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H. R. 8744

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to review and reduce certain administrative burdens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER 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 “Reducing Administra-
5 tive Burden for Child Welfare Agencies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 3 of part B of title IV
8 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629m) is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 441. REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN.**

2 “The Secretary shall reduce the burden of admin-
3 istering this part imposed on the recipients of funds under
4 this part, by—

5 “(1) reviewing and revising administrative data
6 collection instruments and forms to eliminate dupli-
7 cation and streamline reporting requirements for the
8 recipients;

9 “(2) conducting an analysis of the total number
10 of hours reported by the recipients to comply with
11 paperwork requirements and exploring, in consulta-
12 tion with the recipients, how to reduce the numbers
13 of hours required for the compliance by at least 15
14 percent;

15 “(3) collecting input from the recipients with
16 respect to fiscal and oversight requirements and
17 making changes to ensure consistency with stand-
18 ards and guidelines for other Federal formula grant
19 programs based on the input; and

20 “(4) respecting the sovereignty of Indian tribes
21 when complying with this subsection.”.

22 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Within 2 years after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
24 and Human Services shall—

25 (1) comply with the amendment made by sub-
26 section (a); and

1 (2) notify each recipient of funds under part B
2 of title IV of the Social Security Act of any change
3 made by the Secretary pursuant to the amendment
4 made by subsection (a) affecting the recipient.

5 (c) REPORT.—Within 3 years after the date of the
6 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services shall submit to the Committee on Ways
8 and Means of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Finance of the Senate a report describing the
10 efforts of the Secretary to comply with the amendment
11 made by subsection (a), including the specific actions to
12 comply with each paragraph of section 441 of the Social
13 Security Act.

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