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# H. R. 4255

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 1996

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

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## A BILL

To encourage the States to streamline the adoption process and make their adoption laws more uniform.

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 “Model Adoption Act  
5 of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION OF CERTAIN LAWS REQUIRED AS A CON-**  
2 **DITION OF RECEIVING GRANTS TO STATE**  
3 **COURTS TO ASSESS AND IMPROVE HANDLING**  
4 **OF PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO FOSTER**  
5 **CARE AND ADOPTION.**

6 Section 13712(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-  
7 ation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 “(b) APPLICATIONS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to be eligible for  
11 a grant under this section a highest State court shall  
12 be in an eligible State and shall submit to the Sec-  
13 retary an application at such time, in such form,  
14 and including such information and assurances as  
15 the Secretary shall require.

16 “(2) ELIGIBLE STATE DEFINED.—As used in  
17 paragraph (1), the term ‘eligible State’ means a  
18 State that the Secretary of Health and Human  
19 Services determines has in effect and operation the  
20 following provisions of the Uniform Adoption Act ap-  
21 proved and recommended by the National Con-  
22 ference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws  
23 for enactment in all the States at its annual con-  
24 ference meeting in 1994:

25 “(A) Article 1.

26 “(B) Parts 1 and 4 of Article 2.

1 “(C) Parts 1, 2, 5, and 7 of Article 3.

2 “(D) Article 7.

3 “(E) Article 8.

4 “(3) REFERENCES TO EXCLUDED PROVISIONS  
5 NOT REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN EFFECT.—To the ex-  
6 tent that a provision of the Uniform Adoption Act  
7 encompassed by paragraph (2) contains a reference  
8 to a provision of the Act not so encompassed, a  
9 State shall not be considered not to be an eligible  
10 State for purposes of this subsection by reason of  
11 the failure of the State to have such provision in ef-  
12 fect and operation.”.

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