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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 7, 2019
Ms. Moore (for herself and Ms. Fudge) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

## A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa2 ties of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

4 This Act may be cited as the "Family Poverty is Not
5 Child Neglect Act".

## SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PRO-

 GRAMS.Section 106(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(a)) is amended-
(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "neglect;" and inserting "neglect, ensuring that reports concerning a child's living arrangements or subsistence needs are addressed through services and benefits and that no child is separated from the child's parent for reasons of poverty;"; and
(2) in paragraph (4), by striking "response;" and inserting "response, except that such system, tools, and protocols shall not authorize the separation of any child from the child's parent or guardian on the basis of poverty;".

