**SEC. 410. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.**

(a) DURATION.—Section 316(b) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “A grant” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a grant”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may extend the duration of a grant under this section beyond the period described in paragraph (1) if, prior to such extension—

“(A) the entity prepares and submits to the Secretary a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the use of amounts received under the grant for the period described in paragraph (1) and contains any other information as the Secretary may prescribe; and

“(B) the report and other appropriate criteria indicate that the entity is successfully operating the hotline in accordance with subsection (a).”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 316(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(f)) is amended in paragraph (1) by striking “fiscal years 2001 through 2005” and inserting “fiscal years 2004 through 2008”.

**SEC. 411. YOUTH EDUCATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

Section 317 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10417) is repealed.

**SEC. 412. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 318(h) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)) is amended to read as follows:

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—Section 318 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10418) is amended by striking subsection (i).

**SEC. 413. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

Section 319(f) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10419(f)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 2001” and inserting “each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008”.

**SEC. 414. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(1) In section 302(1) by striking “demonstrate the effectiveness of assisting” and inserting “assist”.

(2) In section 303(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “State domestic violence coalitions knowledgeable indi-

viduals and interested organizations” and inserting “State domestic violence coalitions, knowledgeable individuals, and interested organizations”;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by adding “and” at the end; and

(B) by aligning the margins of paragraph (4) with the margins of paragraph (3).

(3) In section 305(b)(2)(A) by striking “provide for research, and into” and inserting “provide for research into”.

(4) In section 311(a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(K), by striking “other criminal justice professionals;” and inserting “other criminal justice professionals;” and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “family law judges,” and inserting “family law judges.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “, criminal court judges,” after “family law judges”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (H), by striking “supervised visitations that do not endanger victims and their children” and inserting “supervised visitations or denial of visitation to protect against danger to victims or their children”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) each will control 1 hour.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 14.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we are here today to consider H.R. 14, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, which reauthorizes and improves the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, CAPTA, the Adoption Opportunities Program, the Abandoned Infants Act, and the Family Violence Prevention and Treatment Act.

Consideration of this bill today is appropriate and timely, as next week begins National Child Abuse Prevention month. Unfortunately, the House and Senate were unable to reach agreement on all issues pertaining to the reauthorization of CAPTA and FVPSA at the end of last Congress. The bill before us today shows our efforts and commitment to ensuring that programs aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect continue.

I would like to thank my colleagues on both sides for their hard work and efforts in developing this legislation under consideration today. I especially want to thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the full committee chairman, for his continued support of our efforts in moving this bill forward; the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD) for his diligence in ensuring that infants born addicted to alcohol or drugs receive necessary service; and of course my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, the gentleman from California (Mr.

GEORGE MILLER), the ranking member of the full committee, for his support in quickly bringing this bill before us; and also the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), who again in somewhat of irregular order consented to bypass the subcommittee and enable this bill to come right to the full committee and now come to the House. I thank him very much again for his partnership, and as we complete this bill today, it will now enable us to move on to other issues within the committee, so I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA) very much.

H.R. 14 provides for the continued provision of important Federal resources for identifying and addressing the issues of child abuse and neglect and for supporting effective methods of prevention and treatment. It also continues local projects with demonstrated value in eliminating barriers to permanent adoption and addressing the circumstances that often lead to child abandonment.

Mr. Speaker, this bill emphasizes the prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs. It promotes partnerships between child protective services and private- and community-based organizations, including education and health systems to ensure that services and linkages are more effectively provided. H.R. 14 appropriately addresses a growing concern over parents being falsely accused of child abuse and neglect and the aggressiveness of social workers in their child abuse investigations. It includes language to increase public education opportunities, to strengthen the public’s understanding of the child protection system, and appropriate reporting of suspected incidents of child maltreatment.

The bill fosters cooperation between parents and child protective service workers by requiring caseworkers to inform parents of the allegations made against them. It improves the training opportunities and requirements for child protective services personnel regarding the extent and limits of their legal authority and the legal rights of parents and legal guardians. It also ensures the safety of foster and adoptive children by requiring States to conduct criminal background checks for prospective foster and adoptive parents and other adult relatives and nonrelatives residing in the household.

Lastly, this bill expands adoption opportunities to provide for services for infants and young children who are disabled or born with life-threatening conditions and requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the annual number of infants and young children abandoned each year and extends the authorization for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

I want to thank my colleagues for their work on this bill and urge them to join me in supporting this effort to improve the prevention and treatment of child abuse and family violence by supporting H.R. 14, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman BOEHNER). I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), subcommittee chairman, for their commitment to writing such a good bipartisan bill; and I look forward to working with our subcommittee chairman on many more issues that are going to be coming up in this session.

The Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, or as it is better known, CAPTA, is a small program that fills an important role in the Federal response to child abuse by focusing on prevention and treatment. Child abuse is a serious public problem, and we must do much more at the Federal level to protect children from abuse and improve the treatment they receive.

In 2002 there were almost 900,000 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect. In 2000 an estimated 1,200 children died as a result of abuse and neglect. The bill before us today will enhance collaboration between child protection systems and the juvenile justice system. Research shows that children who are abused and neglected are more likely to be involved in delinquent and criminal behavior. By fostering linkages between the child protection and juvenile justice systems, the provisions of this bill should lead to better, more appropriate treatment services.

The legislation also makes important changes by increasing collaboration between child protective services and health agencies. Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to be victims of abuse and neglect, and children in the child welfare system are at higher risk for health problems. Any serious attempt to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect must include procedures for linking abused children and children at risk for abuse to the appropriate health and mental health services. The bill also requires States to report on their efforts to improve caseworker training, supervision, and retention so that children and families will be served better.

Ultimately, our success in appropriately intervening and providing services and treatment for vulnerable children and their families is dependent on having a well-trained workforce to make difficult judgments about how to best keep a child safe and make sure they have the love and the support of a permanent family.

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This is a strong bill that will help children receive the services they need to grow up safe and healthy.

We must not be hypocritical about this. We cannot say we support children, but not provide the resources to do it. Right now, only 12 percent of

Federal money for child abuse and neglect go toward prevention and treatment. This is shortsighted policy, because if we do not pay now for prevention and treatment, we pay later in our criminal justice system and health care costs.

The leadership has designated this week as Children's Week, and it is fitting that we focus on protecting our most vulnerable children. However, this legislation will offer little protection if it is not fully funded at the authorized level of \$285 million. Similarly, designating a week as Children's Week will be little more than another empty promise if we are unwilling to provide the resources that we authorize for the key programs that serve our youth, such as this one, and the No Child Left Behind Act. I hope that the week we consider fiscal year 2004 appropriations for these programs will truly be Children's Week.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 14 today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), an individual who has a passion for helping all of our children and who has demonstrated a real caring for abused and neglected children in America.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 14, to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and I thank the chairman of the committee and the ranking member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for all the hard work that they put into this important piece of legislation.

I truly want to commend the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) for the work that he put into this in working with Members on both sides of the aisle. He has crafted a piece of legislation that will be meaningful to the children of this country. The work that he put in is exemplary; and most importantly, what he did is he put the best interests of the child forward in writing this legislation. So many times we forget the child when we put legislation in, and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) did an outstanding job, and we appreciate it.

Mr. Speaker, the dimensions of child mistreatment and child murder are staggering in this country. Sadly, each day four children die from child abuse and neglect. The rate of infant murder has doubled over the last 30 years. Almost one infant homicide per day was reported in the year 2000. Incredibly, half of all the infant murders took place before the baby even reached the fourth month of life; and tragically, the risk of infant homicide is highest on the day that the child is born.

The impact of child abuse goes way beyond the 1,200 children that lose their lives each year. The consequences are far reaching and devastating, re-

sulting in permanent disabilities, juvenile delinquency, teenage drug addictions, and prostitution. Today's abused children, if they live long enough, grow up to become tomorrow's murderers and perpetrators of violence. Seventy percent, 70 percent, of adult male prisoners in this country convicted of felonies report a history of child abuse.

Mr. Speaker, in the fall of 2001, The Washington Post ran a series of articles describing the deaths of infants born addicted to drugs or alcohol in the District of Columbia. Over a period of 7 years, 11 newborns died right here in our Nation's Capital because they simply got lost in the system.

The bill before the House today offers hope. H.R. 14 will ensure that when an infant is born drug exposed, procedures will be put into place at the hospital to identify the fragile newborn and provide services to the mother.

In addition, H.R. 14 strikes the appropriate balance between ensuring a child's safety and protecting the individual rights of parents accused of child maltreatment. The committee heard testimony describing numerous cases of innocent families, many of them home schoolers, being aggressively investigated for child abuse, and then allegations were proven to be false. When this happens, not only do the families lose, but abused children lose as well, because precious time was lost.

This bill does two important things: one, it will improve public education on the role of the caseworker in investigating complaints of child abuse; and, two, it will increase training on appropriate reporting of suspected child abuse. I believe that these two things will significantly decrease the incidence of false reports that tie up the system, leaving real abused children uninvestigated.

In short, Mr. Speaker, I believe that H.R. 14 will make our children safer, and there can be no higher goal.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to speak out of order revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material.)

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time and for his leadership on this important bill that I am supporting. But I rise today to pay tribute to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and, on behalf of my colleagues and constituents, to join with them in mourning his passing today.

Senator Moynihan was one of our truly inspiring legislators. He was a scholar, a legislator, an ambassador, a cabinet officer, a Presidential adviser in four administrations, the only person in history to serve four consecutive administrations. He was a teacher, a writer, and one of the best Senators

ever to grace the halls of this institution.

He was unmatched in his ability to craft innovative solutions to society's most pressing problems, from welfare to Social Security, to transportation, to taxes. His legislative stamp is everywhere.

Known as, and I quote from the *Almanac of American Politics*, "the Nation's best thinker among politicians since Lincoln, and its best politician among thinkers since Jefferson," Senator Moynihan moved people through the power of his ideas. He was a unique figure in public life, a man of pure intellect, who was unafraid of speaking inconvenient truths.

Senator Moynihan's life exemplified the American dream. He grew up in a slum known as Hell's Kitchen. Abandoned by his father, his mother became the sole supporter of the family during the Depression. Small wonder that Senator Moynihan grew up to be a strong voice on welfare issues. He recognized the danger of fostering a culture of dependency, while understanding the importance of maintaining a strong safety net.

He proved to be one of the most accurate prophets of our era. Time and time again he correctly predicted future consequences, even though many refused to believe him when his prediction ran counter to conventional wisdom. In the 1980s, he predicted the coming collapse of the Soviet Union. In the 1990s, he expressed concern about the tendency of our society to define deviancy down.

For New Yorkers, Senator Moynihan has and always will be one of our own homegrown heroes, our proud gift to the Nation. Despite his reputation for attention to the more scholarly pursuits, he authored 18 books, Senator Moynihan never forgot those of us who elected him.

He was a hero to landmark preservationists for his effort to preserve the Custom House and the Farley Post Office, the new train station on the Farley site, which he helped plan and which he helped to fund, but it does not yet have a name. I believe that it should be named for Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

When the Coast Guard left Governors Island, he persuaded President Clinton to agree to give the island to New York for \$1, and it was this Congress that was able to make that pledge a reality. As ambassador to the United Nations, he denounced the resolution equating Zionism with racism. Seventeen years later, the U.N. reversed itself, revoking this shameful resolution.

Senator Moynihan was a prime mover behind ISTEAs, which changed the way highway and transportation funds are distributed. He was widely credited with shifting transportation priorities and making it possible for us to invest in alternatives, like high-speed rail.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, he was a guardian of So-

cial Security; and he focused his attention on the importance of opening up government filings and reducing secrecy in government. I was proud to have worked with him on the passage of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure bill. After 50 years, Americans finally are beginning to get a glimpse of the things that our government knew.

Senator Moynihan was also a tireless worker on getting an accurate census for our country.

Senator Moynihan's passing will make this country a poorer place. I join my constituents and my colleagues in paying tribute to the great Senator from the Great State of New York.

Senator Moynihan was truly an American treasure. He was a great friend and mentor to me, and we will miss him greatly. My colleagues and I send to Elizabeth and their family our deep concern and condolences.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a biography of this remarkable man.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan was the senior United States Senator from New York. First elected in 1976, Senator Moynihan was re-elected in 1982, 1988, and 1994.

Senator Moynihan was the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Committee on Finance. He served on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. He also was a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress.

A member of the Cabinet or sub-Cabinet of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford, Senator Moynihan was the only person in American history to serve in four successive administrations. He was U.S. Ambassador to India from 1973 to 1975 and U.S. Representative to the United Nations from 1975 to 1976. In February 1976 he represented the United States as President of the United Nations Security Council.

Senator Moynihan was born on March 17, 1927. He attended public and parochial schools in New York City and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem. He went on to attend the City College of New York for one year before enlisting in the United States Navy. He served on active duty from 1944 to 1947. In 1966, he completed twenty years in the Naval Reserve and was retired. Senator Moynihan earned his bachelor's degree (cum laude) from Tufts University, studied at the London School of Economics as a Fulbright Scholar, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Senator Moynihan was a member of Averell Harriman's gubernatorial campaign staff in 1954 and then served on Gov. Harriman's staff in Albany until 1958. He was an alternate Kennedy delegate at the 1960 Democratic Convention. Beginning in 1961, he served in the U.S. Department of Labor as an assistant to the Secretary, and later as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy Planning and Research.

In 1966, Senator Moynihan became Director of the Joint Center for Urban Studies at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been a Professor

of Government at Harvard University, Assistant Professor of Government at Syracuse University, a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies at Wesleyan University, and has taught in the extension programs of Russell Sage College and the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Senator Moynihan is the recipient of 62 honorary degrees.

Senator Moynihan was the author or editor of 18 books. His most recent work is *Secrecy: The American Experience*, published in the fall of 1998, an expansion of the report by the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy. Senator Moynihan, as Chairman of the Commission, led the first comprehensive review in forty years of the Federal Government's system of classifying and declassifying information and granting clearances.

Since 1976 Senator Moynihan has published an analysis of the flow of funds between the Federal Government and New York State. In 1992 the analysis became a joint publication with the Taubman Center for State and Local Government at Harvard University, and includes all fifty states.

Senator Moynihan was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was Chairman of the AAAS's section on Social, Economic and Political Science (1971-72) and a member of the Board of Directors (1972-73). He also served as a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee (1971-73). Senator Moynihan was Vice Chairman (1971-76) of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He served on the National Commission on Social Security Reform (1982-83) whose recommendations formed the basis of legislation to assure the system's fiscal stability.

He was the founding Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (1971-85) and served as Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, having been appointed in 1987 and again in 1995. In 1985, the Smithsonian awarded him its Joseph Henry Medal.

In 1965, Senator Moynihan received the Arthur S. Flemming Awards, which recognizes outstanding young Federal employees, for his work as "an architect of the Nation's program to eradicate poverty." He has also received the International League of Human Rights Award (1975) and the John LaFarge Award for Interracial Justice (1980). In 1983, he was the first recipient of the American Political Science Association's Hubert H. Humphrey Award for "notable public service by a political scientist." In 1984, Senator Moynihan received the State University of New York at Albany's Medallion of the University in recognition of his "extraordinary public service and leadership in the field for education." In 1986, he received the Seal Medallion of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Britannica Medal for the Dissemination of Learning.

He has also received the Laetare Medal of the University of Notre Dame (1992), the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture from the American Institute of Architects (1992), and the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts or Humanities from the American Philosophical Society (1993). In 1994, he received the Gold Medal Award "honoring services to humanity" from the National Institute of Social Sciences.

In 1997, the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University awarded Senator Moynihan the Cartwright Prize. He was the 1998 recipient of the Heinz Award in Public Policy "for having been a distinct and unique voice in the century—independent in his convictions, a scholar, teacher, statesman and politician, skilled in the art of the possible."

Elizabeth Brennan Moynihan, his wife of 44 years, is an architectural historian with a special interest in 16th century Mughal architecture in India. She is the author of *Paradise as a Garden: In Persia and Mughal India* (1979) and numerous articles. Mrs. Moynihan is a former Chairman of the Board of the American Schools of Oriental Research. She serves as a member of the Indo-U.S. Subcommittee on Education and Culture, and the visiting committee of the Freer Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian Institution. She is Vice Chair of the Board of the National Building Museum, and on the Trustees Council of the Preservation League of New York State.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD), a member of the full committee and a gentleman who helped us work through this legislation.

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time. I also thank him for his splendid work on this very important piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I also thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman BOEHNER), and the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), for their work, because they truly produced a bipartisan product here. If there was ever a reason to come together across the aisle, Republican and Democrat, to come to agreement, I cannot think of one more vital than that, of protecting children from child abuse and responding to children who have been abused.

Mr. Speaker, before I entered politics, I was a caseworker. I worked with abused and neglected children. And it is painful work to do. We all know about child abuse, the immediate consequences of child abuse. There is nothing more pathetic and pitiful than to think of a young child, a newborn, a child of any age, who looks to his or her mother, his or her father, for the kind of guidance, the kind of love, the kind of nurturing that all of us want to give to our children and all of us were fortunate enough to have in our childhood, and instead receive rebukes, receive blows, to be tortured, to be sexually abused. The pain of that is unimaginable and anguishing for the child.

Then, of course, it produces long-term consequences that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) and others have referred to. It is the cause of so many people turning to lives of crime, it is the cause of so many individuals becoming abusers themselves of their children and of their spouses, it is the cause of substance abuse in so many cases. So many of the ills of society

that are costly in terms of human suffering and costly in terms of tax dollars have their origin in the abuse of children.

One of the things that frustrated me as a caseworker was that we know how to respond to abuse. We know how to get it reported now. We have hot lines. We know how to do interventions and investigations. We know how to prosecute child abusers. We know how to seek custody of children who are dependent and not safe at home and place them into foster care. We know how to place children in adoption. We even know how, in some instances, to bring families together again and heal the parents and provide them the services that they need so that they do not have to be abusive.

But the thing that we have the most difficulty in doing is preventing the abuse in the first place. That is so hard, so difficult to get to. That is why I take such great satisfaction in the fact that the members of my committee, the ranking members of the subcommittee and the full committee and the chairman and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA) and the staff helped me to put language in this bill that I hope will do a great deal to prevent child abuse.

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If we look at the precursors to child abuse, if we try to predict child abuse and see where we can intervene before it occurs, what the experts will tell us, and those of us who have been in the field know, is that substance abuse is a great predictor of child abuse. When you have a mother and/or a father or others in the house who are addicted to alcohol, who are addicted to drugs, you find so frequently in, I think, 35 percent of the cases, you find that because they are inhibited, they break awful taboos; because their nerves are ruined, they become short-tempered and abusive to their children; because they are out of touch with reality, they do things they do not even know that they are doing. We know that substance abuse leads so frequently, almost invariably, to child abuse.

So what do we do about that? The opportunity to intervene is best found when a child is born. When a child is born in a hospital and it suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome, if it is clear that the mother is addicted to drugs because either she is showing the signs or the child is in neonatal abstinence syndrome, which means they are coming off of drugs at the time of birth, if we can see the systemic presence of a substance, a controlled substance in a child, if it has done neurological damage to a child, we know right there and then at that moment of birth of this child that if something does not happen there is an extraordinarily high chance that that child, after its neurological conditions, its physiological conditions are healed in the hospital, will then return home to a situation in which it is incredibly likely to be abused.

The problem we have had heretofore is there is no legal way to intervene. People have tried to pass laws at the State level and at perhaps the Federal level to make it a child abuse case. Well, that is problematic, because we do not want to necessarily prosecute the woman for child abuse because she has a substance abuse problem. We may even drive her away from the hospital if she knows she is going to face that, and she may choose to deliver at home in a dangerous situation. So it seems that the thing to do is to intervene with social services.

What the language that is in the bill says is that when these children appear under these circumstances is that the hospital personnel, the medical personnel shall be required to report that information to the child protective services specialists who then will come out to the hospital right away and intervene and get with that mother and hopefully the father, if the father is there, and say, look, you have a problem here. You have struck bottom. Look what your problem has done to your child. Here is an opportunity to get help. For the sake of your child, are you willing to receive nursing care at your home, in-home nurses? Are you willing to get treatment for your drug abuse? Are you willing to get social services? We can bring to bear a whole host of intervention services so that your problems are solved and you do not put your child at risk.

It is a wonderful opportunity. All of the substance abuse treatment experts will tell us that it is a bottoming-out experience when the mother and/or the father look and say, what have we done here? This is as low as it gets. We have hurt our newborn baby, that they are most ready for help. By bringing these services to bear, we can help these children and these families. We can prevent child abuse.

In the cases where the mother and the father just refuse to accept services, then that may be the trigger for the caseworkers to take that case to court and seek custody of the child and provide protective custody. But hopefully, in most cases, it will result in a happier ending than that and one in which the child is protected, the family is healed, and good is done all around.

So I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), and the staff on both sides of the aisle for helping me get this language in which I tried for years and years in my State legislature of Pennsylvania to get it in; and I am so happy to have it as part of this bill this evening.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, before bringing this to closure, I want to join the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) in agreeing that the tribute that she paid Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan was one that is well deserved and one that is going to be remembered

throughout the country by many thousands of people who learned to love Senator Moynihan.

I want to thank the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), for bringing this legislation forward and bringing it to the floor in a very bipartisan manner.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, just in closing, some may ask, what is the Federal Government's role in this? Do we not realize that dealing with these kinds of issues is done at the local level, that it is done at the State level? And they are absolutely right. What we want to do tonight is we want to recognize the tens of thousands of caseworkers and social workers who each and every day wrestle with these kinds of issues and how they help these children, how they help these families address these very serious problems.

What we are doing here tonight, what comes out of the CAPTA bill, is that at the Federal Government level we do research, we identify best practices, we provide technical assistance, we provide funding for demonstration projects. All of these things are intended to help the States and help those workers at the local level, that when they are involved in these cases that they come up with the right set of answers, the right sets of proposals, to help the child, to help the family, and to help the community forward. That is where the Federal Government can provide a helping hand to address this very, very serious problem.

So, in closing, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER), and I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the staff on both sides of the aisle for working in a very collaborative way to get this bill done. I look forward now to joining with my colleagues in passing this bill out of the House and bringing it to the other body and, soon, either being in a conference committee or being at the White House for the President to sign this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act (H.R. 14). This legislation reauthorizes several programs that attempt to both prevent and respond to cases of child abuse.

In addition to authorizing spending for these child abuse prevention programs, H.R. 14 also expands their focus to address some of the growing problems within our child protective services system.

For example, the legislation highlights the need to improve the retention and training of child welfare caseworkers. The average tenure of these workers who deal with very difficult cases of dysfunctional families and abused children is less than two years. Such a rapid turnover rate negatively affects the system's ability to make informed decisions about the placement of at-risk children.

The bill also acknowledges the importance of providing mental health and substance abuse services to some of the troubled families in the child welfare system.

We know that appropriate access to these critical services is often very limited—which either delays the reunification of children with their families, or potentially leads to their placement in unsafe environments.

As we laud this bill, we must remember that it authorizes only a few hundred million dollars a year for a whole spectrum of activities related to providing protection and permanency for children. In the context of a foster care system that spends about \$5 billion a year on the placement of children outside of their homes, this is a very modest investment.

We also need to keep in mind that this bill is merely an authorization—meaning the funding must still be approved every year by the Appropriations Committee. The CAPTA grants, which the bill authorizes \$200 million for next year, were funded at less than half that amount this year (\$89 million).

So this bill is a good step in the right direction, but we still have a long road to travel to adequately protect at-risk children. As the year continues, I hope we can emulate the bipartisan spirit of this bill and make some additional progress toward ensuring the safety and well-being of our most vulnerable children.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 14, the "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003." This bill reauthorizes the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, and related child and family protection acts. H.R. 14 represents our efforts and commitment to once again ensure that programs aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect are strengthened and continue to serve vulnerable children.

It's fitting that we are considering this bill today, as next week marks the beginning of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This bill reflects our strong belief that every child in America deserves the security of being a part of a safe, permanent, caring family.

H.R. 14 aims to improve program implementation. It makes improvements to current law to ensure that states have the necessary resources and flexibility to properly address the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

It ensures that children are protected from abuse and neglect through best practice prevention and treatment services. It also reflects our belief that we can help achieve this goal by maintaining resources for adoption opportunities, identifying and addressing the needs of abandoned infants, and ensuring that resources continue to be available to promote family violence prevention activities. This bill also addresses the problem of child abandonment and abuse with effective solutions that can make a real difference in the lives of children.

H.R. 14 appropriately addresses issues regarding child protective services across the United States by enhancing training for personnel, requiring more effective partnerships between child protective services and private and community-based organizations, and improving public education on the child protection system.

This bill enjoys bipartisan support and is widely supported throughout the child abuse prevention and family violence prevention communities.

Finally Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues—Select Education Subcommittee Chairman HOEKSTRA, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. MILLER, the ranking member of the full committee—for their efforts in bringing forward this important and timely legislation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of H.R. 14, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 14, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act. There are provisions in this bill that will provide much needed resources for child abuse prevention, assistance for victims of child abuse and family violence, and adoption opportunities. In particular, I am very pleased that this bill authorizes \$25 million for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008 for transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. It is my sincere hope that this bill will pass and the funding for transitional housing will be appropriated as soon as possible.

Transitional housing has been shown to prevent domestic violence and mitigate its effects. Unfortunately, many women who leave their abusers lack adequate resources and, with a shortage of emergency shelter and transitional housing options, are forced to choose between abuse at home or life on the streets. Yet, despite the fact that 50 percent of homeless women and children are fleeing domestic violence, there is currently no federal funding for transitional housing specifically for those victims.

It is critical that transitional housing be available to all those fleeing domestic abuse if we want to see an end to this violence. Transitional housing resources and services provide a continuum between emergency shelter provisions and independent living. A stable, sustainable home base for women and their children in transitional housing allows women the opportunities to learn new job skills, participate in educational programs, work full-time jobs, and search for adequate child care in order to gain self-sufficiency. Without such resources, many women eventually return to situations where they are abused and even killed.

In addition to supporting the funding for transitional housing as provided in H.R. 14, I am currently preparing to reintroduce the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims Housing Act. This bill would authorize \$50 million a year to the Violence Against Women Office to award grants to provide transitional housing to women and their children escaping violence. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

However, supporting measures such as H.R. 14 and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims Housing Act are only the first step in making sure that Congress works to end the cycle of violence against women. It is crucial that Congress take the next step of actually making the money available. The House has authorized funding for transitional housing for domestic violence victims multiple times, yet has never appropriated a single dollar for this purpose. Therefore, I strongly urge my colleagues to follow through on their support for transitional housing and appropriate money for this purpose in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 budget.

Victims of domestic violence deserve nothing less than our full commitment to providing adequate resources that will help them rid their lives of violence forever and rebuild

healthy lives for themselves and their children. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 14.

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 14. This bill reauthorizes several federal programs aimed at curtailing the prevalence of child abuse across this country. While each Congressional district in the nation is affected by atrocities against children, in our South Texas community, we were vividly reminded this month of the horrors people visit on children.

Recently, three young children, ages two months to three years old, were brutally murdered by their parents in Brownsville. These children were the latest innocent victims in society's ongoing struggle against child abuse.

There is nothing this House can do to change the sad, sick hearts of those who abuse our children. But we can offer local communities resources to combat this serious problem. This legislation will increase grant funding by 114 percent for child abuse prevention and will offer roughly \$80 million for community-based grants to target and combat child abuse.

This bill will require the overburdened child welfare systems to ensure abused or neglected children under age 3 have access to early intervention programs. We know that without early intervention, children become harder and harder to reach. It is the child welfare programs that are our most effective anti-crime weapon. When we reach children early, we have a chance at preserving their morale and directing their emotions in a healthy way.

This bill incorporates private partnerships by improving the supervision of casework and promoting partnerships between state child protective service systems and private organizations.

Estimates are that child protective agencies receive 3 million reports of child abuse or neglect involving 5 million children in the United States. More than 1,200 children die each year as a direct result of this neglect. This abuse is most often associated with delinquency, drug abuse and other vices on part of the parents, which was the case of the young Brownsville victims. This cycle of violence evolves from abused children to troubled adults who then victimize their own children. Intervening in this cycle, as early as possible, is the best recourse we can offer.

I am also pleased that we are also considering today H. Res. 113, to provide Congressional recognition to Child Help USA for sponsoring a "Day of Hope" which will be observed on April 2, during Child Abuse Prevention Month. While Congress cannot change the dark hearts of those who abuse innocent children, we can at least focus public attention on this important subject and offer additional resources to those who fight this heartbreaking fight every day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, March 25, 2003, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the previous order of the House

of March 25, 2003, the Senate bill, (S. 342) is amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 14, as passed by the House.

The text of the Senate bill is as follows:

S. 342

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003".

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

Sec. 101. Findings.

**Subtitle A—General Program**

Sec. 111. National clearinghouse for information relating to child abuse.

Sec. 112. Research and assistance activities and demonstrations.

Sec. 113. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations.

Sec. 114. Grants to States for child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment programs.

Sec. 115. Miscellaneous requirements relating to assistance.

Sec. 116. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 117. Reports.

**Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse**

Sec. 121. Purpose and authority.

Sec. 122. Eligibility.

Sec. 123. Amount of grant.

Sec. 124. Existing grants.

Sec. 125. Application.

Sec. 126. Local program requirements.

Sec. 127. Performance measures.

Sec. 128. National network for community-based family resource programs.

Sec. 129. Definitions.

Sec. 130. Authorization of appropriations.

**Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments**

Sec. 141. Conforming amendments.

**TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

Sec. 201. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose.

Sec. 202. Information and services.

Sec. 203. Study of adoption placements.

Sec. 204. Studies on successful adoptions.

Sec. 205. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE**

Sec. 301. Findings.

Sec. 302. Establishment of local projects.

Sec. 303. Evaluations, study, and reports by Secretary.

Sec. 304. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 305. Definitions.

**TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT**

Sec. 401. State demonstration grants.

Sec. 402. Secretarial responsibilities.

Sec. 403. Evaluation.

Sec. 404. Information and technical assistance centers.

Sec. 405. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 406. Grants for State domestic violence coalitions.

Sec. 407. Evaluation and monitoring.

Sec. 408. Family member abuse information and documentation project.

Sec. 409. Model State leadership grants.

Sec. 410. National domestic violence hotline grant.

Sec. 411. Youth education and domestic violence.

Sec. 412. National domestic violence shelter network.

Sec. 413. Demonstration grants for community initiatives.

Sec. 414. Transitional housing assistance.

Sec. 415. Technical and conforming amendments.

**TITLE I—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT**

**SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

Section 2 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "close to 1,000,000" and inserting "approximately 900,000";

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (11) as paragraphs (4) through (13), respectively;

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

"(2)(A) more children suffer neglect than any other form of maltreatment; and

"(B) investigations have determined that approximately 63 percent of children who were victims of maltreatment in 2000 suffered neglect, 19 percent suffered physical abuse, 10 percent suffered sexual abuse, and 8 percent suffered emotional maltreatment;

"(3)(A) child abuse can result in the death of a child;

"(B) in 2000, an estimated 1,200 children were counted by child protection services to have died as a result of abuse or neglect; and

"(C) children younger than 1 year old comprised 44 percent of child abuse fatalities and 85 percent of child abuse fatalities were younger than 6 years of age;"

(4) by striking paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

"(4)(A) many of these children and their families fail to receive adequate protection and treatment;

"(B) slightly less than half of these children (45 percent in 2000) and their families fail to receive adequate protection or treatment; and

"(C) in fact, approximately 80 percent of all children removed from their homes and placed in foster care in 2000, as a result of an investigation or assessment conducted by the child protective services agency, received no services;"

(5) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "organizations" and inserting "community-based organizations";

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking "ensures" and all that follows through "knowledge," and inserting "recognizes the need for properly trained staff with the qualifications needed"; and

(C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ", which may impact child rearing patterns, while at the same time, not allowing those differences to enable abuse";

(6) in paragraph (7) (as so redesignated), by striking "this national child and family emergency" and inserting "child abuse and neglect"; and

(7) in paragraph (9) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking "intensive" and inserting "needed"; and

(B) by striking "if removal has taken place" and inserting "where appropriate".

**Subtitle A—General Program**

**SEC. 111. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.**

(a) FUNCTIONS.—Section 103(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “all programs;” and all that follows through “neglect; and” and inserting “all effective programs, including private and community-based programs, that show promise of success with respect to the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect and hold the potential for broad scale implementation and replication;”;

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

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

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

“(2) maintain information about the best practices used for achieving improvements in child protective systems;”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) provide technical assistance upon request that may include an evaluation or identification of—

“(A) various methods and procedures for the investigation, assessment, and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases;

“(B) ways to mitigate psychological trauma to the child victim; and

“(C) effective programs carried out by the States under this Act; and

“(5) collect and disseminate information relating to various training resources available at the State and local level to—

“(A) individuals who are engaged, or who intend to engage, in the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

“(B) appropriate State and local officials to assist in training law enforcement, legal, judicial, medical, mental health, education, and child welfare personnel.”.

(b) COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES.—Section 103(c)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5104(c)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “105(a); and” and inserting “104(a);”;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following:

“(F) collect and disseminate information that describes best practices being used throughout the Nation for making appropriate referrals related to, and addressing, the physical, developmental, and mental health needs of abused and neglected children; and”.

#### SEC. 112. RESEARCH AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

(a) RESEARCH.—Section 104(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), in the first sentence, by inserting “, including longitudinal research,” after “interdisciplinary program of research”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, including the effects of abuse and neglect on a child’s development and the identification of successful early intervention services or other services that are needed”;

(C) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking “judicial procedures” and inserting “judicial systems, including multidisciplinary, coordinated decisionmaking procedures”; and

(ii) by striking “and” at the end; and

(D) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (viii), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) by redesignating clause (ix) as clause (x); and

(iii) by inserting after clause (viii), the following:

“(ix) the incidence and prevalence of child maltreatment by a wide array of demographic characteristics such as age, sex, race, family structure, household relationship (including the living arrangement of the resident parent and family size), school enrollment and education attainment, disability, grandparents as caregivers, labor force status, work status in previous year, and income in previous year; and”;

(E) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (I); and

(F) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the following:

“(D) the evaluation and dissemination of best practices consistent with the goals of achieving improvements in the child protective services systems of the States in accordance with paragraphs (1) through (12) of section 106(a);

“(E) effective approaches to interagency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system that improve the delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems;

“(F) an evaluation of the redundancies and gaps in the services in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention in order to make better use of resources;

“(G) the nature, scope, and practice of voluntary relinquishment for foster care or State guardianship of low income children who need health services, including mental health services;

“(H) the information on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect specified in clauses (i) through (xi) of subparagraph (H); and”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall provide an opportunity for public comment concerning the priorities proposed under subparagraph (A) and maintain an official record of such public comment.”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4);

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

“(2) RESEARCH.—The Secretary shall conduct research on the national incidence of child abuse and neglect, including the information on the national incidence on child abuse and neglect specified in subparagraphs (i) through (ix) of paragraph (1)(I).

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the research conducted under paragraph (2).”.

(b) PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 104(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “nonprofit private agencies and” and inserting “private agencies and community-based”; and

(B) by inserting “, including replicating successful program models,” after “programs and activities”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) effective approaches being utilized to link child protective service agencies with health care, mental health care, and developmental services to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations, and barriers and shortages to such linkages.”.

(c) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—Section 104 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5105) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—The Secretary may award grants to, and enter into contracts with, States or public or private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) for time-limited, demonstration projects for the following:

“(1) PROMOTION OF SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS FOR VISITATION AND EXCHANGE.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities to assist such entities in establishing and operating safe, family-friendly physical environments—

“(A) for court-ordered, supervised visitation between children and abusing parents; and

“(B) to safely facilitate the exchange of children for visits with noncustodial parents in cases of domestic violence.

“(2) EDUCATION IDENTIFICATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide educational identification, prevention, and treatment services in cooperation with preschool and elementary and secondary schools.

“(3) RISK AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT TOOLS.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that provide for the development of effective and research-based risk and safety assessment tools relating to child abuse and neglect.

“(4) TRAINING.—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to entities for projects that involve effective and research-based innovative training for mandated child abuse and neglect reporters.

“(5) COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT VICTIM/VICTIMIZER PREVENTION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may award grants to organizations that demonstrate innovation in preventing child sexual abuse through school-based programs in partnership with parents and community-based organizations to establish a network of trainers who will work with schools to implement the program. The program shall be comprehensive, meet State guidelines for health education, and should reduce child sexual abuse by focusing on prevention for both adolescent victims and victimizers.”.

#### SEC. 113. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—Section 105(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(a)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “DEMONSTRATION” and inserting “GRANTS FOR”;

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting “States,” after “contracts with,”;

(B) by striking “nonprofit”; and

(C) by striking “time limited, demonstration”;

(3) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “nonprofit”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “law, education, social work, and other relevant

fields" and inserting "law enforcement, judiciary, social work and child protection, education, and other relevant fields, or individuals such as court appointed special advocates (CASAs) and guardian ad litem,";

(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking "non-profit" and all that follows through ";" and inserting "children, youth and family service organizations in order to prevent child abuse and neglect;";

(D) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) for training to support the enhancement of linkages between child protective service agencies and health care agencies, including physical and mental health services, to improve forensic diagnosis and health evaluations and for innovative partnerships between child protective service agencies and health care agencies that offer creative approaches to using existing Federal, State, local, and private funding to meet the health evaluation needs of children who have been subjects of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect;

"(E) for the training of personnel in best practices to promote collaboration with the families from the initial time of contact during the investigation through treatment;

"(F) for the training of personnel regarding the legal duties of such personnel and their responsibilities to protect the legal rights of children and families;

"(G) for improving the training of supervisory and nonsupervisory child welfare workers;

"(H) for enabling State child welfare agencies to coordinate the provision of services with State and local health care agencies, alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies, mental health agencies, and other public and private welfare agencies to promote child safety, permanence, and family stability;

"(I) for cross training for child protective service workers in effective and research-based methods for recognizing situations of substance abuse, domestic violence, and neglect; and

"(J) for developing, implementing, or operating information and education programs or training programs designed to improve the provision of services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions for—

"(i) professionals and paraprofessional personnel concerned with the welfare of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including personnel employed in child protective services programs and health care facilities; and

"(ii) the parents of such infants.";

(4) by redesignating paragraph (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (1), the following:

"(2) **TRIAGE PROCEDURES.**—The Secretary may award grants under this subsection to public and private agencies that demonstrate innovation in responding to reports of child abuse and neglect, including programs of collaborative partnerships between the State child protective services agency, community social service agencies and family support programs, law enforcement agencies, developmental disability agencies, substance abuse treatment entities, health care entities, domestic violence prevention entities, mental health service entities, schools, churches and synagogues, and other community agencies, to allow for the establishment of a triage system that—

"(A) accepts, screens, and assesses reports received to determine which such reports require an intensive intervention and which require voluntary referral to another agency, program, or project;

"(B) provides, either directly or through referral, a variety of community-linked services to assist families in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

"(C) provides further investigation and intensive intervention where the child's safety is in jeopardy.";

(6) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking "nonprofit organizations (such as Parents Anonymous)" and inserting "organizations";

(7) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking the paragraph heading;

(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (C); and

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "(B) KINSHIP CARE.—" and inserting the following:

"(4) **KINSHIP CARE.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—"; and

(ii) by striking "nonprofit"; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) **LINKAGES BETWEEN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE AGENCIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AGENCIES.**—The Secretary may award grants to entities that provide linkages between State or local child protective service agencies and public health, mental health, and developmental disabilities agencies, for the purpose of establishing linkages that are designed to help assure that a greater number of substantiated victims of child maltreatment have their physical health, mental health, and developmental needs appropriately diagnosed and treated, in accordance with all applicable Federal and State privacy laws."

(b) **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.**—Section 105(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(b)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "subsection (b)" and inserting "subsection (a)";

(2) by striking paragraph (1);

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (2) (as so redesignated), the following:

"(3) Programs based within children's hospitals or other pediatric and adolescent care facilities, that provide model approaches for improving medical diagnosis of child abuse and neglect and for health evaluations of children for whom a report of maltreatment has been substantiated.";

(5) in paragraph (4)(D), by striking "non-profit".

(c) **EVALUATION.**—Section 105(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106(c)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "demonstration";

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting "or contract" after "or as a separate grant"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: "In the case of an evaluation performed by the recipient of a grant, the Secretary shall make available technical assistance for the evaluation, where needed, including the use of a rigorous application of scientific evaluation techniques."

(d) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO HEADING.**—The section heading for section 105 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 105. GRANTS TO STATES AND PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS."**

**SEC. 114. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

(a) **DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.**—Section 106(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting "including ongoing case monitoring," after "case management"; and

(B) by inserting "and treatment" after "and delivery of services";

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking "improving" and all that follows through "referral systems" and inserting "developing, improving, and implementing risk and safety assessment tools and protocols";

(3) by striking paragraph (7);

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), (8), and (9) as paragraphs (6), (8), (9), and (12), respectively;

(5) by inserting after paragraph (4), the following:

"(5) developing and updating systems of technology that support the program and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition and allow interstate and intrastate information exchange;"

(6) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by striking "opportunities" and all that follows through "system" and inserting "including—

"(A) training regarding effective and research-based practices to promote collaboration with the families;

"(B) training regarding the legal duties of such individuals; and

"(C) personal safety training for case workers;"

(7) by inserting after paragraph (6) (as so redesignated) the following:

"(7) improving the skills, qualifications, and availability of individuals providing services to children and families, and the supervisors of such individuals, through the child protection system, including improvements in the recruitment and retention of caseworkers;"

(8) by striking paragraph (9) (as so redesignated), and inserting the following:

"(9) developing and facilitating effective and research-based training protocols for individuals mandated to report child abuse or neglect;

"(10) developing, implementing, or operating programs to assist in obtaining or coordinating necessary services for families of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including—

"(A) existing social and health services;

"(B) financial assistance; and

"(C) services necessary to facilitate adoptive placement of any such infants who have been relinquished for adoption;

"(11) developing and delivering information to improve public education relating to the role and responsibilities of the child protection system and the nature and basis for reporting suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect;"

(9) in paragraph (12) (as so redesignated), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(10) by adding at the end the following:

"(13) supporting and enhancing inter-agency collaboration between the child protection system and the juvenile justice system for improved delivery of services and treatment, including methods for continuity of treatment plan and services as children transition between systems; or

"(14) supporting and enhancing collaboration among public health agencies, the child protection system, and private community-based programs to provide child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment services (including linkages with education systems) and to address the health needs, including mental health needs, of children identified as abused or neglected, including supporting prompt, comprehensive health and developmental evaluations for children who are the subject of substantiated child maltreatment reports."

(b) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)—  
 (i) by striking “provide notice to the Secretary by any substantive changes” and inserting the following: “provide notice to the Secretary—

- “(i) of any substantive changes; and”;
- (ii) by striking the period and inserting “; and”;
- (iii) by adding at the end the following: “(ii) any significant changes to how funds provided under this section are used to support the activities which may differ from the activities as described in the current State application.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—  
 (i) by redesignating clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), and (xiii) as clauses (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii), (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii), (xiv), (xv), (xvi) and (xvii), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after clause (i), the following:

“(ii) policies and procedures (including appropriate referrals to child protection service systems and for other appropriate services) to address the needs of infants born and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure;

“(iii) the development of a plan of safe care for the infant born and identified as being affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms.”;

(iii) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated), by inserting “risk and” before “safety”;

(iv) by inserting after clause (iv) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(v) triage procedures for the appropriate referral of a child not at risk of imminent harm to a community organization or voluntary preventive service.”;

(v) in clause (viii)(II) (as so redesignated), by striking “, having a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect” and inserting “, as described in clause (ix)”;

(vi) by inserting after clause (viii) (as so redesignated), the following:

“(ix) provisions to require a State to disclose confidential information to any Federal, State, or local government entity, or any agent of such entity, that has a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect.”;

(vii) in clause (xiii) (as so redesignated)—

(I) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to the role, and” after “guardian ad litem.”; and

(II) by inserting “who has received training appropriate to that role” after “advocate”;

(viii) in clause (xv) (as so redesignated), by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section”;

(ix) in clause (xvi) (as so redesignated)—  
 (I) by striking “to be effective not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section”;

(II) by striking “and” at the end;

(x) in clause (xvii) (as so redesignated), by striking “clause (xii)” each place that such appears and inserting “clause (xvi)”;

(xi) by adding at the end the following:

“(xviii) provisions and procedures to require that a representative of the child protective services agency shall, at the initial time of contact with the individual subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation, advise the individual of the complaints or allegations made against the individual, in a manner that is consistent with laws protecting the rights of the informant;

“(xix) provisions addressing the training of representatives of the child protective services system regarding the legal duties of the

representatives, which may consist of various methods of informing such representatives of such duties, in order to protect the legal rights and safety of children and families from the initial time of contact during investigation through treatment;

“(xx) provisions and procedures for improving the training, retention, and supervision of caseworkers; and

“(xxi) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, provisions and procedures for requiring criminal background record checks for prospective foster and adoptive parents and other adult relatives and non-relatives residing in the household.”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

“Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to limit the State’s flexibility to determine State policies relating to public access to court proceedings to determine child abuse and neglect.”.

(2) LIMITATION.—Section 106(b)(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)(3)) is amended by striking “With regard to clauses (v) and (vi) of paragraph (2)(A)” and inserting “With regard to clauses (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (2)(A)”.

(c) CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—Section 106(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—  
 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(I) by striking “and procedures” and inserting “, procedures, and practices”;

(II) by striking “the agencies” and inserting “State and local child protection system agencies”;

(ii) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “State” and inserting “State and local”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) PUBLIC OUTREACH.—Each panel shall provide for public outreach and comment in order to assess the impact of current procedures and practices upon children and families in the community and in order to meet its obligations under subparagraph (A).”;

(2) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by striking “public” and inserting “State and the public”;

(B) by inserting before the period the following: “and recommendations to improve the child protection services system at the State and local levels. Not later than 6 months after the date on which a report is submitted by the panel to the State, the appropriate State agency shall submit a written response to the citizen review panel that describes whether or how the State will incorporate the recommendations of such panel (where appropriate) to make measurable progress in improving the State and local child protective system”.

(d) ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.—Section 106(d) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(13) The annual report containing the summary of the activities of the citizen review panels of the State required by subsection (c)(6).

“(14) The number of children under the care of the State child protection system who are transferred into the custody of the State juvenile justice system.”.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to Congress a report that describes the extent to which States are implementing the policies and procedures required under section 106(b)(2)(B)(i) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

**SEC. 115. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ASSISTANCE.**

Section 108 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) GAO STUDY.—Not later than February 1, 2004, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a survey of a wide range of State and local child protection service systems to evaluate and submit to Congress a report concerning—

“(1) the current training (including cross-training in domestic violence or substance abuse) of child protective service workers in the outcomes for children and to analyze and evaluate the effects of caseloads, compensation, and supervision on staff retention and performance;

“(2) the efficiencies and effectiveness of agencies that provide cross-training with court personnel; and

“(3) recommendations to strengthen child protective service effectiveness to improve outcomes for children.

“(e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should encourage all States and public and private agencies or organizations that receive assistance under this title to ensure that children and families with limited English proficiency who participate in programs under this title are provided materials and services under such programs in an appropriate language other than English.

“(f) ANNUAL REPORT ON CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—A State that receives funds under section 106(a) shall annually prepare and submit to the Secretary a report describing the manner in which funds provided under this Act, alone or in combination with other Federal funds, were used to address the purposes and achieve the objectives of section 105(a)(4)(B).”.

**SEC. 116. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 112(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008.”.

(b) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Section 112(a)(2)(B) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Secretary make” and inserting “Secretary shall make”; and

(2) by striking “section 106” and inserting “section 104”.

**SEC. 117. REPORTS.**

Section 110 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO CITIZEN REVIEW PANELS.—

“(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study by random sample of the effectiveness of the citizen review panels established under section 106(c).

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report that contains the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).”.

**Subtitle B—Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse**

**SEC. 121. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.**

(a) PURPOSE.—Section 201(a)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and, where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and”.

(b) **AUTHORITY.**—Section 201(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “Statewide” and all that follows through the dash, and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate) that are accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths—that—”;

(B) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at the end; and

(C) by striking subparagraph (G) and inserting the following:

“(G) demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent leadership, including among parents of children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, and members of other underrepresented or underserved groups; and

“(H) provide referrals to early health and developmental services;”;

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by inserting “through leveraging of funds” after “maximizing funding”;

(B) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(C) by striking “family resource and support program” and inserting “programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”.

(c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO TITLE HEADING.**—Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116) is amended by striking the heading for such title and inserting the following:

**“TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT”.**

**SEC. 122. ELIGIBILITY.**

Section 202 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused”; and

(ii) by striking “family resource and support programs” and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting “programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “that exists to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect” after “written authority of the State”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “a network of community-based family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “to the network”; and

(ii) by inserting “, and parents with disabilities” before the semicolon;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “to the network”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and training and technical assistance, to the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “training, technical assistance, and evaluation assistance, to community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(D) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “, parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities”.

**SEC. 123. AMOUNT OF GRANT.**

Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)(B)—

(A) by striking “as the amount leveraged by the State from private, State, or other non-Federal sources and directed through the” and inserting “as the amount of private, State or other non-Federal funds leveraged and directed through the currently designated”;

(B) by striking “State lead agency” and inserting “State lead entity”; and

(C) by striking “the lead agency” and inserting “the current lead entity”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “subsection (b)”.

**SEC. 124. EXISTING GRANTS.**

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5115c) is repealed.

**SEC. 125. APPLICATION.**

Section 205 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116d) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect (through networks where appropriate)”;

(B) by striking “, including those funded by programs consolidated under this Act.”;

(3) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) a description of the inventory of current unmet needs and current community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and other family resource services operating in the State;”;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking “State’s network of community-based, prevention-focused,

family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(5) in paragraph (5), by striking “Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “start up, maintenance, expansion, and redesign of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(6) in paragraph (7), by striking “individual community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(7) in paragraph (8), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(8) in paragraph (9), by striking “community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(9) in paragraph (10), by inserting “(where appropriate)” after “members”;

(10) in paragraph (11), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support program” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”; and

(11) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (12).

**SEC. 126. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

Section 206(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116e(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting “voluntary home visiting and” after “including”; and

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) participate with other community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect in the development, operation and expansion of networks where appropriate.”.

**SEC. 127. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**

Section 207 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116f) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs” and inserting “community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

(2) by striking paragraph (3), and inserting the following:

“(3) shall demonstrate that they will have addressed unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(3);”;

(3) in paragraph (4),

(A) by inserting “and parents with disabilities,” after “children with disabilities,”; and

(B) by striking "evaluation of" the first place it appears and all that follows through "under this title" and inserting "evaluation of community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the networks of such community-based and prevention-focused programs";

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking "prevention-focused, family resource and support programs" and inserting "and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect";

(5) in paragraph (6), by striking "Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs" and inserting "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect"; and

(6) in paragraph (8), by striking "community based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs" and inserting "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect".

**SEC. 128. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.**

Section 208(3) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116g(3)) is amended by striking "Statewide networks of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs" and inserting "community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect".

**SEC. 129. DEFINITIONS.**

(a) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.—Section 209(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h(1)) is amended by striking "given such term in section 602(a)(2)" and inserting "given the term 'child with a disability' in section 602(3) or 'infant or toddler with a disability' in section 632(5)".

(b) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—Section 209 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116h) is amended by striking paragraphs (3) and (4) and inserting the following:

"(3) COMMUNITY-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.—The term 'community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect' includes organizations such as family resource programs, family support programs, voluntary home visiting programs, respite care programs, parenting education, mutual support programs, and other community programs or networks of such programs that provide activities that are designed to prevent or respond to child abuse and neglect."

**SEC. 130. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 210 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116i) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2008."

**Subtitle C—Conforming Amendments**

**SEC. 141. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The table of contents of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as contained

in section 1(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 note), is amended as follows:

(1) By striking the item relating to section 105 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 105. Grants to States and public or private agencies and organizations."

(2) By striking the item relating to title II and inserting the following:

"TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT"

(3) By striking the item relating to section 204.

**TITLE II—ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES**

**SEC. 201. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

Section 201 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

"(1) the number of children in substitute care has increased by nearly 24 percent since 1994, as our Nation's foster care population included more than 565,000 as of September of 2001;

"(2) children entering foster care have complex problems that require intensive services, with many such children having special needs because they are born to mothers who did not receive prenatal care, are born with life threatening conditions or disabilities, are born addicted to alcohol or other drugs, or have been exposed to infection with the etiologic agent for the human immunodeficiency virus;

"(3) each year, thousands of children are in need of placement in permanent, adoptive homes;"

(B) by striking paragraph (6);

(C) by striking paragraph (7)(A) and inserting the following:

"(7)(A) currently, there are 131,000 children waiting for adoption;"

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) respectively; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "including geographic barriers," after "barriers"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "a national" and inserting "an Internet-based national".

**SEC. 202. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.**

Section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5113) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

**"SEC. 203. INFORMATION AND SERVICES;"**

(2) by striking "SEC. 203. (a) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting "REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.—" after "(b)";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "non-profit" each place that such appears;

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "non-profit";

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking "non-profit";

(E) in paragraph (4), by striking "non-profit";

(F) in paragraph (6), by striking "study the nature, scope, and effects of" and insert "support";

(G) in paragraph (7), by striking "non-profit";

(H) in paragraph (9)—

(i) by striking "nonprofit"; and

(ii) by striking "and" at the end;

(I) in paragraph (10)—

(i) by striking "nonprofit"; each place that such appears; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(J) by adding at the end the following:

"(11) provide (directly or by grant to or contract with States, local government entities, or public or private licensed child welfare or adoption agencies) for the implementation of programs that are intended to increase the number of older children (who are in foster care and with the goal of adoption) placed in adoptive families, with a special emphasis on child-specific recruitment strategies, including—

"(A) outreach, public education, or media campaigns to inform the public of the needs and numbers of older youth available for adoption;

"(B) training of personnel in the special needs of older youth and the successful strategies of child-focused, child-specific recruitment efforts; and

"(C) recruitment of prospective families for such children.";

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking "(c)(1) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(c) SERVICES FOR FAMILIES ADOPTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";

(B) by striking "(2) Services" and inserting the following:

"(2) SERVICES.—Services"; and

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by realigning the margins of subparagraphs (A) through (G) accordingly;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking "and" at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

"(H) day treatment; and

"(I) respite care."; and

(D) by striking "nonprofit"; each place that such appears;

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking "(d)(1) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(d) IMPROVING PLACEMENT RATE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";

(B) by striking "(2)(A) Each State" and inserting the following:

"(2) APPLICATIONS; TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

"(A) APPLICATIONS.—Each State";

(C) by striking "(B) The Secretary" and inserting the following:

"(B) TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary";

(D) in paragraph (2)(B)—

(i) by realigning the margins of clauses (i) and (ii) accordingly; and

(ii) by striking "nonprofit";

(E) by striking "(3)(A) Payments" and inserting the following:

"(3) PAYMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Payments"; and

(F) by striking "(B) Any payment" and inserting the following:

"(B) REVERSION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—Any payment"; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) ELIMINATION OF BARRIERS TO ADOPTIONS ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to, or enter into contracts with, States, local government entities, public or private child welfare or adoption agencies, adoption exchanges, or adoption family groups to carry out initiatives to improve efforts to eliminate barriers to placing children for adoption across jurisdictional boundaries.

"(2) SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Services provided under grants

made under this subsection shall supplement, not supplant, services provided using any other funds made available for the same general purposes including—

“(A) developing a uniform homestudy standard and protocol for acceptance of homestudies between States and jurisdictions;

“(B) developing models of financing cross-jurisdictional placements;

“(C) expanding the capacity of all adoption exchanges to serve increasing numbers of children;

“(D) developing training materials and training social workers on preparing and moving children across State lines; and

“(E) developing and supporting initiative models for networking among agencies, adoption exchanges, and parent support groups across jurisdictional boundaries.”.

#### SEC. 203. STUDY OF ADOPTION PLACEMENTS.

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended—

(1) by striking “The” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”;

(2) by striking “of this Act” and inserting “of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003”;

(3) by striking “to determine the nature” and inserting “to determine—

“(1) the nature”;

(4) by striking “which are not licensed” and all that follows through “entity”;

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) how interstate placements are being financed across State lines;

“(3) recommendations on best practice models for both interstate and intrastate adoptions; and

“(4) how State policies in defining special needs children differentiate or group similar categories of children.”.

#### SEC. 204. STUDIES ON SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS.

Section 204 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5114) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(b) DYNAMICS OF SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION.—The Secretary shall conduct research (directly or by grant to, or contract with, public or private nonprofit research agencies or organizations) about adoption outcomes and the factors affecting those outcomes. The Secretary shall submit a report containing the results of such research to the appropriate committees of the Congress not later than the date that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

“(c) INTERJURISDICTIONAL ADOPTION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary, in consultation with the Comptroller General, shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress a report that contains recommendations for an action plan to facilitate the interjurisdictional adoption of foster children.”.

#### SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 205(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5115(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“There are authorized to be appropriated \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008 to carry out programs and activities authorized under this subtitle.”.

### TITLE III—ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE

#### SEC. 301. FINDINGS.

Section 2 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1);

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by inserting “studies indicate that a number of factors contribute to” before “the inability of”;

(B) by inserting “some” after “inability of”;

(C) by striking “who abuse drugs”; and

(D) by striking “care for such infants” and inserting “care for their infants”;

(3) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) appropriate training is needed for personnel working with infants and young children with life-threatening conditions and other special needs, including those who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as ‘HIV’), those who have acquired immune deficiency syndrome (commonly known as ‘AIDS’), and those who have been exposed to dangerous drugs;”;

(4) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7);

(5) in paragraph (8)—

(A) by striking “such infants and young children” and inserting “infants and young children who are abandoned in hospitals”; and

(B) by inserting “by parents abusing drugs,” after “deficiency syndrome.”;

(6) in paragraph (9), by striking “comprehensive services” and all that follows through the semicolon at the end and inserting “comprehensive support services for such infants and young children and their families and services to prevent the abandonment of such infants and young children, including foster care services, case management services, family support services, respite and crisis intervention services, counseling services, and group residential home services;”;

(7) by striking paragraph (11);

(8) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (1) through (7), respectively; and

(9) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) private, Federal, State, and local resources should be coordinated to establish and maintain services described in paragraph (7) and to ensure the optimal use of all such resources.”.

#### SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROJECTS.

Section 101 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL PROJECTS.”;

and

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) PRIORITY IN PROVISION OF SERVICES.—The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the applicant for the grant agrees to give priority to abandoned infants and young children who—

“(1) are infected with, or have been perinatally exposed to, the human immunodeficiency virus, or have a life-threatening illness or other special medical need; or

“(2) have been perinatally exposed to a dangerous drug.”.

#### SEC. 303. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.

Section 102 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 102. EVALUATIONS, STUDY, AND REPORTS BY SECRETARY.

“(a) EVALUATIONS OF LOCAL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall, directly or through contracts with public and nonprofit private entities, provide for evaluations of projects carried out under section 101 and for the dissemination of information developed as a result of such projects.

“(b) STUDY AND REPORT ON NUMBER OF ABANDONED INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study for the purpose of determining—

“(A) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children relinquished, abandoned, or found deceased in the United States and the number of such infants and young children who are infants and young children described in section 101(b);

“(B) an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children who are victims of homicide;

“(C) characteristics and demographics of parents who have abandoned an infant within 1 year of the infant’s birth; and

“(D) an estimate of the annual costs incurred by the Federal Government and by State and local governments in providing housing and care for abandoned infants and young children.

“(2) DEADLINE.—Not later than 36 months after the date of enactment of the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, the Secretary shall complete the study required under paragraph (1) and submit to Congress a report describing the findings made as a result of the study.

“(c) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate and report on effective methods of intervening before the abandonment of an infant or young child so as to prevent such abandonments, and effective methods for responding to the needs of abandoned infants and young children.”.

#### SEC. 304. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—For the purpose of carrying out this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

“(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 5 percent of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year may be obligated for carrying out section 102(a).”;

(2) by striking subsection (b);

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting “AUTHORIZATION.—” after “(1)” the first place it appears; and

(ii) by striking “this title” and inserting “this Act”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting “LIMITATION.—” after “(2)”;

and

(ii) by striking “fiscal year 1991.” and inserting “fiscal year 2003.”; and

(4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

(b) REDESIGNATION.—The Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 104 as section 302; and

(2) by moving that section 302 to the end of that Act.

#### SEC. 305. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 301. DEFINITIONS.

“In this Act:

“(1) ABANDONED; ABANDONMENT.—The terms ‘abandoned’ and ‘abandonment’, used with respect to infants and young children, mean that the infants and young children are medically cleared for discharge from acute-care hospital settings, but remain hospitalized because of a lack of appropriate out-of-hospital placement alternatives.

“(2) ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME.—The term ‘acquired immune deficiency syndrome’ includes infection with the etiologic agent for such syndrome, any condition indicating that an individual is infected with such etiologic agent, and any condition arising from such etiologic agent.

“(3) DANGEROUS DRUG.—The term ‘dangerous drug’ means a controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

“(4) NATURAL FAMILY.—The term ‘natural family’ shall be broadly interpreted to include natural parents, grandparents, family members, guardians, children residing in the household, and individuals residing in the household on a continuing basis who are in a care-giving situation, with respect to infants and young children covered under this Act.

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

(b) REPEAL.—Section 103 of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is repealed.

**TITLE IV—FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT**

**SEC. 401. STATE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.**

(a) UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.—Section 303(a)(2)(C) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “underserved populations,” and all that follows and inserting the following: “underserved populations, as defined in section 2007 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796gg-2);”.

(b) REPORT.—Section 303(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10402(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) Upon completion of the activities funded by a grant under this title, the State shall submit to the Secretary a report that contains a description of the activities carried out under paragraph (2)(B)(i).”

(c) CHILDREN WHO WITNESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—Section 303 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10402) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f) as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) For a fiscal year described in section 310(a)(2), the Secretary shall use funds made available under that section to make grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities for projects designed to address the needs of children who witness domestic violence, to—

“(1) provide direct services for children who witness domestic violence;

“(2) provide for training for and collaboration among child welfare agencies, domestic violence victim service providers, courts, law enforcement, and other entities; and

“(3) provide for multisystem interventions for children who witness domestic violence.”

**SEC. 402. SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Section 305(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10404(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “an employee” and inserting “1 or more employees”;

(2) by striking “of this title.” and inserting “of this title, including carrying out evaluation and monitoring under this title.”; and

(3) by striking “The individual” and inserting “Any individual”.

**SEC. 403. EVALUATION.**

Section 306 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10405) is amended in the first sentence by striking “Not later than two years after the date on which funds are obligated under section 303(a) for the first time after the date of the enactment of this title, and every two years thereafter,” and inserting “Every 2 years.”.

**SEC. 404. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.**

Section 308 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10407) is amended by striking subsection (g).

**SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 310(a) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10409(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 303 through 311, \$175,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

“(2) PROJECTS TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO WITNESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—For a fiscal year in which the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) exceed \$150,000,000, the Secretary shall reserve and make available 50 percent of the excess to carry out section 303(c).”

(b) ALLOCATIONS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS.—Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 310 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10409) are amended by inserting “(and not reserved under subsection (a)(2))” after “each fiscal year”.

(c) GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.—Section 311(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10410(g)) is amended to read as follows:

“(g) FUNDING.—Of the amount appropriated under section 310(a) for a fiscal year (and not reserved under section 310(a)(2)), not less than 10 percent of such amount shall be made available to award grants under this section.”

**SEC. 406. GRANTS FOR STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS.**

Section 311 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10410) is amended by striking subsection (h).

**SEC. 407. EVALUATION AND MONITORING.**

Section 312 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10412) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) Of the amount appropriated under section 310(a) for each fiscal year (and not reserved under section 310(a)(2)), not more than 2.5 percent shall be used by the Secretary for evaluation, monitoring, and other administrative costs under this title.”

**SEC. 408. FAMILY MEMBER ABUSE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECT.**

Section 313 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10413) is repealed.

**SEC. 409. MODEL STATE LEADERSHIP GRANTS.**

Section 315 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10415) is repealed.

**SEC. 410. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE GRANT.**

(a) DURATION.—Section 316(b) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “A grant” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a grant”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may extend the duration of a grant under this section beyond the period described in paragraph (1) if, prior to such extension—

“(A) the entity prepares and submits to the Secretary a report that evaluates the effectiveness of the use of amounts received under the grant for the period described in paragraph (1) and contains any other information the Secretary may prescribe; and

“(B) the report and other appropriate criteria indicate that the entity is successfully operating the hotline in accordance with subsection (a).”

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 316(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10416(f)) is repealed.

**SEC. 411. YOUTH EDUCATION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

Section 317 of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10417) is repealed.

**SEC. 412. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER NETWORK.**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act is amended by inserting after section 316 (42 U.S.C. 10416) the following:

**“SEC. 317. NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER NETWORK.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For a year in which the Secretary makes an amount available under subsection (g)(2), the Secretary shall award a grant to a nonprofit organization to establish and operate a highly secure Internet website (referred to in this section as the ‘website’) that shall—

“(1) link, to the greatest extent possible, entities consisting of the entity providing the national domestic violence hotline, participating domestic violence shelters in the United States, State and local domestic violence agencies, and other domestic violence organization, so that such entities will be able to connect a victim of domestic violence to the most safe, appropriate, and convenient domestic violence shelter; and

“(2) contain, to the maximum extent practicable, continuously updated information concerning the availability of services and space in domestic violence shelters across the United States.

“(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require. The application shall—

“(1) demonstrate the experience of the applicant in successfully developing and managing a technology-based network of domestic violence shelters;

“(2) demonstrate a record of success of the applicant in meeting the needs of domestic violence victims and their families; and

“(3) include a certification that the applicant will—

“(A) implement a high level security system to ensure the confidentiality of the website;

“(B) establish, within 5 years, a website that links the entities described in subsection (a)(1);

“(C) consult with the entities described in subsection (a)(1) in developing and implementing the website and providing Internet connections; and

“(D) otherwise comply with the requirements of this section.

“(c) USE OF GRANT AWARD.—The recipient of a grant award under this section shall—

“(1) collaborate with officials of the Department of Health and Human Services in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary;

“(2) collaborate with the entity providing the national domestic violence hotline in developing and implementing the network;

“(3) ensure that the website is continuously updated and highly secure;

“(4) ensure that the website provides information describing the services of each domestic violence shelter to which the website is linked, including information for individuals with limited English proficiency and information concerning access to medical care, social services, transportation, services for children, and other relevant services;

“(5) ensure that the website provides up-to-the-minute information on available bed space in domestic violence shelters across the United States, to the maximum extent practicable;

“(6) provide training to the staff of the hotline and to staff of the other entities described in subsection (a)(1) regarding how to

use the website to best meet the needs of callers;

"(7) provide Internet access, and hardware in necessary cases, to domestic violence shelters in the United States that do not have the appropriate technology for such access, to the maximum extent practicable; and

"(8) ensure that after the third year of the website project, the recipient will develop a plan to expand the sources of funding for the website to include funding from public and private entities, although nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a grant recipient under this section from raising funds from other sources at any time during the 5-year grant period.

"(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require any shelter or service provider, whether public or private, to be linked to the website or to provide information to the recipient of the grant award or to the website.

"(e) **DURATION OF GRANT.**—The term of a grant awarded under this section shall be 5 years.

"(f) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OVERSIGHT.**—The Secretary shall—

"(1) provide technical assistance, if requested, on developing and managing the website; and

"(2) have access to, and monitor, the website.

"(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 316 and this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2008.

"(2) **CONDITIONS ON APPROPRIATIONS.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make available a portion of the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) to carry out this section only for any fiscal year for which the amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) exceed \$3,000,000.

"(3) **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—Of the amount made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year the Secretary may not use more than 2 percent for administrative costs associated with the grant program carried out under this section, of which not more than 5 percent shall be used to assist the entity providing the national domestic violence hotline to participate in the establishment of the website.

"(4) **AVAILABILITY.**—Funds appropriated under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended."

#### **SEC. 413. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 318(h) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10418(h)) is amended to read as follows:

"(h) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008."

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Section 318 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10418) is amended by striking subsection (i).

#### **SEC. 414. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

Section 319(f) of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10419(f)) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2001" and inserting "each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008".

#### **SEC. 415. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 302(l) (42 U.S.C. 10401(l)) by striking "demonstrate the effectiveness of assisting" and inserting "assist";

(2) in section 303(a) (42 U.S.C. 10402(a))—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking "State domestic violence coalitions knowledgeable individuals and interested organizations" and inserting "State domestic violence coalitions, knowledgeable individuals, and interested organizations"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by adding "and" at the end; and

(B) by aligning the margins of paragraph (4) with the margins of paragraph (3);

(3) in section 303(g) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking "309(4)" and inserting "320"; and

(B) in the second sentence, by striking "309(5)(A)" and inserting "320(5)(A)";

(4) in section 305(b)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 10404(b)(2)(A)) by striking "provide for research, and into" and inserting "provide for research into";

(5) by redesignating section 309 as section 320 and moving that section to the end of the Act; and

(6) in section 311(a) (42 U.S.C. 10410(a))—

(A) in paragraph (2)(K), by striking "other criminal justice professionals;" and inserting "other criminal justice professionals;" and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "family law judges,," and inserting "family law judges,;"

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting "criminal court judges," after "family law judges"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (H), by striking "supervised visitations that do not endanger victims and their children" and inserting "supervised visitations or denial of visitation to protect against danger to victims or their children".

(For text of Senate bill, as amended, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The Senate bill, as so amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 14) was laid on the table.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### URGING AMERICANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "E-MAIL OUR TROOPS" PROJECT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to urge my colleagues to participate in the E-mail Our Troops Project, a vitally important endeavor that is good for our military personnel and also good for our children.

This program allows people to send e-mail messages to men and women serving in very dangerous places around the world. It boosts the morale of our service members, it alleviates their loneliness, but it is also very helpful to children in particular.

For young children, news of war can be overpowering. It can leave them with a sense that they are not con-

nected, they have no control; frightening news controls them. Giving them an e-mail connection to our Armed Forces is one way of creating a positive connection, letting them voice an opinion, ask a question.

Mr. Speaker, I learned that just yesterday when I visited the J. Taylor Finley Middle School in Huntington. I went there to talk to the youngsters about their opinions on what is happening in Iraq and to teach them how to e-mail our troops. I would like to share with my colleagues and with the country some of the messages that these young men and women sent to other young men and women who are fighting for our freedom.

Mario from the Taylor Finley Middle School wrote, "Hi! My name is Mario; and I want to tell you that, in my opinion, you are going to be fine because people will and are praying for you."

Becca wrote, "Dear serviceperson. My name is Becca, and I am a 12 year old student at Finley Middle School. I am writing to you to say how much I am thinking about you. Our country is so grateful to have people like you fighting for America. You must be truly brave."

Tori wrote, "Hi! How are you? Is it hard to be so far away from your family? Do you miss them? I can't thank you enough for what you are doing. I hope you get back safely."

Madeleine and Shannon wrote, "Dear American, thank you for defending our country. We hope you are safe and well. You are very important to us. It must be hard to leave your family for so long. Your decision to help the effort is so commendable. We hope you come back soon."

Mr. Speaker, Jenny wrote, "Hello, I just wanted to say that myself and many other people are thinking of you. We are thinking very often of you during the day and how much you are doing for this country. We are so proud of you."

And Megan wrote, "Dear Friend, I just want to say that I am very proud of you and I support you. Thank you so much for putting your life on the line to protect the rights of others in this country and in Iraq. We all believe in you and hope that you will return very soon."

Lauren-Taylor wrote, "I don't want this to be another letter that says 'thank you' over and over. I want to tell you that I truly feel that you are giving this ultimate gift to people that you don't even know. The fact that you love your country and fellow Americans so much is incredible. You are showing this in great fashion. Please know that even if we don't support this war, we support you."

And Tara e-mailed, "Dear American, thank you so much for what you have done for our country. I really appreciate what you are doing. You are so brave to risk your own life for us. You are so brave and courageous. I hope you are proud, because I know I am."

Mr. Speaker, just one more.