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H. R. 10128

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mr. MOYLAN) 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 “Court Improvement
5 Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF COURT IMPROVEMENT**
2 **GRANTS TO HIGHEST COURTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 438(c) of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 629h(c)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(4) CERTAIN JURISDICTIONS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts re-
8 served under section 436(b)(2) for a fiscal year,
9 the Secretary shall, before applying paragraph
10 (1) of this subsection, allocate the dollar
11 amount set forth in paragraph (1)(A) of this
12 subsection for a grant to the highest court of
13 each State that applies therefor and does not
14 operate a program under part E.

15 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A highest court to
16 which a grant is made under this paragraph
17 shall use the grant, consistent with subsection
18 (a), to assess and make improvements to court
19 processes and proceedings relating to child safe-
20 ty, permanency, and well-being.

21 “(C) STATE DEFINED.—In subparagraph
22 (A), the term ‘State’ means Guam, American
23 Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

24 “(D) AUTHORITY TO REQUEST EXPENDI-
25 TURE INFORMATION.—On request of the Sec-
26 retary, an entity to which a grant is made

1 under this paragraph shall provide the Sec-
2 retary with such information about the expendi-
3 ture of the grant as the Secretary may re-
4 quest.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 438(c)(2)
6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629h(c)(2)) is amended by striking
7 “(1)(A) and (3)” and inserting “(1)(A), (3), and (4)(A)”.

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