

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7725

To amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States to use incentive payments available under the child support enforcement program to improve parent-child relationships, increase child support collections, and improve outcomes for children by supporting parenting time agreements for noncustodial parents in uncontested agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2020

Ms. MOORE (for herself and Mr. ESTES) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Adequate
3 Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and
4 Daughters Act of 2020” or the “PARENTS Act of 2020”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING PERMITTED USES OF INCENTIVE PAY-**
6 **MENTS.**

7 Section 458 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 658a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (f)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; or”
11 and inserting a semicolon;

12 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
13 paragraph (3); and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(2) to develop, implement, and evaluate proce-
17 dures for establishing a parenting time agreement
18 when establishing an initial or modified child sup-
19 port order or a medical support order (including pro-
20 cedures for carrying out a parenting time agreement
21 made prior to the establishment or modification of
22 any such order); or”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

25 “(g) **DEFINITIONS OF PARENTING TIME AGREEMENT**
26 **AND NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.**—

1 “(1) PARENTING TIME AGREEMENT.—For pur-
2 poses of subsection (f)(2), the term ‘parenting time
3 agreement’ means an agreement governing how
4 much time a child spends with the child’s custodial
5 parent and the child’s noncustodial parent that is
6 mutually agreed to by the parents and is not con-
7 tested by either parent in any forum.

8 “(2) NONCUSTODIAL PARENT.—For purposes
9 of paragraph (1), the term ‘noncustodial parent’
10 means the parent of a child that the child does not
11 live with for the majority of the child’s time.”.

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