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Strengthening Working Families Act of 2001

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 3, 2001)

Strengthening Working Families Act of 2001 - Amends part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) to provide for: (1) block grants to States for media campaigns to promote the formation and maintenance of married two-parent families, strengthen fragile families, and promote responsible fatherhood; (2) State Responsible Father programs; and (3) a national clearinghouse to assist States and communities to promote and support marriage and responsible fatherhood.
Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of SSA title IV with regard to rules applicable to child support distribution, including modifying the rule requiring assignment of support rights as a condition of receiving TANF.

Outlines provisions for involvement of public non-SSA title IV part D child support enforcement agencies in child support enforcement.

Amends SSA title IV part D to: (1) make various specified changes to provide for expanded child support enforcement; and (2) provide for use of new hire information in unemployment compensation program administration.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) make nonimmigrant aliens ineligible to receive visas because of child support nonpayment; and (2) authorize legal process to be served in child support cases on any alien who is an applicant for admission to the United States.

Amends SSA title IV part D to: (1) authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to share child support enforcement information to enforce immigration and naturalization law; and (2) provide for an increase in payment rate to States for expenditures for short-term training of staff of certain child welfare agencies.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) revise and increase the earned income tax credit for families with qualifying children; and (2) establish a credit for employer-provided child care facility expenditures.

Amends: (1) SSA title IV part A to restore the authority of States to transfer up to ten percent of TANF funds to carry out State programs pursuant to SSA title XX (Block Grants to States for Social Services); and (2) SSA title XX to restore funds to States for such program.

Amends SSA title IV part B (Child-Welfare Services) to reauthorize and extend the program for encouraging and enabling each State to establish a program of family preservation services, community-based family support services, time-limited family reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services.

Amends SSA title IV part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) to: (1) reauthorize and extend the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program; and (2) repeal the authority of a State to opt-out of the requirement to conduct criminal background checks on prospective foster or adoptive parents.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2001:** Committee on Finance Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-365.
- **Apr 3, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 3, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3351-3352)
- **Apr 3, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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