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# H. R. 8885

To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote Federal, State, and local coordination to address substance use needs of families in the child welfare system, in order to improve child well-being and permanency.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. HORSFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Partnership Grants  
5 to Strengthen Families Affected by Parental Substance  
6 Use Disorder Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.**

2 (a) **ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP DEFINED; OTHER**  
3 **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 437(f)(2) of the Social Security  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(2) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

6 “(A) **ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.**—

7 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘eligible  
8 partnership’ means a collaborative agree-  
9 ment (which may be established on an  
10 interstate or intrastate basis) entered into  
11 by, at a minimum, each of the following:

12 “(I) The State child welfare  
13 agency that is responsible for the ad-  
14 ministration of the State plan under  
15 this part and part E.

16 “(II) The State agency respon-  
17 sible for administering the substance  
18 use disorder prevention and treatment  
19 block grant provided under subpart II  
20 of part B of title XIX of the Public  
21 Health Service Act.

22 “(III) The Juvenile Court or Ad-  
23 ministrative Office of the Court that  
24 is most appropriate to oversee the ad-  
25 ministration of court programs in the  
26 region to address the population of

1 families who come to the attention of  
2 the court due to child abuse or ne-  
3 glect.

4 “(ii) ADDITIONAL PARTNERS.—An eli-  
5 gible partnership may include any of the  
6 following:

7 “(I) The State agency respon-  
8 sible for administering the State plan  
9 under title XIX.

10 “(II) The State agency respon-  
11 sible for administering the Maternal  
12 and Child Health Block Grant under  
13 title V of this Act.

14 “(III) The unit of State govern-  
15 ment responsible for administering the  
16 Community Mental Health Services  
17 Block Grant provided under subpart I  
18 of part B of title XIX of the Public  
19 Health Service Act.

20 “(IV) Any other State agency re-  
21 sponsible for administering programs  
22 that promote child and family well-  
23 being, including programs that serve  
24 victims of domestic violence, early  
25 childhood education programs, ele-

1 elementary school and secondary school  
2 programs (as such terms are defined  
3 in section 8101 of the Elementary and  
4 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20  
5 U.S.C. 7801)), programs under the  
6 Individuals with Disabilities Edu-  
7 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.),  
8 hospital programs, early childhood  
9 home visitation programs using funds  
10 received under section 511(c) of this  
11 Act, and the program for block grants  
12 to States for temporary assistance for  
13 needy families under part A of this  
14 title.

15 “(V) An Indian tribe or tribal  
16 consortium.

17 “(VI) Community child welfare  
18 service providers.

19 “(VII) Community health service  
20 providers.

21 “(VIII) Community mental  
22 health service providers.

23 “(IX) Community domestic vio-  
24 lence service providers.

1                   “(X) Community housing au-  
2                   thorities or providers.

3                   “(XI) Local law enforcement  
4                   agencies.

5                   “(XII) Tribal child welfare agen-  
6                   cies (or a consortia of such agencies).

7                   “(XIII) Any other providers,  
8                   agencies, personnel, officials, or enti-  
9                   ties that are related to the provision  
10                  of child and family services under this  
11                  subpart.

12                  “(iii) PARTNERSHIPS ENTERED INTO  
13                  BY INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL CON-  
14                  SORTIA.—Notwithstanding clause (i), if an  
15                  Indian tribe or tribal consortium enters  
16                  into a partnership for purposes of this sub-  
17                  section, the partnership shall be considered  
18                  an eligible partnership regardless of wheth-  
19                  er the partnership includes any entity re-  
20                  ferred to in clause (i), unless the partner-  
21                  ship consists solely of tribal child welfare  
22                  agencies (or a consortium of such agen-  
23                  cies).

24                  “(B) STATE.—Notwithstanding section  
25                  431(a)(4), the term ‘State’ means the 50

1 States, the District of Columbia, and each of  
2 the territories.

3 “(C) TERRITORY.—The term ‘territory’  
4 means Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam,  
5 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-  
6 lands, and the United States Virgin Islands.

7 “(D) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZA-  
8 TION.—The terms ‘Indian tribe’ and ‘tribal or-  
9 ganization’ have the meanings given the terms  
10 in section 431(a).”

11 (b) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—Section  
12 437(f)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(3)) is amend-  
13 ed—

14 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting  
15 the following:

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to  
17 amounts authorized to be appropriated to carry  
18 out this section, the Secretary shall award, from  
19 the amounts reserved for each of fiscal years  
20 2024 through 2030 under section 436(b)(5)—

21 “(i) regional partnership grants to eli-  
22 gible partnerships that satisfy the require-  
23 ments of this subsection; and

24 “(ii) statewide partnership grants to  
25 eligible partnerships that satisfy the re-

1            requirements of this subsection and dem-  
2            onstrate an ability to operate statewide, in-  
3            cluding jurisdictions that are urban, subur-  
4            ban, or rural.”;

5            (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “not  
6            less than 2, and not more than 5,” and inserting  
7            “5”;

8            (3) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “of a re-  
9            gional partnership grant” before “from applying”;  
10          and

11          (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and  
12          (C) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively, and  
13          inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

14                “(B) REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—  
15                The Secretary shall provide to each eligible  
16                partnership awarded a regional partnership  
17                grant under this subsection—

18                        “(i) not less than \$250,000 per grant  
19                        for each fiscal year during a planning  
20                        phase not to exceed 1 year; and

21                        “(ii) not less than \$500,000 per grant  
22                        for each fiscal year during the implementa-  
23                        tion phase of the grant.

24                “(C) STATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—The  
25                Secretary shall provide to each eligible partner-

1 ship awarded a statewide partnership grant  
2 under this subsection—

3 “(i) not less than \$250,000 per grant  
4 for each fiscal year during a planning  
5 phase not to exceed 2 years; and

6 “(ii) not less than \$750,000 per grant  
7 for each fiscal year during the implementa-  
8 tion phase of the grant.

9 “(D) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT FOR A FIS-  
10 CAL YEAR.—No payment shall be made under  
11 subparagraph (B) or (C) for a fiscal year until  
12 the Secretary determines that the eligible part-  
13 nership has made sufficient progress in meeting  
14 the goals of the grant and that the members of  
15 the eligible partnership are coordinating to a  
16 reasonable degree with the other members of  
17 the eligible partnership.”.

18 (c) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
19 437(f)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(4)) is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 “(4) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a  
23 grant under this subsection, an eligible partner-  
24 ship shall submit to the Secretary a written ap-  
25 plication containing the following:



1           “(i) With respect to the planning  
2 phase of the grant, each of the following:

3           “(I) A description of the nature  
4 and extent of the problem of sub-  
5 stance use disorders among families  
6 who come to the attention of the State  
7 child welfare agency, including any re-  
8 cent evidence demonstrating that sub-  
9 stance abuse has had a substantial  
10 impact on the number of out-of-home  
11 placements for children, or the num-  
12 ber of children who are at risk of  
13 being placed in an out-of-home place-  
14 ment, in the partnership region or  
15 State.

16           “(II) A description of any joint  
17 activities being undertaken among the  
18 entities described in paragraph  
19 (2)(A)(i) and other State agencies or  
20 regional partners on behalf of families  
21 with substance use disorder problems  
22 who come to the attention of the State  
23 child welfare agency, including any  
24 data on the effects of the joint activi-  
25 ties, such as activities relating to—

1           “(aa) establishing standard-  
2           ized screening protocols, or other  
3           methods to identify families in  
4           need of substance abuse preven-  
5           tion and treatment services;

6           “(bb) ensuring early access  
7           to assessment and treatment  
8           services such as securing expert  
9           consultation on cases involving  
10          substance use disorders, con-  
11          ducting outreach and methods to  
12          engage and retain parents in  
13          treatment, and providing priority  
14          access to assessment and treat-  
15          ment of families in the child wel-  
16          fare system;

17          “(cc) increasing manage-  
18          ment and treatment of recovery  
19          services and monitoring compli-  
20          ance such as co-location of serv-  
21          ices, specialized recovery case  
22          management services, and ensur-  
23          ing comprehensive treatment pro-  
24          grams tailored to individual par-  
25          ent and child needs;

1           “(dd) ensuring access to  
2 family-centered services, includ-  
3 ing effective parenting programs  
4 focused on enhancing the parent  
5 and child relationship and the  
6 prevention needs of children;

7           “(ee) ensuring appropriate  
8 judicial oversight including pro-  
9 viding more frequent judicial or  
10 administrative reviews of treat-  
11 ment access and compliance with  
12 case plans regarding participa-  
13 tion in substance use disorder  
14 treatment;

15           “(ff) having a system for ap-  
16 propriate response to behavior of  
17 participants, such as evidence-  
18 based contingency management  
19 approaches using appropriate in-  
20 centives and sanctions; and

21           “(gg) improving collabora-  
22 tion between courts and child  
23 welfare and substance abuse  
24 treatment agencies providing

1 services to families with sub-  
2 stance abuse issues, including—

3 “(AA) cross-training of  
4 staff;

5 “(BB) data collection  
6 and information sharing  
7 that is capable of monitoring  
8 outcomes of children and  
9 families receiving services  
10 from the agencies;

11 “(CC) arrangements for  
12 addressing confidentiality  
13 and sharing of information;

14 “(DD) identification by  
15 the State agencies or Indian  
16 tribal agencies, as the case  
17 may be, of funding barriers  
18 and how Federal, State, and  
19 local resources are being  
20 used to sustain programs of  
21 the agencies; and

22 “(EE) consultation to  
23 ensure that programmatic  
24 approaches reflect the advice

1 of community members and  
2 persons in recovery.

3 “(III) With respect to infants  
4 with prenatal substance exposure, a  
5 description of any special efforts to  
6 identify and assess the extent of the  
7 problem and any joint activities be-  
8 tween 2 or more members of the eligi-  
9 ble partnership that focus specifically  
10 on the needs of the infants, such as  
11 efforts to monitor and reduce infant  
12 fatalities among families affected by  
13 parental substance use disorders.

14 “(IV) A description of the goals  
15 and outcomes to be achieved during  
16 the funding period for the grant that  
17 will—

18 “(aa) enhance the well-being  
19 of children, parents, and families  
20 receiving services or taking part  
21 in activities conducted with funds  
22 provided under the grant;

23 “(bb) lead to safety, perma-  
24 nent caregiving relationships for

1 the children, and the well-being  
2 of the children and their families;

3 “(cc) improve the substance  
4 abuse treatment outcomes for  
5 parents including retention in  
6 treatment and successful comple-  
7 tion of treatment; and

8 “(dd) decrease the number  
9 of out-of-home placements for  
10 children, or the number of chil-  
11 dren who are at risk of being  
12 placed in an out-of-home place-  
13 ment, in the partnership region  
14 or State.

15 “(V) A description of a plan for  
16 sustaining the services provided by or  
17 activities funded under the grant after  
18 the conclusion of the grant period, in-  
19 cluding through the use of other funds  
20 provided to the State for child welfare  
21 and substance abuse prevention and  
22 treatment services.

23 “(VI) Assurances that—

24 “(aa) substance use disorder  
25 treatment services provided using

1 funds provided during the imple-  
2 mentation phase of a grant made  
3 under this subsection shall be li-  
4 censed, certified, or otherwise ap-  
5 proved by the appropriate State  
6 substance use disorder prevention  
7 and treatment agencies, the State  
8 agency responsible for admin-  
9 istering the State plan approved  
10 under title XIX, or other des-  
11 ignated licensing agency;

12 “(bb) the activities funded  
13 during the implementation phase  
14 of a grant made under this sub-  
15 section will be coordinated, to the  
16 extent feasible and appropriate,  
17 with the services or benefits pro-  
18 vided under other Federal or fed-  
19 erally assisted programs that  
20 serve families with substance use  
21 disorders who come to the atten-  
22 tion of the State child welfare  
23 agency, including health, Med-  
24 icaid, mental health, domestic vi-  
25 olence, housing, and employment

1 programs, the State program  
2 funded under part A of this title,  
3 other child welfare and substance  
4 use disorder prevention and  
5 treatment programs, and the  
6 courts;

7 “(cc) not more than 10 per-  
8 cent of funds provided under the  
9 grant for any fiscal year shall be  
10 used for administrative costs;

11 “(dd) Federal funds pro-  
12 vided to the State during the im-  
13 plementation phase of a grant  
14 made under this subsection will  
15 not be used to supplant Federal  
16 or non-Federal funds for services  
17 and activities that, as of Sep-  
18 tember 30, 2015, are provided to  
19 assist families with substance use  
20 disorder services who come to the  
21 attention of the State child wel-  
22 fare agency; and

23 “(ee) in the case of a state-  
24 wide partnership grant, the Gov-



1                   ernor of the State endorses the  
2                   plan.

3                   “(VII) A description of a plan  
4                   that demonstrates the capability of  
5                   the partnership to participate in a rig-  
6                   orous evaluation of program effective-  
7                   ness.

8                   “(VIII) Such other information  
9                   as the Secretary may require.

10                  “(ii) With respect to the implementa-  
11                  tion phase of the grant, each of the fol-  
12                  lowing:

13                         “(I) A description of how the  
14                         partnership will use any funds pro-  
15                         vided during the implementation  
16                         phase of a grant to address com-  
17                         prehensively and in a timely manner  
18                         the needs of families with substance  
19                         use disorders to improve child safety,  
20                         family stability, parent-child relation-  
21                         ships, permanence in children’s living  
22                         arrangements, and family well-being,  
23                         including by—

1           “(aa) improving services and  
2 procedures in the areas detailed  
3 in clause (i)(II);

4           “(bb) improving services  
5 with respect to infants with pre-  
6 natal substance exposure as de-  
7 scribed in clause (i)(III);

8           “(cc) satisfying the goals  
9 and outcomes described in clause  
10 (i)(IV);

11           “(dd) providing sustain-  
12 ability of services and activities  
13 after the conclusion of the grant  
14 period as described in clause  
15 (i)(V);

16           “(ee) affirming each of the  
17 assurances described in clause  
18 (i)(VI);

19           “(ff) in the case of a state-  
20 wide partnership grant, expand-  
21 ing the number of jurisdictions in  
22 the State (including urban, sub-  
23 urban, and rural jurisdictions)  
24 where the activities under the  
25 plan will be implemented, and de-

1           scribing the plans for expanding  
2           the activities to other parts of the  
3           State during the implementation  
4           phase of the grant and the meth-  
5           ods to measure programs toward  
6           these goals;

7           “(gg) measuring the per-  
8           formance of the State agencies in  
9           implementing the plan in accord-  
10          ance with performance and eval-  
11          uation requirements established  
12          by the Secretary in paragraph  
13          (8) of this subsection and section  
14          435, and assessing remaining  
15          barriers to meeting the needs of  
16          families with substance use dis-  
17          orders who come to the attention  
18          of the State child welfare agency;  
19          and

20          “(hh) developing additional  
21          supports and program outreach  
22          in areas with service availability  
23          gaps.

24          “(II) A description of how the  
25          partnership will use any funds award-

1 ed under this subsection to improve  
2 implementation of services and pro-  
3 grams specified in section 471(e)(1)  
4 and increase access to substance use  
5 disorder services for families who  
6 touch the child welfare system.

7 “(III) Such other information as  
8 the Secretary may require.

9 “(B) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of a  
10 State with county-based child welfare systems  
11 or agencies and a population of at least  
12 2,000,000 that elects not to apply for a grant  
13 under this subsection, the Secretary may accept  
14 and approve an application submitted pursuant  
15 to this subsection that is submitted by a county  
16 in the State.”.

17 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 437(f)(5) of such Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(5)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
20 by inserting “and in accordance with the approved  
21 application for the grant” before “and may”;

22 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
23 through (F) as subparagraphs (C) through (F) and  
24 (H), respectively;

1           (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3                   “(B) Medication-assisted treatment.”; and

4           (4) by inserting after subparagraph (F), as so  
5           redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection, the  
6           following:

7                   “(G) Domestic violence advocacy and serv-  
8                   ices.”.

9           (e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—Section 437(f)(6) of  
10          such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(6)) is amended by adding  
11          at the end the following:

12                   “(C) INDIAN TRIBES.—In the case of a  
13                   grant awarded to a partnership that includes an  
14                   Indian tribe, tribal consortium, tribal child wel-  
15                   fare agency, or a consortium of such agencies,  
16                   the payment required by subparagraph (A) may  
17                   be made directly, through donated funds,  
18                   through nonpublic third-party in-kind contribu-  
19                   tions, or from Federal funds received under any  
20                   of the following provisions of law:

21                           “(i) The Indian Child Welfare Act of  
22                           1978 (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).

23                           “(ii) The Indian Self-Determination  
24                           and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
25                           450b et seq.).

1                   “(iii) Title I of the Housing and Com-  
2                   munity Development Act of 1974 (42  
3                   U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).”.

4           (f) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—Section  
5 437(f)(7) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(7)) is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7                   “(7) WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—To  
8                   the extent the Secretary determines that any re-  
9                   quirement under this paragraph would be inappro-  
10                  pate to apply to an eligible partnership that in-  
11                  cludes a territory, an Indian tribe, tribal consortium,  
12                  tribal child welfare agency, or a consortium of such  
13                  agencies, the Secretary may exempt the eligible part-  
14                  nership from the requirement.”.

15          (g) REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—Sec-  
16 tion 437(f)(8) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(8)) is  
17 amended—

18                   (1) in subparagraph (A)—

19                           (A) by striking “of this subsection” and in-  
20                           serting “of subparagraph (C) of this para-  
21                           graph”;

22                           (B) by inserting “child permanency, reuni-  
23                           fication , re-entry into care,” before “parental  
24                           recovery”; and

1 (C) by inserting “to serve families with  
2 substance use disorder including those that are  
3 overrepresented in foster care, difficult to place,  
4 or have disproportionately low permanency  
5 rates” before the period at the end;

6 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
8 striking “regional partnership”; and

9 (B) by striking clause (iii) and inserting  
10 the following:

11 “(iii) The Administrator of the Na-  
12 tional Institute on Drug Abuse.

13 “(iv) Representatives of States in  
14 which a State agency described in clause  
15 (i) or (ii) of paragraph (2)(A) is a member  
16 of a partnership that is a recipient of a re-  
17 gional partnership grant under this sub-  
18 section.

19 “(v) Representatives of Indian tribes,  
20 tribal consortia, or tribal child welfare  
21 agencies that are members of a partner-  
22 ship that is a recipient of a regional part-  
23 nership grant under this subsection.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(C) REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE INDICA-  
2                   TORS.—

3                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9  
4                   months after the date of enactment of this  
5                   subparagraph, the Secretary shall review  
6                   the performance indicators established  
7                   under subparagraph (A) and the knowl-  
8                   edge gained from other grant programs,  
9                   and establish a set of core indicators.

10                  “(ii) CORE INDICATORS.—The set of  
11                  core indicators shall include the following:

12                         “(I) Safety, including whether  
13                         children remain at home and any oc-  
14                         currence of child maltreatment.

15                         “(II) Permanency, including the  
16                         average length of stay in foster care,  
17                         re-entries to foster care placement,  
18                         timeliness of reunification, and timeli-  
19                         ness of permanency.

20                         “(III) Recovery, including access  
21                         to treatment, retention in substance  
22                         abuse treatment, substance use.

23                         “(IV) Child, adult, and family  
24                         well-being, including parenting capac-



1                   ity, family relationships and func-  
2                   tioning.

3                   “(iii) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—In  
4                   establishing the set of core indicators, the  
5                   Secretary shall consult with the following:

6                               “(I) The Assistant Secretary for  
7                               the Administration for Children and  
8                               Families.

9                               “(II) The Administrator of the  
10                              Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
11                              Services Administration.

12                   “(D) EVALUATIONS.—In assessing the per-  
13                   formance of grant recipients as described in  
14                   subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

15                              “(i) use each of the core indicators es-  
16                              tablished under subparagraph (C) and any  
17                              other performance indicators the Secretary  
18                              considers appropriate;

19                              “(ii) whenever possible, use existing  
20                              data systems and appropriate comparison  
21                              groups to monitor outcomes; and

22                              “(iii) assist grantees in establishing  
23                              and analyzing performance indicators to  
24                              ensure local capacity to examine out-  
25                              comes.”.

1 (h) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 437(f)(9)(B)  
2 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(9)(B)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii);

4 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause  
5 (iii) and inserting a semicolon; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(iv) the progress that has been made  
8 on the national goals relating to substance  
9 abuse and child protection that were estab-  
10 lished in the report, entitled ‘Blending Per-  
11 spectives and Building Common Ground. A  
12 Report to Congress on Substance Abuse  
13 and Child Protection,’ published by the  
14 Department of Health and Human Serv-  
15 ices in 1999;

16 “(v) efforts to address the financing  
17 mechanisms available to States;

18 “(vi) information from the Adminis-  
19 trative Office of the United States Courts,  
20 each agency with principal responsibility  
21 for carrying out activities funded through  
22 the block grants for prevention and treat-  
23 ment of substance abuse under subpart II  
24 of part B of title XIX of the Public Health  
25 Service Act, and State child welfare agency

1 directors on how to better meet the needs  
2 of families affected by substance use dis-  
3 orders;

4 “(vii) how the grants made under this  
5 subsection have contributed to the evidence  
6 base for serving families in, or at risk of  
7 entering, the child welfare system who are  
8 affected by substance use disorders;

9 “(viii) whether any programs funded  
10 by the grants were submitted to the clear-  
11 inghouse established under section 476(d)  
12 for review and the results of any such re-  
13 view;

14 “(ix) which evidence-based practices  
15 were fully implemented through the use of  
16 grants made under this subsection;

17 “(x) any changes in programs or prac-  
18 tices that led to positive outcomes for the  
19 population of children and families served,  
20 resulting from the use of grants made  
21 under this subsection; and

22 “(xi) the extent to which activities  
23 pursuant to this subsection are meeting  
24 the needs of child welfare families affected  
25 by substance use disorders.”

1 (i) EVALUATIONS; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

2 (1) AMENDMENTS TO PART B.—Section 435 of  
3 such Act (42 U.S.C. 629e) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (c)(2)—

5 (i) by striking “evaluations, research,  
6 and providing” and inserting “evaluations  
7 and research, with a priority for local eval-  
8 uation to meet the goal of publishing and  
9 submitting evaluation findings to the Title  
10 IV–E Prevention Evidence-Based Clearing-  
11 house, which may include augmenting local  
12 evaluations to publish findings, and for the  
13 provision of”; and

14 (ii) by inserting after “section 437(f)”  
15 the following: “, including by conducting  
16 an annual technical assistance and training  
17 meeting and an annual grantee meeting so  
18 that grantees can learn from the experi-  
19 ences of other grantees”; and

20 (B) in subsection (d)—

21 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
22 paragraph (4);

23 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
24 of paragraph (5) and inserting “; and”;  
25 and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 “(6) use grants under section 437 in coordina-  
4 tion with other Federal funds to better serve families  
5 in the child welfare system that are affected by a  
6 substance use disorder.”.

7 (2) AMENDMENT TO PART E.—Section 476(a)  
8 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 676(a)) is amended by in-  
9 serting “including by providing technical assistance  
10 to the State agency operating the State plan ap-  
11 proved under this part and, in States to which a  
12 grant is made under section 437(f), to eligible enti-  
13 ties, during all phases of the grant cycle described  
14 in section 437(f)(3)(B), on how children placed with  
15 a parent in a licensed residential family based treat-  
16 ment facility in accordance with section 472(j) could  
17 be eligible for foster care maintenance payments by  
18 reason of section 472(a)(2)(C), so that States may  
19 better understand how to access the funds and  
20 grantees may better understand, communicate with,  
21 and share data with the State agency operating the  
22 State plan approved under this part,” before “and  
23 shall periodically”.

24 (j) FUNDING.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 436(a) of such Act  
2           (42 U.S.C. 629f(a)) is amended by striking “2017  
3           through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2029”.

4           (2) RESERVATION FOR PARTNERSHIP  
5           GRANTS.—Section 436(b)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
6           629f(b)(5)) is amended by striking “\$20,000,000 for  
7           each of fiscal years 2017 through 2023” and insert-  
8           ing “\$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024  
9           through 2029—

10                   “(A) of which \$30,000,000 shall be used  
11                   for regional partnership grants under such sec-  
12                   tion; and

13                   “(B) of which \$30,000,000 shall be used  
14                   for statewide partnership grants under such  
15                   section.”.

16           (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section  
17           435(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629e(c)(2)), as  
18           amended by subsection (h) of this section, is further  
19           amended by striking “\$1,000,000” and inserting  
20           “\$3,000,000”.

21           (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
22           437(f)(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)(10)) is  
23           amended by striking “each of fiscal years 2017  
24           through 2023” and inserting “each fiscal year”.

1 (k) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 437(f) of  
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 629g(f)) is amended—

3 (1) in the subsection heading—

4 (A) by striking “, **AND IMPROVE THE**”  
5 and inserting “**AND SUPPORT PARTNER-**  
6 **SHIPS THAT INCREASE**”; and

7 (B) by striking “ABUSE” and inserting  
8 “USE”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “regional”;  
10 and

11 (3) in paragraph (9)(A)(i), by striking “re-  
12 gional”.

13 (l) REFERENCES TO “SUBSTANCE ABUSE” CHANGED  
14 TO “SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER”.—Section 437(f) of  
15 such Act is amended—

16 (1) in each of paragraphs (1), (5)(F), and  
17 (9)(B)(iii), by striking “substance abuse” and in-  
18 serting “substance use disorder”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking “abuse”  
20 and inserting “use”.

21 (m) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply with respect to partnership grants  
23 awarded after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
3 prepare and submit to the Congress a report that—

4 (1) addresses progress on the national goals re-  
5 lating to substance abuse and child protection that  
6 were established in the report, entitled “Blending  
7 Perspectives and Building Common Ground. A Re-  
8 port to Congress on Substance Abuse and Child Pro-  
9 tection”, published by the Department of Health  
10 and Human Services in 1999;

11 (2) addresses the financing mechanisms avail-  
12 able to States; and

13 (3) has input from the Administrative Office of  
14 the United States Courts, each agency with principal  
15 responsibility for carrying out activities funded  
16 through the block grants for prevention and treat-  
17 ment of substance abuse under subpart II of part B  
18 of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act, and  
19 State child welfare agency directors on how to better  
20 meet the needs of families affected by substance  
21 abuse disorders.



1 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT THAT STATES COORDINATE SUB-**  
2 **STANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREAT-**  
3 **MENT SERVICES AND CHILD WELFARE SERV-**  
4 **ICES.**

5 (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 432(a) of  
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629b(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
8 (9);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10 graph (10) and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(11) provides that the child welfare agencies of  
13 the State shall have in effect a protocol for coordi-  
14 nating substance abuse prevention and treatment  
15 services with child welfare services, which shall, at a  
16 minimum, provide for—

17 “(A) meeting the need for timely access to  
18 services;

19 “(B) reporting on the effects of parental  
20 substance use disorders on the child welfare  
21 agencies;

22 “(C) how the child welfare agencies will  
23 address parental substance abuse treatment  
24 needs; and

25 “(D) the establishment of a safe care plan  
26 for all infants affected by prenatal substance

1 exposure, under which the provision of sub-  
2 stance use treatment services will be coordi-  
3 nated with health care providers; and

4 “(12) contains descriptions of—

5 “(A) all Federal funding sources used, or  
6 that are planned to be used, to support family-  
7 centered treatment substance use disorder pro-  
8 grams for families with children who are in, or  
9 at risk of entering or re-entering, the child wel-  
10 fare system; and

11 “(B) how the State agency is partnering  
12 with, or plans to partner with, public or private  
13 agencies providing substance use disorder treat-  
14 ment services for families in, or at risk of enter-  
15 ing, the child welfare system.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall take effect on the 1st day of the  
19 1st calendar quarter that begins 1 year or more  
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall  
21 apply to payments under part B of title IV of the  
22 Social Security Act for calendar quarters beginning  
23 on or after such date.

24 (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION  
25 REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services determines that State legislation (other  
2 than legislation appropriating funds) is required in  
3 order for a State plan developed pursuant to part B  
4 of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-  
5 ditional requirements imposed by the amendments  
6 made by this section, the plan shall not be regarded  
7 as failing to meet any of the additional requirements  
8 before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-  
9 ning after the first regular session of the State legis-  
10 lature that begins after the date of the enactment of  
11 this Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, if  
12 the State has a 2-year legislative session, each year  
13 of the session is deemed to be a separate regular  
14 session of the State legislature.

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