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(2) **DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION REQUIRED.**—In the case of a State plan approved under subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines requires State legislation (other than legislation appropriating funds) in order for the plan to meet the additional requirements imposed by this subsection, the State plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the requirements of such part solely on the basis of the failure of the plan to meet such additional requirements before the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of enactment of this subsection. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN ANNUAL CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Section 479A(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 679b(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(8) include in the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2028 or any succeeding fiscal year—

The bill (S. 162), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 162

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 422 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 622) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(7), by inserting “through the development and implementation of a family partnership plan which meets the requirements of subsection (d) for identification, recruitment, screening, licensing, support, and retention of foster and adoptive families” after “are needed”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**—For purposes of subsection (b)(7), the requirements for a family partnership plan (in this subsection referred to as the “plan”) are the following:

“(1) The plan is developed in consultation with birth, kinship, foster and adoptive families, community-based service providers, technical assistance providers, and youth with lived experience with foster care and adoption.

“(2) The plan describes—

“(A) how the State plans to identify, notify, engage, and support relatives (and others connected to the child) as potential placement resources for children;

“(B) how the State plans to develop and implement child-specific recruitment plans for every child in or entering foster care who needs a foster or adoptive family;

“(C) how the State plans to authentically engage children and youth in recruitment efforts on their behalf;

“(D) how the State plans to use data to establish goals, assess needs, measure progress, reduce unnecessary placements in con-

gregate care, increase permanency, improve placement stability, increase the rate of kinship placements, improve recruitment and retention of families for teens, sibling groups, and other special populations, and align the composition of foster and adoptive families with the needs of children in or entering foster care; and

“(E) how that State will stand up or support foster family advisory boards for the purpose of improving recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families.

“(3) The plan provides that, not less than annually, the State shall collect and report on the State’s actual foster family capacity and congregate care utilization, including the number, demographics, and characteristics of licensed foster families, including prospective adoptive families, the number of such families that haven’t received a placement or are not being fully utilized and the reasons therefor, and the number, demographics, and characteristics of children placed in congregate care in-State and out-of-State.

“(4) The plan includes, and shall update not less than annually, a summary of the most recent feedback from foster and adoptive parents and youth regarding licensure, training, support, and reasons why parents stop fostering or why adoptive or legal guardianship placements out of foster care fail or foster and such adoptive of legal guardianship families struggle to meet children’s needs.

“(5) The plan includes, and shall update annually, a report on the State’s analysis of specific challenges or barriers to recruiting, licensing, and utilizing families who reflect the racial and ethnic background of children in foster care in the State, and the State’s efforts to overcome those challenges and barriers.

“(6) The plan includes such other information relating to foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention as the Secretary may require.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by this subsection shall take effect on October 1, 2027.

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“(A) State-by-State data on the number, demographics, and characteristics of foster and adoptive families in the State, and the number of potential foster and adoptive families not being utilized in the State and the reasons why;

“(B) a summary of the challenges of, and barriers to, being a foster or adoptive parent, including with respect to recruitment, licensure, engagement, retention, and why parents stop fostering, adoptions disrupt or dissolve, or foster or adoptive families struggle, as reported by States based on surveys of foster and adoptive parents; and

“(C) a summary of the challenges and barriers States reported on efforts to recruit a pool of families that reflect the racial and ethnic background of children in foster care in the State, and efforts to overcome those barriers.”.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that at 5:30 p.m. the Senate proceed to executive session and execute the order with respect to the Smith nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator HUSTED.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:43 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 15, 2026, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

WALTER CLAYTON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, VICE TULSI GABBARD.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate June 11, 2026:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BROCK DAHL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by
the President to the Senate on June 11,

2026 withdrawing from further Senate
consideration the following nomina-
tion:

NEW YORK FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE
DAMIAN WILLIAMS, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE
ON JANUARY 13, 2026.

WALTER CLAYTON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF