

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8793

To gather data on adoptions from foster care and assess the effectiveness of post-adoption services and resources provided to the families, in order to identify gaps in accessible services and inform strategic investments and improve outcomes for adopted children and their families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2024

Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself and 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 “Foster Care Adoption
5 Oversight and Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON FOSTER CARE ADOPTION OVERSIGHT**
2 **AND SUPPORT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within 18 months after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services shall prepare and submit to the Com-
6 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate a writ-
8 ten report on children who enter into foster care under
9 the supervision of a State after prior finalization of an
10 adoption or legal guardianship.

11 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The Secretary shall in-
12 clude in the report—

13 (1) any information available through the Adop-
14 tion and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting Sys-
15 tem developed pursuant to section 479 of the Social
16 Security Act or other data sources on the incidence
17 of adoption disruption and dissolution affecting chil-
18 dren described in paragraph (1) and factors associ-
19 ated with such circumstances, including—

20 (A) whether affected individuals received
21 pre- or post-legal adoption services; and

22 (B) other relevant information, such as the
23 age of the child involved; and

24 (2) a summary of—

25 (A) post-adoption services in each State
26 that are available to families that adopted chil-

1 dren from foster care and the extent to which
2 the services are evidence-based or evidence-in-
3 formed; and

4 (B) funding and funding sources for the
5 services in each State, including set-asides
6 under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families
7 program under part B of title IV of such Act.

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