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To guarantee the provision of minimum child support benefits and to reform the child support enforcement system.

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Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. PETERSON of Florida, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FROST, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Agriculture, and Education and Labor

A BILL

To guarantee the provision of minimum child support benefits and to reform the child support enforcement system.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Child Security Act of 1994”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Universal child support assurance system.
- Sec. 3. National child support order registry.

- Sec. 4. Collection of child support through wage withholding and the income tax collection system.
- Sec. 5. Distribution by the Department of Health and Human Services of child support collected by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Sec. 6. State role in collection and distribution of child support.
- Sec. 7. National Child Support Guideline Commission.
- Sec. 8. Uniform termination of child support obligations.
- Sec. 9. Reallocation of resources.
- Sec. 10. Direct accountability of child support enforcement programs.
- Sec. 11. Social services demonstration projects.

1 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL CHILD SUPPORT ASSURANCE SYSTEM.**

2 (a) MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT ASSURANCE BENE-
3 FITS.—

4 (1) ENTITLEMENT.—Each eligible individual
5 who has applied for benefits under this subsection
6 shall be entitled to payment of a monthly child sup-
7 port assurance benefit under this subsection.

8 (2) AMOUNT OF BENEFIT.—

9 (A) GENERAL RULE.—The amount of the
10 child support assurance benefit payable under
11 this subsection to an eligible individual for a
12 calendar month is—

13 (i) the basic benefit payable to the in-
14 dividual for the month; multiplied by

15 (ii) the inflation percentage in effect
16 for the month for the locality of the United
17 States in which the individual resides.

18 (B) BASIC BENEFIT.—For purposes of
19 subparagraph (A), the amount of the basic ben-

1 efit payable to an eligible individual for a
2 month is—

3 (i) $\frac{1}{12}$ of the sum of—

4 (I) \$3,000 for the 1st eligible
5 child of the individual; and

6 (II) \$1,000 for each additional
7 eligible child of the individual; multi-
8 plied by

9 (ii) the sum of—

10 (I) 1.00; plus

11 (II) the locality adjustment in ef-
12 fect for the month for the locality of
13 the United States in which the indi-
14 vidual resides.

15 (C) LOCALITY ADJUSTMENT.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
17 subparagraph (B)(ii)(II), the locality ad-
18 justment in effect for a month for a local-
19 ity is the percentage (if any) by which the
20 cost of living in the locality for the cal-
21 endar year immediately preceding the cal-
22 endar year in which the month occurs ex-
23 ceeds the cost of living in the locality with
24 the least such cost for such immediately
25 preceding calendar year.

1 (ii) METHODOLOGY.—The Secretary
2 shall determine the cost of living in a local-
3 ity for a calendar year for purposes of
4 clause (i) by using an average of retail
5 market prices for the locality during the
6 calendar year. The retail market prices
7 shall be selected and used under the same
8 methodology used by the Bureau of Labor
9 Statistics in developing the Consumer
10 Price Index for all Urban Consumers.

11 (D) INFLATION PERCENTAGE.—For pur-
12 poses of subparagraph (A):

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—The inflation per-
14 centage in effect for a month for a locality
15 shall be the greater of—

16 (I) the percentage (if any) by
17 which the cost of living in the locality
18 for the calendar year immediately pre-
19 ceding the calendar year in which the
20 month occurs exceeds the cost of liv-
21 ing in the locality for the calendar
22 year 2nd preceding the calendar year
23 in which the month occurs; or

24 (II) the inflation percentage in
25 effect for the locality for the calendar

1 year immediately preceding the cal-
2 endar year in which the month occurs.

3 (ii) 1995.—The inflation percentage
4 in effect for a locality for calendar year
5 1995 shall be zero.

6 (3) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary
7 shall make payments under this subsection on the
8 1st day of each calendar month.

9 (b) NOTICE TO BE INCLUDED WITH PAYMENT.—
10 Upon making any payment under this section to an eligi-
11 ble individual, the Secretary shall transmit to the individ-
12 ual and the State agency referred to in section 402(a)(3)
13 of the Social Security Act of the State in which the indi-
14 vidual resides a notice that specifies—

15 (1) the name of the individual;

16 (2) the amount of the payment;

17 (3) the method used to determine the amount
18 of the payment;

19 (4) the date the payment is made; and

20 (5) the portion of the payment that is to be in-
21 cluded in the income of the eligible individual for
22 purposes of the State program of aid to families
23 with dependent children under part A of title IV of
24 the Social Security Act.

25 (c) NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall notify
2 each individual who has responsibility for meeting
3 the daily needs of an eligible child, and each individ-
4 ual who owes child support with respect to the child
5 of—

6 (A) entitlement to benefits under this sec-
7 tion with respect to the child;

8 (B) the system for collecting and distribut-
9 ing child support (including past-due support)
10 owed with respect to the child;

11 (C) the rights and responsibilities of the
12 individual under the system; and

13 (D) the penalties for failure to cooperate in
14 the collection of child support under the system.

15 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall provide the
16 notice required by paragraph (1) with respect to an
17 eligible child—

18 (A) if the Secretary determines that the
19 child is an eligible child by October 1, 1995, not
20 later than such date;

21 (B) if the Secretary determines that the
22 child is an eligible child after such date, then—

23 (i) if a child support order has been
24 issued with respect to the child, within 5
25 days after the national registry established

1 under section 3(a) receives a copy of the
2 order; or

3 (ii) if a child support order has not
4 been issued with respect to the child, upon
5 the determination of the Secretary that the
6 child is an eligible child.

7 (d) FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF STATE OR LOCAL
8 SUPPLEMENTARY CHILD SUPPORT ASSURANCE BENEFIT
9 PAYMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
11 into an agreement, with any qualified political sub-
12 division of the United States under which the Sec-
13 retary will, on behalf of the subdivision, pay a sup-
14plementary child support assurance benefit to all eli-
15gible individuals who reside in the subdivision, in ac-
16cordance with such procedural rules or other general
17administrative provisions as the Secretary finds nec-
18essary to achieve efficient and effective administra-
19tion of the child support assurance benefit program
20under this section and the supplementary child sup-
21port assurance benefit program of the subdivision.

22 (2) ADMINISTRATION FEE.—The Secretary
23 shall assess each subdivision with which an agree-
24ment under subsection (a) has been entered into an
25administration fee in an amount equal to—

1 (A) the number of payments made by the
2 Secretary on behalf of the subdivision under
3 this subsection for any month; multiplied by

4 (B) \$1.67.

5 (3) FEES TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TREAS-
6 URY.—All administration fees collected pursuant to
7 paragraph (2) shall be deposited in the general fund
8 of the Treasury of the United States as miscellane-
9 ous receipts.

10 (4) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

11 (A) QUALIFIED POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.—
12 The term “qualified political subdivision”
13 means any State or any political subdivision of
14 a State which has a supplementary child sup-
15 port assurance benefit program.

16 (B) STATE.—The term “State” includes
17 the District of Columbia.

18 (C) SUPPLEMENTARY CHILD SUPPORT AS-
19 SURANCE BENEFIT PROGRAM.—The term “sup-
20 plementary child support assurance benefit pro-
21 gram” means, with respect to a subdivision, any
22 program of the subdivision under which cash
23 benefits are payable to all and only those resi-
24 dents of the subdivision who are eligible individ-
25 uals.

1 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe
2 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
3 section.

4 (f) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

5 (1) CHILD SUPPORT.—The term “child sup-
6 port” has the meaning given such term by section
7 462(b) of the Social Security Act.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term “eligible
9 individual” means an individual who has responsibil-
10 ity for meeting the daily needs of an eligible child.

11 (3) ELIGIBLE CHILD.—The term “eligible
12 child” means—

13 (A) a child who has not attained 18 years
14 of age with respect to whom child support is
15 owed under a court order, or an order of an ad-
16 ministrative process established under State
17 law; and

18 (B) any other child who has not attained
19 18 years of age if the State in which the child
20 resides determines that the custodial parent of
21 the child—

22 (i) has good cause for not seeking
23 child support with respect to the child; or

24 (ii) has cooperated in seeking child
25 support with respect to the child.

1 (4) LOCALITY.—The term “locality” means a
2 metropolitan statistical area of the United States (as
3 defined by the Bureau of the Census for census pur-
4 poses).

5 (5) PAST-DUE SUPPORT.—The term “past-due
6 support” has the meaning given such term by sec-
7 tion 464(c)(1) of the Social Security Act.

8 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

10 (g) EFFECT ON AFDC BENEFITS.—Section
11 402(a)(8)(A)(vi) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 602(a)(8)(A)(vi)) is amended by striking “the first \$50
13 of any child support payments for such month received
14 in that month” and inserting “ $\frac{1}{2}$ of any amount received
15 for the month under section 2(a) of the Child Security
16 Act of 1994”.

17 (h) EFFECT ON MEDICAID BENEFITS.—Section
18 1902(a)(17) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(17)) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking “and (D)” and inserting “(D)”;
21 and

22 (2) by striking “; and provide” and inserting
23 the following: “, and (E) provide for disregarding 50
24 percent of any income consisting of amounts paid

1 under section 2(e) of the Child Security Act of 1994;
2 and provide”.

3 (i) EFFECT ON HOUSING BENEFITS.—Notwithstand-
4 ing any other provision of law, any amount paid to a mem-
5 ber of a family under subsection (a) of this section may
6 not be considered as income for purposes of determining
7 the eligibility of the family for assistance or occupancy in
8 a unit assisted, the amount of benefits received by or pro-
9 vided on behalf of the family, or the amount paid by the
10 family for rent for a unit assisted, under—

11 (1) the United States Housing Act of 1937;

12 (2) title V of the Housing Act of 1949;

13 (3) section 101 of the Housing and Urban De-
14 velopment Act of 1965; or

15 (4) section 221(d)(3), 235, or 236 of the Na-
16 tional Housing Act.

17 (j) EFFECT ON BENEFITS UNDER THE FOOD STAMP
18 ACT OF 1977.—

19 (1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 5(d) of the Food
20 Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amend-
21 ed—

22 (A) by striking “and (16)” and inserting
23 “(16)”, and

24 (B) by inserting before the period at the
25 end the following: “, and (17) any payment re-

1 ceived under section 2(a) of the Child Security
2 Act of 1994”.

3 (2) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The
4 amendments made by paragraph (1) shall not apply
5 with respect to certification periods beginning before
6 the effective date of this section.

7 (k) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
8 ments made by this section shall take effect on January
9 1, 1995.

10 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER REGISTRY.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than October 1,
12 1995, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
13 establish a national registry of child support orders issued
14 or modified by any State court or administrative process
15 established under State law.

16 (b) MAINTENANCE OF ABSTRACTS OF CHILD SUP-
17 PORT ORDERS.—The registry shall maintain an abstract
18 of each child support order, which shall contain the follow-
19 ing information:

20 (1) The names, addresses, and social security
21 account numbers of—

22 (A) the individual obligated to make pay-
23 ments under the order; and

24 (B) the individual entitled to receive such
25 payments.

1 (2) The name, address, and taxpayer identifica-
2 tion number of any employer of the individual re-
3 ferred to in paragraph (1)(A).

4 (3) The name and date of birth of any child
5 with respect to whom payments are to be made
6 under the order.

7 (4) The dollar amount of child support required
8 to be paid under the order and the times when such
9 payments are due.

10 (5) The date the order was issued or most re-
11 cently modified.

12 (6) Any such orders superseded by the order.

13 (7) Any other such orders issued with respect
14 to the child.

15 (c) ACCESS OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO
16 THE REGISTRY.—The Secretary of Health and Human
17 Services shall, upon request of the Secretary of the Treas-
18 ury, provide the Secretary of the Treasury with access to
19 the information contained in the registry.

20 (d) CHILD SUPPORT ORDER DEFINED.—As used in
21 this section, the term “child support order” means an
22 order requiring payments for support and maintenance of
23 a child or of a child and the parent with whom the child
24 is living.

1 (e) TRANSMISSION OF COPIES OF CHILD SUPPORT
2 ORDERS TO THE NATIONAL REGISTRY.—Section 466(a)
3 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)) is amended
4 by inserting after paragraph (11) the following:

5 “(12) Not later than January 1, 1996, proce-
6 dures to ensure that a copy of any child support
7 order issued or modified in the State (whether be-
8 fore or after the enactment of this paragraph) is
9 transmitted immediately to the national child sup-
10 port order registry established under section 3(a) of
11 the Child Security Act of 1994.”.

12 (f) INCLUSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN
13 CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.—Section 466(a) of the Social
14 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by sub-
15 section (e) of this section, is amended by inserting after
16 paragraph (12) the following:

17 “(13) Not later than January 1, 1996, proce-
18 dures to ensure that each child support order issued
19 or modified in the State (whether before or after the
20 enactment of this paragraph) contains the social se-
21 curity account number of each parent with rights or
22 obligations under the order.”.

1 **SEC. 4. COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT THROUGH WAGE**
2 **WITHHOLDING AND THE INCOME TAX COL-**
3 **LECTION SYSTEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of the Internal Reve-
5 nue Code of 1986 (relating to miscellaneous provisions)
6 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
7 section:

8 **“SEC. 7524. COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT.**

9 “(a) EMPLOYEE TO NOTIFY EMPLOYER OF CHILD
10 SUPPORT OBLIGATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each employee shall speci-
12 fy, on each withholding certificate furnished to such
13 employee’s employer—

14 “(A) the monthly amount (if any) of each
15 child support obligation of such employee, and

16 “(B) the TIN of the individual to whom
17 each such obligation is owed.

18 “(2) WHEN CERTIFICATE FILED.—In addition
19 to the other required times for filing a withholding
20 certificate, a new withholding certificate shall be
21 filed within 10 days after the date of any change in
22 the information specified under paragraph (1).

23 “(3) PERIOD CERTIFICATE IN EFFECT.—Any
24 specification under paragraph (1) shall continue in
25 effect until another withholding certificate takes ef-

1 fect which specifies a change in the information
2 specified under paragraph (1).

3 “(b) EMPLOYER OBLIGATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Every employer who re-
5 ceives a certificate under subsection (a) that speci-
6 fies that the employee has a child support obligation
7 for any month shall deduct and withhold from the
8 wages paid by such employer to such employee dur-
9 ing each month that such certificate is in effect an
10 additional amount equal to the amount of such obli-
11 gation or such other amount as may be specified by
12 the Secretary under subsection (c).

13 “(2) NOTICE TO SECRETARY.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Every employer who
15 receives a withholding certificate shall, within
16 10 business days after such receipt, submit a
17 copy of such certificate to the Secretary.

18 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
19 shall not apply to any withholding certificate
20 if—

21 “(i) a previous withholding certificate
22 is in effect with the employer, and

23 “(ii) the information shown on the
24 new certificate with respect to child sup-
25 port is the same as the information with

1 respect to child support shown on the cer-
2 tificate in effect.

3 “(3) WHEN WITHHOLDING OBLIGATION TAKES
4 EFFECT.—Any withholding obligation with respect
5 to a child support obligation of an employee shall
6 commence with the first payment of wages after the
7 certificate is furnished.

8 “(c) SECRETARY TO VERIFY AMOUNT OF CHILD
9 SUPPORT OBLIGATION.—

10 “(1) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION SPECI-
11 FIED ON WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATES.—Within 10
12 business days after receiving a withholding certifi-
13 cate of any employee, the Secretary shall determine
14 whether the information available to the Secretary
15 under section 3 of the Child Security Act of 1994
16 indicates that such employee has a child support ob-
17 ligation.

18 “(2) EMPLOYER NOTIFIED IF INCREASED
19 WITHHOLDING IS REQUIRED.—If the Secretary de-
20 termines that an employee’s child support obligation
21 is greater than the amount (if any) shown on the
22 withholding certificate in effect with respect to such
23 employee, the Secretary shall, within 5 business days
24 after such determination, notify the employer to
25 whom such certificate was furnished of the correct

1 amount of such obligation, and such amount shall
2 apply in lieu of the amount (if any) specified by the
3 employee with respect to payments of wages by the
4 employer after the date the employer receives such
5 notice.

6 “(3) DETERMINATION OF CORRECT AMOUNT.—
7 In making the determination under paragraph (2),
8 the Secretary shall take into account whether the
9 employee is an employee of more than 1 employer
10 and appropriately adjust the amount of the required
11 withholding from each such employer.

12 “(d) MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS WITH
13 INSUFFICIENT CHILD SUPPORT WITHHOLDING.—Each
14 individual who has a child support obligation for any
15 month shall pay, not later than the close of such month,
16 to the Secretary an amount equal to the excess (if any)
17 of—

18 “(1) the amount of such obligation for such
19 month, over

20 “(2) the amount (if any) deducted and withheld
21 under subsection (b) from the wages paid to such in-
22 dividual during such month.

23 “(e) CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS REQUIRED TO
24 BE PAID WITH INCOME TAX RETURN.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The child support obliga-
2 tion of any individual for months ending with or
3 within any taxable year shall be paid—

4 “(A) not later than the last date (deter-
5 mined without regard to extensions) prescribed
6 for filing his return of tax imposed by chapter
7 1 for such taxable year, and

8 “(B)(i) if such return is filed not later
9 than such date, with such return, or

10 “(ii) in any case not described in clause (i),
11 in such manner as the Secretary may by regula-
12 tions prescribe.

13 “(2) CREDIT FOR AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY
14 PAID.—The amount required to be paid by an indi-
15 vidual under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the
16 sum of—

17 “(A) the amount collected under this sec-
18 tion with respect to periods during the taxable
19 year, plus

20 “(B) the amount (if any) paid by such in-
21 dividual under section 6654 by reason of sub-
22 section (f)(3) thereof for such taxable year.

23 “(f) FAILURE TO PAY AMOUNT OWING.—If an indi-
24 vidual fails to pay the full amount required to be paid
25 under subsection (d) or (e) on or before due date for such

1 payment, the Secretary shall assess and collect the unpaid
2 amount in the same manner, with the same powers, and
3 subject to the same limitations applicable to a tax imposed
4 by subtitle C the collection of which would be jeopardized
5 by delay.

6 “(g) CREDIT OR REFUND FOR WITHHELD CHILD
7 SUPPORT IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL OBLIGATION.—There
8 shall be allowed as a credit against the taxes imposed by
9 subtitle A for the taxable year an amount equal to the
10 excess (if any) of—

11 “(1) the aggregate of the amounts described in
12 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (e)(2),
13 over

14 “(2) the actual child support obligation of the
15 taxpayer for such taxable year.

16 The credit allowed by this subsection shall be treated for
17 purposes of this title as allowed by subpart C of part IV
18 of subchapter A of chapter 1.

19 “(h) CHILD SUPPORT TREATED AS TAXES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of penalties
21 and interest related to failure to deduct and with-
22 hold taxes, amounts required to be deducted and
23 withheld under this section shall be treated as taxes
24 imposed by chapter 24.

1 “(2) OTHER RULES.—Rules similar to the rules
2 of sections 3403, 3404, 3501, 3502, 3504, and 3505
3 shall apply with respect to child support obligations
4 required to be deducted and withheld.

5 “(i) REMITTANCE OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED
6 BY SECRETARY.—Payments received by the Secretary
7 pursuant to this section or by reason of section 6654(f)(3)
8 which are attributable to a child support obligation pay-
9 able for any month shall be paid (to the extent such pay-
10 ments do not exceed the amount of such obligation for
11 such month) within 10 days to the Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services for disbursement under section 2(b)
13 of the Child Security Act of 1994.

14 “(j) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

15 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sec-
16 tion—

17 “(A) WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATE.—The
18 term ‘withholding certificate’ means the with-
19 holding exemption certificate used for purposes
20 of chapter 24.

21 “(B) BUSINESS DAY.—The term ‘business
22 day’ means any day other than a Saturday,
23 Sunday, or legal holiday (as defined in section
24 7503).

1 “(2) TIMELY MAILING.—Any notice under sub-
2 section (b)(2) or (c)(2) which is delivered by United
3 States mail shall be treated as given on the date of
4 the United States postmark stamped on the cover in
5 which such notice is mailed.

6 “(3) MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE.—The
7 Secretary shall modify the withholding certificate so
8 that the information required to be furnished under
9 subsection (a)(1) may be included on such certifi-
10 cate.”

11 (b) WITHHELD CHILD SUPPORT TO BE SHOWN ON
12 W-2.—Subsection (a) of section 6051 of such Code is
13 amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (8),
14 by striking the period at the end of paragraph (9) and
15 inserting “, and”, and by inserting after paragraph (9)
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(10) the total amount deducted and withheld
18 as a child support obligation under section 7524(b).”

19 (c) APPLICATION OF ESTIMATED TAX.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (f) of section
21 6654 of such Code (relating to failure by individual
22 to pay estimated income tax) is amended by striking
23 “minus” at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting
24 “plus”, by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph

1 (4), and by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-
2 ing new paragraph:

3 “(3) the aggregate child support obligations of
4 the taxpayer for months ending with or within the
5 taxable year, minus”.

6 (2) Paragraph (1) of section 6654(d) of such
7 Code is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new subparagraph:

9 “(D) DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED AN-
10 NUAL PAYMENT FOR TAXPAYERS REQUIRED TO
11 PAY CHILD SUPPORT.—In the case of a tax-
12 payer who is required under section 7524 to
13 pay a child support obligation (as defined in
14 section 7524) for any month ending with or
15 within the taxable year, the required annual
16 payment shall be the sum of—

17 “(i) the amount determined under
18 subparagraph (B) without regard to sub-
19 section (f)(3), plus

20 “(ii) the aggregate amount of such
21 obligation for all months ending with or
22 within the taxable year.”

23 (3) CREDIT FOR WITHHELD AMOUNTS, ETC.—
24 Subsection (g) of section 6654 of such Code is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(3) CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS.—For pur-
4 poses of applying this section, the amounts collected
5 under section 7524 shall be deemed to be a payment
6 of the amount described in subsection (f)(3) on the
7 date such amounts were actually withheld or paid, as
8 the case may be.”

9 (d) REPEAL OF REFUND OFFSET, ETC.—

10 (1)(A) Subsections (c) and (g) of section 6402
11 of such Code are hereby repealed.

12 (B) Paragraph (2) of section 6402(d) of such
13 Code is amended by striking “after such overpay-
14 ment is reduced” and all that follows through “Se-
15 curity Act and”.

16 (C) Subsection (e) of section 6402 is amended
17 by striking “(c) or”.

18 (2)(A) Section 6305 of such Code is hereby re-
19 pealed.

20 (B) The table of sections for subchapter A of
21 chapter 64 of such Code is amended by striking the
22 item relating to section 6305.

23 (e) OFFICE OF CHILD ADVOCATE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
25 Department of Health and Human Services an office

1 to be known as the “Office of the Child Advocate”.
2 Such office, including all problem resolution officers,
3 shall be under the supervision and direction of an of-
4 ficial to be known as the ‘Child Advocate’ who shall
5 be appointed by the President by and with the ad-
6 vice and consent of the Senate, and who shall report
7 directly to the President. The Child Advocate shall
8 be entitled to compensation at the same rate as the
9 Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service.

10 (2) FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the function
12 of the Office of the Child Advocate to—

13 (i) assist individuals to whom child
14 support obligations are owed in resolving
15 problems relating to the collection and pay-
16 ment of such obligations by the Internal
17 Revenue Service,

18 (ii) to the extent possible, propose
19 changes in the administrative practices of
20 the Internal Revenue Service to mitigate
21 problems identified under clause (i), and

22 (iii) identify potential legislative
23 changes which may be appropriate to miti-
24 gate such problems.

1 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMISSIONER OF
2 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.—The Commissioner
3 of Internal Revenue shall establish procedures re-
4 quiring a formal response to all recommendations
5 submitted to the Commissioner by the Child Advo-
6 cate and shall submit an annual report to the Con-
7 gress of the progress of the Internal Revenue Service
8 in resolving problems identified by the Child Advo-
9 cate.

10 (f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 for chapter 77 of such Code is amended by adding at the
12 end thereof the following new item:

 “Sec. 7524. Collection of child support.”

13 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to calendar years after 1995, and
15 to taxable years beginning in such calendar years. For
16 purposes of section 7524 of the Internal Revenue Code
17 of 1986, as added by this section, all employees employed
18 on January 1, 1996, shall be treated as commencing em-
19 ployment on such date but such employees shall be treated
20 as meeting the requirement of subsection (a)(2) of such
21 section 7524 if the certificate referred to in such sub-
22 section is filed not later than March 1, 1996.

1 **SEC. 5. DISTRIBUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
2 **AND HUMAN SERVICES OF CHILD SUPPORT**
3 **COLLECTED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE**
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) COLLECTED CHILD SUPPORT TO BE PAID TO
6 CUSTODIAL PARENT AFTER REIMBURSEMENT OF FED-
7 ERAL AND STATE AID.—Upon receipt of an amount col-
8 lected from an employee during a calendar month under
9 section 7524 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or
10 under section 6654 of such Code by reason of subsection
11 (f)(3) thereof, on account of a child support obligation
12 owed with respect to an individual for the month, the Sec-
13 retary shall distribute the amount as follows:

14 (1) The amount shall be paid to the Federal
15 Government to the extent necessary to reimburse the
16 Federal Government for payments made to the indi-
17 vidual for the month under section 2(a) of this Act.

18 (2) Amounts in excess of any amount paid
19 under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid
20 to the States to the extent necessary to reimburse
21 the States for all payments made to the individual
22 under State plans approved under part A of title IV
23 of the Social Security Act.

24 (3) Amounts in excess of any amount paid
25 under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection
26 shall be paid to any other State which has provided

1 aid to the individual under the State plan approved
2 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act
3 to the extent necessary to reimburse such other
4 State for payments of such aid.

5 (4) Amounts in excess of any amount paid
6 under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection
7 shall be paid to the individual.

8 (b) NOTICE TO ACCOMPANY PAYMENT TO CUSTO-
9 DIAL PARENT.—Upon making any payment under this
10 section to an eligible individual, the Secretary shall trans-
11 mit to the individual and the State agency referred to in
12 section 402(a)(3) of the Social Security Act of the State
13 in which the individual resides a notice that specifies—

14 (1) the name of the individual;

15 (2) the amount of the payment;

16 (3) the method used to determine the amount
17 of the payment;

18 (4) the date the payment is made;

19 (5) the portion of the payment that is to be in-
20 cluded in the income of the eligible individual for
21 purposes of the State program of aid to families
22 with dependent children under part A of title IV of
23 the Social Security Act; and

24 (6) in the case of a payment that includes a
25 payment that has been in arrears—

1 (A) the amount of the arrearage payment;
2 and

3 (B) a detailed statement of the status of
4 child support payments owed to the individual
5 by the employee referred to in subsection (a)
6 that are in arrears.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
8 on January 1, 1996.

9 **SEC. 6. STATE ROLE IN COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION**
10 **OF CHILD SUPPORT.**

11 (a) ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS TO PAST-DUE SUP-
12 PORT.—

13 (1) CHILDREN RECEIVING AFDC.—Section
14 402(a)(26) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 602(a)(26) is amended—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
17 “(except, in the case of child support, only
18 rights to past-due support (as defined in section
19 464(c)(1)))” after “support”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
21 “(except, in the case of child support payments,
22 only past-due support payments)” after “sup-
23 port payments”.

24 (2) CHILDREN RECEIVING FOSTER CARE MAIN-
25 TENANCE PAYMENTS.—Section 471(a)(17) of such

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)(17)) is amended by striking
2 “support” and inserting “past-due support (as de-
3 fined in section 464(c)(1))”.

4 (b) COLLECTION OF ONLY PAST-DUE SUPPORT.—
5 Section 464(c)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 664(c)(1)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “term ‘past-due support’
8 means” and inserting “terms ‘support’ and ‘past-due
9 support’ mean”; and

10 (2) by inserting “, for any period that ends be-
11 fore January 1, 1996” before the period.

12 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF PAST-DUE SUPPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 457(b)(1) of such
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 657(b)(1)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking “the first \$50 of payments
16 for a month received in that month, and”; and

17 (B) by inserting “(if the month ended be-
18 fore January 1, 1996)” after “prior month”.

19 (2) NOTICE OF PAYMENT TO INDIVIDUAL.—
20 Section 457 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 657) is amended
21 by adding at the end the following:

22 “(e) Upon making any payment under this section
23 to a family, the State shall transmit to the family and
24 to the Secretary a notice that specifies—

1 Human Services a commission which shall be known as
2 the “National Child Support Guideline Commission” (in
3 this section referred to as the “Commission”).

4 (b) DUTY OF THE COMMISSION.—

5 (1) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNI-
6 FORM NATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES.—

7 The Commission shall develop recommendations for
8 uniform national guidelines to be followed in deter-
9 mining the amount of a child support award.

10 (2) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.—In develop-
11 ing such guidelines, the Commission shall take ac-
12 count of—

13 (A) the child care, educational, and health
14 care needs of the child;

15 (B) the income and resources of the par-
16 ents of the child;

17 (C) any other child support obligations of
18 the parents of the child;

19 (D) any spouse or other children of any
20 parent of the child;

21 (E) child custody arrangements, including
22 joint physical custody and split custody;

23 (F) visitation rights and needs;

24 (G) changes in the circumstances of the
25 child and of the parents of the child;

1 (H) the frequency with which the guide-
2 lines should be reviewed or revised; and

3 (I) the extent (if any) to which parents
4 should be allowed to rebut the use of the guide-
5 lines.

6 (c) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

7 (1) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
9 have 10 members appointed by the Secretary,
10 as follows:

11 (i) 1 member shall be an economist.

12 (ii) 1 member shall be a lawyer.

13 (iii) 1 member shall be a judge.

14 (iv) 1 member shall be a representa-
15 tive of a child support agency.

16 (v) 1 member shall be a representative
17 of organizations that represent the inter-
18 ests of custodial parents.

19 (vi) 1 member shall be a representa-
20 tive of organizations that represent the in-
21 terests of noncustodial parents.

22 (vii) 1 member shall be a representa-
23 tive of organizations that represent the in-
24 terests of children.

1 (viii) 1 member shall be an individual
2 involved in academic research into the
3 costs of raising children and comparative
4 living standards in households of different
5 sizes and compositions.

6 (ix) 1 member shall be an individual
7 involved in government research into the
8 costs of raising children and comparative
9 living standards in households of different
10 sizes and compositions.

11 (x) 1 member shall be an individual
12 involved in private research into the costs
13 of raising children and comparative living
14 standards in households of different sizes
15 and compositions.

16 (B) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more
17 than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the members of the Commission may
18 be of the same political party.

19 (2) COMPENSATION.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
21 subparagraph (B), members of the Commission
22 shall be paid at a rate determined by the Sec-
23 retary for each day (including travel time) dur-
24 ing which they are engaged in the actual per-
25 formance of duties vested in the Commission.

1 (B) NO COMPENSATION OF FEDERAL EM-
2 PLOYEES.—Members of the Commission who
3 are full-time officers or employees of the United
4 States or Members of Congress may not receive
5 additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason
6 of their service on the Commission.

7 (C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of
8 the Commission shall receive travel expenses,
9 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in ac-
10 cordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title
11 5, United States Code.

12 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary shall serve
13 as the Chairperson for purposes of conducting the
14 business of the Commission, but may not vote on
15 any matter before the Commission.

16 (4) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at
17 the call of the Secretary.

18 (5) STAFF.—The Secretary may detail, on a re-
19 imburseable basis, any of the personnel of the De-
20 partment of Health and Human Services to the
21 Commission to assist the Commission in carrying
22 out the duties of the Commission under this section.

23 (d) POWERS.—

24 (1) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commis-
25 sion may, for the purpose of carrying out this sec-

1 tion, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places,
2 take testimony, and receive evidence as the Commis-
3 sion considers appropriate.

4 (2) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commis-
5 sion may secure directly from any department or
6 agency of the United States information necessary
7 to enable it to carry out this section. Upon request
8 of the Secretary, the head of that department or
9 agency shall furnish that information to the Com-
10 mission.

11 (3) MAILS.—The Commission may use the
12 United States mails in the same manner and under
13 the same conditions as other departments and agen-
14 cies of the United States.

15 (4) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—
16 Upon the request of the Secretary, the Adminis-
17 trator of General Services shall provide to the Com-
18 mission, on a reimbursable basis, the administrative
19 support services necessary for the Commission to
20 carry out its duties under this section.

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transmit
23 to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
24 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the
25 Senate a report that contains the recommendations of the

1 Commission for national guidelines to be followed by the
2 States in making child support awards, together with its
3 recommendations for such legislation or administrative ac-
4 tion as the Commission considers appropriate.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
6 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

7 (f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
8 on the earlier of—

9 (1) the date the work of the Commission is
10 completed, as determined by the Secretary; or

11 (2) the date that is 1 year after the effective
12 date of this section.

13 **SEC. 8. UNIFORM TERMINATION OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLI-**
14 **GATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 454 of the Social Security
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
18 (23);

19 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
20 graph (24) and inserting “; and”; and

21 (3) by inserting after paragraph (24) the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(25) provide that the State shall have in effect
24 a law providing that a court order, or an order of
25 an administrative process established under State

1 law, for support and maintenance of a child, or of
2 a child and the parent with whom the child is living
3 may not require the payment of such support or
4 maintenance with respect to—

5 “(A) a child who has attained 18 years of
6 age, unless the parent claims an exemption for
7 the child under section 151 of the Internal Rev-
8 enue Code of 1986; or

9 “(B) any child who has attained 21 years
10 of age.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall take effect on January 1, 1995.

13 **SEC. 9. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.**

14 (a) STAFFING.—

15 (1) PROMULGATION OF METHODOLOGY TO BE
16 USED TO DETERMINE STATE STAFFING NEEDS.—
17 Section 452(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. 652(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “, and a
19 methodology to be used to determine such require-
20 ments” before the semicolon.

21 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
22 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on November 1,
23 1995.

24 (3) CERTAIN CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED.—Be-
25 fore prescribing a methodology to be used to deter-

1 mine staffing requirements under section 452(a)(2)
2 of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Health
3 and Human Services shall consult with the heads of
4 State child support enforcement agencies, experts in
5 the operation of State child support enforcement
6 programs.

7 (4) DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED STATE
8 STAFFING NEEDS; DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN TO MEET
9 REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services shall—

11 (A) determine the staffing requirements
12 for each State child support enforcement pro-
13 gram, in consultation with the State, by using
14 the methodology established under section
15 452(a)(2) of the Social Security Act; and

16 (B) develop a plan that details the steps
17 that the State must take to meet such require-
18 ments by September 1, 1994.

19 (b) INCREASE IN FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPA-
20 TION.—Section 455(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 655(a)(2)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “fiscal
24 year 1990 and each fiscal year thereafter.” and in-
25 serting “fiscal years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and

1 1994, and the first quarter of fiscal year 1995;
2 and”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) 82.5 percent for quarters beginning after
5 calendar year 1994.”.

6 (c) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—Section 455 of such
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 655) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
10 tion, the amount otherwise payable to a State for a quar-
11 ter under this section shall be reduced to the extent that
12 the total of the amount expended by the State from State
13 and local sources to carry out the State plans under part
14 A and this part during the quarter is less than the amount
15 so expended from such sources during the corresponding
16 quarter of the calendar year 1994.”.

17 (d) MINIMUM AFDC STANDARD OF NEED.—Section
18 402(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
20 (44);

21 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
22 graph (45) and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by inserting after paragraph (45) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(46) provide that the State’s standard of need
2 for a family shall be an amount that is not less than
3 the greater of—

4 “(A) 90 percent of the income official pov-
5 erty line (as defined by the Office of Manage-
6 ment and Budget, and revised annually in ac-
7 cordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus
8 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981) applicable
9 to a family of the same composition; or

10 “(B) the State’s standard of need for the
11 family as of March 1, 1994.”.

12 (e) EXPANDED AFDC COVERAGE FOR NEEDY STU-
13 DENTS.—Section 406(a)(2)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 606(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “nineteen” each
15 place such term appears and inserting “21”.

16 (f) OPERATION OF STATE AFDC PLAN AND STATE
17 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PLAN AS REQUIREMENT
18 UNDER STATE MEDICAID PLAN.—Section 1902(a) of
19 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)), as amended by section
20 13631(a)(3) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
21 1993, is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
23 (61);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
25 graph (62) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(63) provide that the State—

4 “(A) has in effect a plan approved under part
5 D of title IV and operates a child support program
6 in substantial compliance with such plan, and

7 “(B) has in effect a plan approved under part
8 A of title IV and operates a program of aid to fami-
9 lies with dependent children in substantial compli-
10 ance with such plan.”.

11 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
12 section (a), the amendments made by this section shall
13 take effect on January 1, 1995.

14 **SEC. 10. DIRECT ACCOUNTABILITY OF CHILD SUPPORT EN-**
15 **FORCEMENT PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(h) of such Act (42
17 U.S.C. 603(h))—

18 (1) is amended—

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

20 (i) by striking “part D” and inserting
21 “this part”;

22 (ii) by striking “such part” and in-
23 sserting “this part”; and

24 (iii) by striking “—” and all that fol-
25 lows and inserting “5 percent.”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “re-
2 ductions” and inserting “reduction”; and

3 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “, section
4 402(a)(27),”; and

5 (2) as so amended, is hereby transferred to sec-
6 tion 455 of such Act, inserted after subsection (b)
7 of such section 455 and designated as subsection (c)
8 of such section 455.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 454(1) of
10 such Act (42 U.S.C. 654(1)) is amended by inserting “and
11 carried out” after “in effect”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall take effect on January 1, 1995.

14 **SEC. 11. SOCIAL SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

15 (a) PURPOSE.—The Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)
17 shall authorize 5 States to conduct 5-year demonstration
18 projects under which States are to give priority, to custo-
19 dial and noncustodial parents who are unable to support
20 their children financially, in the provision of services under
21 the job opportunities and basic skills training program
22 under part F of title IV of the Social Security Act and
23 under the Job Training Partnership Act, and in the provi-
24 sion of other Federal job training, education, and child

1 care services, in order to aid such parents to better provide
2 for themselves and their children.

3 (b) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

4 (1) CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS.—The
5 Secretary shall consider all applications received
6 from States desiring to conduct demonstration
7 projects under this section.

8 (2) APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS.—

9 (A) NUMBER.—The Secretary shall ap-
10 prove not more than 5 applications to conduct
11 demonstration projects under this section.

12 (B) PRIORITY.—In approving such applica-
13 tions, the Secretary shall give priority to States
14 that are conducting programs similar to those
15 that would be conducted under this section.

16 (3) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make a
17 grant in the amount of \$2,000,000, in a lump sum,
18 to each State whose application to conduct a dem-
19 onstration project under this section is approved by
20 the Secretary, to assist the State in carrying out the
21 project.

22 (4) TIMING OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall
23 make all grants under this section at the same time.

24 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY.—Each
2 State that receives a grant for a demonstration
3 project under this section shall conduct the project
4 in accordance with such requirements as the Sec-
5 retary may prescribe.

6 (2) EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—

8 (i) INTERIM EVALUATION AND RE-
9 PORT.—Each State that conducts a dem-
10 onstration project under this section shall
11 conduct an interim evaluation of the effec-
12 tiveness of the project after the project has
13 been conducted for 30 months, and shall
14 submit to the Secretary an interim report
15 that contains—

16 (I) information on the number of
17 parents involved in particular pro-
18 grams under the project;

19 (II) information on the average
20 length of time between the enrollment
21 of a parent and the employment of
22 the parent; and

23 (III) a description of any rela-
24 tionship found to exist between social

1 service programs and the payment of
2 child support.

3 (ii) FINAL EVALUATION AND RE-
4 PORT.—Each State that conducts a dem-
5 onstration project under this section shall
6 conduct a final evaluation of the effective-
7 ness of the project at the end of the
8 project, and shall submit to the Secretary
9 a final report that contains—

10 (I) information on the number of
11 parents involved in particular pro-
12 grams under the project;

13 (II) information on the average
14 length of time between the enrollment
15 of a parent and the employment of
16 the parent; and

17 (III) a description of any rela-
18 tionship found to exist between social
19 service programs and the payment of
20 child support.

21 (B) CONTENTS.—The evaluations and re-
22 ports required by subparagraph (A) with re-
23 spect to a demonstration project shall analyze
24 and describe (in a manner prescribed by the
25 Secretary)—

1 (i) the impact of the project on the
2 economic and noneconomic well-being of
3 children and adults in custodial and
4 noncustodial households;

5 (ii) the rates at which custodial and
6 noncustodial parents increase participation
7 in the workforce as a result of the project;

8 (iii) the impact of the project on par-
9 ticipation rates in, amounts of aid provided
10 under, and overall level of funding for, the
11 program of aid to families with dependent
12 children under part A of title IV of the So-
13 cial Security Act; and

14 (iv) the impact on custodial and
15 noncustodial parents of access to education
16 and job training services under the project.

17 (d) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—

18 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—After receiving and
19 analyzing the interim reports required by subsection
20 (c)(2)(A)(i) and analyzing such reports, the Sec-
21 retary shall submit to the Committee on Ways and
22 Means and the Committee on Education and Labor
23 of the House of Representatives, and to the Commit-
24 tee on Finance and the Committee on Labor and

1 Human Resources of the Senate, a report that con-
2 tains—

3 (A) the results of the evaluations described
4 in the interim reports; and

5 (B) a description of any improvements in
6 child support enforcement resulting from the
7 conduct of demonstration projects under this
8 section.

9 (2) COMPARATIVE EVALUATION.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
11 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means
12 and the Committee on Education and Labor of
13 the House of Representatives, and to the Com-
14 mittee on Finance and the Committee on Labor
15 and Human Resources of the Senate, a report
16 that—

17 (i) contains a comparative evaluation
18 of the demonstration projects conducted
19 under this section;

20 (ii) identifies which of such projects,
21 or aspects of such projects, best contrib-
22 uted to the achievement of the purpose of
23 this section; and

1 (iii) makes such recommendations for
2 legislative and administrative action as the
3 Secretary deems appropriate.

4 (B) TIMING OF REPORTS.—The Secretary
5 shall submit the evaluation required under sub-
6 paragraph (A) with respect to a demonstration
7 project after the project has been carried out
8 for 5 years.

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