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To improve the effectiveness and available tools of State and tribal child support enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HERN (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SMUCKER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, and Mr. LAHOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To improve the effectiveness and available tools of State and tribal child support enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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 “Strengthening State
5 and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TRIBAL CHILD**
2 **SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

3 (a) IMPROVING THE COLLECTION OF PAST-DUE
4 CHILD SUPPORT THROUGH STATE AND TRIBAL PARITY
5 IN THE ALLOWABLE USE OF TAX INFORMATION.—

6 (1) AMENDMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY
7 ACT.—Section 464 of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 664) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(d) APPLICABILITY TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL
11 ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING A GRANT UNDER THIS
12 PART.—This section, except for the requirement to dis-
13 tribute amounts in accordance with section 457, shall
14 apply to an Indian tribe or tribal organization receiving
15 a grant under section 455(f) in the same manner in which
16 this section applies to a State with a plan approved under
17 this part.”.

18 (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE
19 CODE.—

20 (A) Section 6103(a)(2) of the Internal
21 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
22 “any local child support enforcement agency”
23 and inserting “any tribal or local child support
24 enforcement agency”.

25 (B) Section 6103(a)(3) of such Code is
26 amended by inserting “, (8)” after “(6)”.

1 (C) Section 6103(l) of such Code is
2 amended—

3 (i) in paragraph (6)—

4 (I) by striking “or local” in sub-
5 paragraph (A) and inserting “tribal,
6 or local”;

7 (II) by striking “AND LOCAL” in
8 the heading thereof and inserting
9 “TRIBAL, AND LOCAL”;

10 (III) by striking “The following”
11 in subparagraph (B) and inserting
12 “The”;

13 (IV) by striking the colon and all
14 that follows in subparagraph (B) and
15 inserting a period; and

16 (V) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(D) STATE, TRIBAL, OR LOCAL CHILD
19 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—For pur-
20 poses of this paragraph, the following shall be
21 treated as a State, tribal, or local child support
22 enforcement agency:

23 “(i) Any agency of a State or political
24 subdivision thereof operating pursuant to a
25 plan described in section 454 of the Social

1 Security Act which has been approved by
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
3 ices under part D of title IV of such Act.

4 “(ii) Any child support enforcement
5 agency of an Indian tribe or tribal organi-
6 zation receiving a grant under section
7 455(f) of the Social Security Act.”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (8)—

9 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
10 ing “or State or local” and inserting
11 “State, tribal, or local”;

12 (II) by adding the following at
13 the end of subparagraph (B): “The
14 information disclosed to any child
15 support enforcement agency under
16 subparagraph (A) with respect to any
17 individual with respect to whom child
18 support obligations are sought to be
19 established or enforced may be dis-
20 closed by such agency to any agent of
21 such agency which is under contract
22 with such agency for purposes of, and
23 to the extent necessary in, estab-
24 lishing and collecting child support

1 obligations from, and locating, individ-
2 uals owing such obligations.”;

3 (III) by striking subparagraph
4 (C) and inserting the following:

5 “(C) STATE, TRIBAL, OR LOCAL CHILD
6 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—For pur-
7 poses of this paragraph, the term ‘State, tribal,
8 or local child support enforcement agency’ has
9 the same meaning as when used in paragraph
10 (6)(D).”; and

11 (IV) by striking “AND LOCAL” in
12 the heading thereof and inserting
13 “TRIBAL, AND LOCAL”; and

14 (iii) in paragraph (10)(B), by adding
15 at the end the following new clause:

16 “(iii) The information disclosed to any
17 child support enforcement agency under
18 subparagraph (A) with respect to any indi-
19 vidual with respect to whom child support
20 obligations are sought to be established or
21 enforced may be disclosed by such agency
22 to any agent of such agency which is under
23 contract with such agency for purposes of,
24 and to the extent necessary in, establishing
25 and collecting child support obligations

1 from, and locating, individuals owing such
2 obligations.”.

3 (D) Section 6103(p) of such Code is
4 amended—

5 (i) in paragraph (4)—

6 (I) by striking “subsection
7 (l)(10), (13)(A), (13)(B), (13)(C),
8 (13)(D)(i), (16), (18), (19), or (20),
9 or any entity” in the matter preceding
10 subparagraph (A) and inserting “sub-
11 section (l)(6), (8), (10), (13)(A),
12 (13)(B), (13)(C), (13)(D)(i), (16),
13 (18), (19), or (20), or any Indian
14 tribe or tribal organization receiving a
15 grant under section 455(f) of the So-
16 cial Security Act, or any entity”,

17 (II) by striking “subsection
18 (l)(10), (13)(A), (13)(B), (13)(C),
19 (13)(D)(i), (16), (18), (19), or (20) or
20 any entity” each place it appears in
21 subparagraph (F) and inserting “sub-
22 section (l)(6), (8), (10), (13)(A),
23 (13)(B), (13)(C), (13)(D)(i), (16),
24 (18), (19), or (20), or any Indian
25 tribe or tribal organization receiving a

1 grant under section 455(f) of the So-
2 cial Security Act, or any entity”, and
3 (ii) in paragraph (9), by striking “or
4 local” and inserting “tribal, or local”.

5 (E) Subsection (c) of section 6402 of such
6 Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing: “For purposes of this subsection, any
8 reference to a State shall include a reference to
9 any Indian tribe or tribal organization receiving
10 a grant under section 455(f) of the Social Secu-
11 rity Act.”.

12 (b) REIMBURSEMENT FOR REPORTS.—Section
13 453(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(g)) is
14 amended—

15 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
16 “STATE”; and

17 (2) by striking “and State” and inserting “,
18 State, and tribal”.

19 (c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Paragraphs (7) and
20 (33) of section 454 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 654) are each amended by striking “450b” and inserting
22 “5304”.

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