

1 **SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 112(a) of
3 the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.
4 5106h(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “to carry out” through
7 “fiscal year 2010” and inserting “to carry out
8 this title \$270,000,000 for fiscal year 2020”;
9 and

10 (B) by striking “2011 through 2015” and
11 inserting “2021 through 2025”; and

12 (2) by striking paragraph (2)(A) and inserting
13 the following:

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts ap-
15 propriated for a fiscal year under paragraph
16 (1), the Secretary shall make available 30 per-
17 cent of such amounts, or \$100,000,000, which-
18 ever is less, to fund discretionary activities
19 under this title.”.

20 **SEC. 110. NATIONAL ELECTRONIC INTERSTATE DATA EX-**
21 **CHANGE SYSTEM.**

22 (a) INTERSTATE DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services shall establish a national electronic
25 interstate data exchange system that allows State
26 entities responsible under State law for maintaining

1 child abuse and neglect registries to communicate in-
2 formation across State lines.

3 (2) STANDARDS.—In establishing the national
4 electronic interstate data exchange system under
5 paragraph (1), the Secretary—

6 (A) shall use interoperable standards devel-
7 oped and maintained by intergovernmental
8 partnerships, such as the National Information
9 Exchange Model;

10 (B) shall develop data sharing policies and
11 governance standards that ensure consistency in
12 types of information shared and specify cir-
13 cumstances under which data should be shared;
14 and

15 (C) shall ensure that all standards and
16 policies adhere to the privacy, security, and civil
17 rights laws of each State.

18 (3) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 2 years
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of Health and Human Services shall carry out
21 and complete a pilot program to determine the best
22 practices for developing the standards and policies
23 required under paragraph (2) prior to the integra-
24 tion of the national electronic interstate data ex-
25 change system in all States. Such pilot program

1 shall include not less than 10 States and not more
2 than 15 States.

3 (4) INTEGRATION.—The Secretary of Health
4 and Human Services may assist States in the inte-
5 gration of this system into the infrastructure of each
6 State using funds appropriated under this sub-
7 section.

8 (5) PARTICIPATION.—As a condition on eligi-
9 bility for receipt of funds under section 105, 106, or
10 107 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 5106, 5106a, 5106e), each State
12 shall participate in to the national electronic inter-
13 state data exchange system to the fullest extent pos-
14 sible (as determined by the Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services) not later than December 31, 2027.

16 (6) REPORT.—Not later than January 31,
17 2025, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
18 shall prepare and submit to the Committee on
19 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
20 ate, and the Committee on Education and Labor of
21 the House of Representatives, a report on the
22 progress made in implementing this subsection.

23 (7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
24 the funds appropriated under section 112 for any

1 fiscal year, \$1,333,000 shall be reserved to carry out
2 this subsection.

3 (b) WORKING GROUP.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 2 years after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Health and Human Services shall convene a
7 working group to study and make recommendations
8 on the following:

9 (A) The feasibility of making publicly
10 available on the website of each State defini-
11 tions and standards of substantiated child
12 abuse and neglect for the State.

13 (B) Whether requirements under the Child
14 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42
15 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), the Child Care and Devel-
16 opment Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
17 9858 et seq.), and part E of title IV of the So-
18 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) are
19 complementary or if there are discrepancies
20 that need to be addressed.

21 (C) How to improve communication be-
22 tween and across States, including through the
23 use of technology and the use of the national
24 electronic interstate data exchange system es-
25 tablished under subsection (a), to allow for

1 more accurate and efficient exchange of child
2 abuse and neglect records.

3 (D) How to reduce barriers and establish
4 best practices for the State to provide timely re-
5 sponses to requests from other States for infor-
6 mation contained in the State's child abuse and
7 neglect registry through the national electronic
8 interstate data exchange system established
9 under subsection (a).

10 (2) REPORT.—The working group convened
11 under paragraph (1) shall submit a report con-
12 taining its recommendations to the Secretary of
13 Health and Human Services, the Committee on
14 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
15 ate, and the Committee on Education and Labor of
16 the House of Representatives.

17 (3) CONSTRUCTION.—There shall be no require-
18 ment for any State to adopt the recommendations of
19 the working group, nor shall the Secretary of Health
20 and Human Services incentivize or coerce any State
21 to adopt any such recommendation.

22 **SEC. 111. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

23 (a) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.— The Child Abuse
24 Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.)