

103^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2033

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for better protection of children from physical and mental abuse.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 1993

Mr. REYNOLDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Joseph Wallace Child
5 Welfare Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR FAMILY RE-**
7 **UNIFICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST**
8 **INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.**

9 Section 425(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 625(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “desirable
2 and possible” and inserting “in the best interests of
3 the child”; and

4 (2) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “if such
5 restoration is in the best interests of such children”
6 after “removed”.

7 **SEC. 3. STATE AGENCIES REQUIRED TO REPORT KNOWN**
8 **OR SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE TO APPRO-**
9 **PRIATE AUTHORITIES.**

10 Section 471(a)(9)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 671(a)(9)(A)) is amended by striking “agency or
12 official” and inserting “court or law enforcement agency”.

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