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S.1383	Sen Menendez, Robert (D – NJ) Cosponsors (1)	7/19/2012	<p><u>Strengthen and Vitalize Enforcement of Child Support (SAVE Child Support) Act</u></p> <p>Amends part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require states to adopt the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, including any amendments officially adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. (UIFSA 2008)</p> <p>Amends the federal judicial code (FCCSOA) with regard to full faith and credit for a child support order and continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order. Declares that a court of a state that has made a child support order has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction to modify it, if the order is the controlling order and the state is the child's state or the residence of any individual contestant, or the contestants consent in a record or open court that the court may continue to exercise jurisdiction to modify its order. Denies such jurisdiction to the first state after the court of another state has made a modification of the order pursuant to established guidelines.</p> <p>Amends SSA title IV part D to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: (1) utilize federal and state enforcement mechanisms in furtherance of the U.S. national policy to comply fully with the obligations of any multilateral child support convention to which the United States is a party, and (2) take necessary steps to ensure compliance with the U.S. treaty obligations under such convention in the event that a state child support enforcement plan does not comply.</p> <p>Authorizes access to the Federal Parent Locator Service for any entity designated as a Central Authority for child support enforcement in a foreign reciprocating country or a foreign treaty country.</p> <p>Requires a state to establish a centralized registry for liens that arise by operation of law against real and personal property for amounts of overdue support owed by a noncustodial parent who resides or owns property in the state.</p> <p>Requires the Secretary (who, under current law, is merely authorized), through the Federal Parent Locator Service, to compare information concerning individuals owing past-due support with information maintained by insurers (or their agents) concerning insurance claims, settlements, awards, and payments.</p>	7/19/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	



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			<p>Requires a state to establish a registry of payments made on property and casualty insurance claims for purposes of matching individuals with overdue child support.</p> <p>Modifies passport denial procedures in cases of individuals with arrearages of overdue child support.</p> <p>Establishes an expedited process to withhold or suspend drivers or other licenses for nonpayment of such arrearages.</p> <p>Provides for a data match system, using automated data exchanges for the names of incarcerated individuals who have child support orders, in order to increase coordination between the state agency and corrections agencies.</p> <p>Amends the Consumer Credit Protection Act, with respect to preventing deceptive and harassing practices by debt collection agencies, to subject to its coverage private child support collection agencies and any debt arising from a child support order.</p> <p>Requires a state plan for child and spousal support to provide for a process for including in mandatory annual reviews and reports on the state program information on the policies and practices the state has implemented or plans to implement to facilitate access to and visitation of children by noncustodial parents.</p> <p>Requires the Attorney General to report annually to Congress on the number of individuals prosecuted for failure to pay child support obligations.</p> <p>Requires all child and spousal support application fees to be recovered from the absent parent. Repeals the requirement that such fees be paid by the individual applying for child support collection services.</p>		
H.R.4282	Rep Rick Berg (R – N.D.) 19	3/28/2012	<p><u>International Child Support Recovery Improvement Act of 2012</u></p> <p>Implements a 2007 treaty that the Senate approved in 2010 — the Hague Convention on International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family</p>	6/5/2012 passed/agreed to by the House; 6/6/2012 received by Senate, read twice and	Related bill H.R.3339



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	Cosponsors		<p>Maintenance - including mandating passage of UIFSA 2008. Related bill H.R.3339</p> <p>In addition to implementing the Hague Maintenance Convention, bill does the following:</p> <p>Directs the Secretary of HHS to designate: (1) a nonproprietary and interoperable data exchange standard for any category of information required to be reported under SSA title IV part D, and (2) data exchange standards to govern reporting of such data.</p> <p>Increases from 24 to 48 months the length of time information entered into the data base maintained by the National Directory of New Hires shall remain before being deleted.</p> <p>Revises the authority of the Secretary of HHS to provide access to data in each component of the FPLS and to information reported by employers for certain research purposes. Limits such research to any undertaken by a state or federal agency for purposes likely to contribute to achieving the purposes of SSA title IV part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) or in SSA title IV part D. Authorizes the Secretary to provide access also for an evaluation or statistical analysis to assess the effectiveness of a federal program in achieving positive labor market outcomes (including through grant or contract) by specified federal departments and entities. Reverses the current prohibition against personal identifiers in such research to allow them if certain requirements are met.</p>	referred to Senate Committee on Finance	
S.195	Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV (D – WV) Cosponsors (14)	1/26/2011	<p><u>CHILD SUPPORT PROTECTION ACT OF 2011</u></p> <p>Child Support Protection Act of 2011 - Amends part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to repeal the exclusion from federal matching payments of any amounts expended by a state from child support incentive payments it has received from the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). (Thus reinstates federal matching of state spending of child support incentive payments.)</p>	1/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	



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H.R.89	Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G. [MD-6]	1/5/2011	<p><u>American Child Support Enforcement Immigration Act of 2011</u></p> <p>American Child Support Enforcement Immigration Act of 2011 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) from approving a family-based immigration petition or fiancé/fiancée nonimmigrant petition by a petitioner certified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as owing child support arrearages.</p> <p>Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Services to revoke a previously-approved petition (if a visa has not been issued or a status adjustment has not been effected) if such petition would not have been approved had the provisions of this Act been in effect.</p>	<p>Committees: House Judiciary; House Ways and Means</p> <p>1/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.</p>	
H.R.583	Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] Cosponsors (53)	2/9/2011	<p><u>Jane's Law</u></p> <p>Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or a prison term of up to two years on any person who travels in interstate or foreign commerce to evade compliance with a court-ordered property distribution in a divorce proceeding involving more than \$5,000. Requires payment of restitution equal to the total unpaid property distribution from any person convicted of evading payment.</p> <p>Chapter 11A of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:</p> <p>Sec. 228A. Failure to pay legal spousal court-ordered property distribution</p> <p>`(a) Offense- Whoever knowingly, travels in interstate or foreign commerce, with the intent to evade compliance with a court ordered property distribution as part of a separation or divorce settlement involving more than \$5,000, with respect to a spouse or former spouse, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than two years or both.</p> <p>`(b) Mandatory Restitution- Upon a conviction under this section, the court shall order restitution under section 3663A in an amount equal to the total unpaid property distribution.</p> <p>`(c) Definition- The term `court ordered property distribution' means any amount determined under a court order pursuant to the law of a State or of an Indian tribe to be due from a spouse or former spouse as an equitable or other distribution to a spouse or former spouse of assets in connection with a separation or divorce.'</p>	<p>Latest Major Action:</p> <p>2/14/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.</p>	



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H.R.1174	Rep Campbell, John [CA-48] Cosponsors (29)	3/17/2011	<u>Internet Gambling Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act</u> The bill would place court-ordered child support delinquents on the self-exclusion list (established by this Act) as long as they remain delinquent in their support obligations.	6/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	Related Bills: H.R.2366 ; H.R.2702
H.R.2193	Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7] Cosponsors (20)	6/15/2011	<u>JULIA CARSON RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT OF 2011</u> TO AMEND TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT TO ENSURE FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND STRENGTHEN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Amends part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to condition continued approval of a state plan upon state assessment of its policies with respect to barriers to employment and financial support of children. Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to states for an employment demonstration project involving a court- or state child support agency supervised-employment program for noncustodial parents who have barriers to employment and a history of nonpayment, so that they can pay their child support obligations. Directs the Secretary of Labor to award grants for transitional jobs programs and for public-private career pathways partnerships. Amends part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSA) with respect to: (1) funding for responsible fatherhood programs, (2) activities promoting responsible fatherhood, and (3) elimination of a separate TANF work participation rate for two-parent families. Prohibits a state from conditioning receipt of TANF or certain other benefits on: (1) participation in a healthy marriage or responsible fatherhood program, or (2)	9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training	



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			<p>assignment to the state of certain support rights.</p> <p>Amends SSA title IV part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) to prohibit a state from collecting any amount owed it by reason of costs it has incurred for the birth of a child for whom support rights have been assigned.</p> <p>Requires a state to make a full distribution of collected child support to the family.</p> <p>Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 with respect to: (1) deductions from family income for child support received in order to qualify for food stamps, (2) verification of child support payments, and (3) inclusion of economic opportunities programs in qualifying work programs.</p> <p>Amends SSA title IV part A with respect to: (1) grants to healthy family partnerships for domestic violence intervention and prevention, and (2) grant recipients and their procedures for responding to the risks of domestic violence.</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase the credit percentage under the earned income tax credit for eligible individuals with no qualifying children.</p>		
H.R.5543	Rep. Lewis, John [GA-5] Cosponsors (1)	5/8/2012	<p><u>To amend the Social Security Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to access the National Directory of New Hires for purposes of tax administration.</u></p> <p>Amends part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to access the National Directory of New Hires for purposes of tax administration.</p>	5/8/2012 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	



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H.R.6035	Rep Richardson-Laura [CA-37] Cosponsors (2)	6/27/2012	<p><u>Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2012</u></p> <p>Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2012 - Amends part B (Child and Family Services) of title IV of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish and maintain an automated National Responsible Father Registry.</p> <p>Requires the Registry to: (1) contain specified kinds of information sufficient to identify a possible father, and (2) provide a mechanism for men to register such identifying information directly with the Registry.</p> <p>Limits access to Registry information to eligible parties, including: (1) public and licensed private adoption or child placement agencies, (2) licensed attorneys representing a party in a planned or pending adoption or in the termination of rights of one or more possible fathers, (3) state agencies or entities responsible for the placement of children, and (4) state courts.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary to establish a nationwide campaign designed to inform possible fathers, unwed mothers, possible adoptive parents, and eligible parties of the National Registry, the advantages of possible fathers registering either in the National Registry or State Responsible Father Registries, or both, the rights and responsibilities of such parties with regard to a proceeding, and the role of such Registries in a proceeding.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary to use all reasonable efforts to encourage states to enter into agreements to establish automated State Responsible Father Registries and centers that make registration forms easily accessible to possible fathers.</p> <p>Authorizes the Secretary to make a grant to a state to establish a State Registry or modify an existing one to meet the requirements of this Act.</p>	<p>6/27/2012 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p> <p>7/9/2012 Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources</p>	<p>Establishes a national putative father registry that is relevant under UIFSA and UPA.</p> <p>Related Bill: S.3321</p>
S.3321	Sen Landrieu-Mary L. [LA] Cosponsors (1)	6/20/2012	<p><u>Protecting Adoption and Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Act of 2012</u></p> <p>See above.</p>	<p>6/20/2012 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	<p>See description above of H.R.6035</p>



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S.1318	Sen Klobuchar, Amy [MN] Cosponsors (4)	6/30/2011	<p><u>Supporting Adoptive Families Act</u></p> <p>Amends part B (Child and Family Services) of title IV of the Social Security Act to make it a purpose of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program to promote efforts to prevent children from entering the foster care system through the provision of pre- and post-adoptive support services.</p> <p>Extends adoption promotion and support services to those designed to support adoptions from other countries as well as domestic adoptions. Specifies related pre- and post-adoptive support services.</p> <p>Amends SSA title IV part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) to revise requirements for state expenditures for adoption support services.</p> <p>Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to award grants or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to develop and implement state-sponsored statewide or tribal post-adoption mental health service programs for all adopted children.</p> <p>Amends SSA title IV part D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) to direct the Secretary, as part of the child support and paternity data collection system, to promulgate final regulations requiring the states to collect and report information regarding children adopted within the United States or from other countries who enter into state custody as a result of the disruption of a placement for adoption or the dissolution of an adoption.</p>	6/30/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	
H.R.2013	Rep Nunes, Devin [CA-21]	5/26/11	<p><u>Medicaid Improvement and State Empowerment Act</u></p> <p><i>Directs the Secretary to establish a new formula for payments made to or received from states under parts D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) and E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of SSA title IV that are based on the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) applicable to the state under Medicaid.</i></p> <p>Also:</p> <p>Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to add a new part B (Taxpayer Provided Pass-Through Funding of Health Care Grants to States for Pregnant Women, Low-Income Children, and Low-Income Families and for Long-Term Care Services and Supports for Low-Income Elderly or Disabled</p>	9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.	



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			<p>Individuals).</p> <p>Entitles each state that has submitted a plan for each 12-month period to receive a health grant from the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide: (1) medical assistance to pregnant women, low-income children, and low-income families with children whose income and resources are insufficient to meet the costs of medical, rehabilitation, and other services necessary to help them attain or retain capability for independence or self-care; and (2) long-term care services and supports for low-income elderly or disabled individuals with insufficient income and resources to meet the costs of services to help them attain or retain such capability.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary to award grants to assist eligible states in implementing state-based medical malpractice reforms.</p> <p>Terminates funding under SSA titles XIX and XXI (State Children's Health Insurance) (CHIP).</p> <p>Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Restores or revives the provisions of law amended or repealed by such Acts as if they had not been enacted.</p>		



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PL 112-155			<p><u>OMB Report Pursuant to the Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 (P. L. 112-155)</u></p> <p>The Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 (STA) (P.L. 112-155) requires the President to submit to Congress a report on the potential sequestration triggered by the failure of the Congress to reduce the deficit by \$1.2 trillion, as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA). The report provides Congress with a breakdown of exempt and non-exempt budget accounts, an estimate of the funding reductions that would be required across non-exempt accounts, an explanation of the calculations in the report, and additional information on the potential implementation of the sequestration.</p> <p>OMB determined that the state payments for the child support enforcement (CSE) program would NOT be subject to the cuts. CSE joins other entitlements such as Medicaid, SNAP, IV-E, TANF, and SSI as programs protected from the cuts which will occur on January 2, 2013 if no agreement is reached on an alternative.</p> <p>Each domestic program subject to sequester would be cut from 7.6% for mandatory programs not subject to the appropriations process (e.g., SSBG) to 8.2% for all other discretionary programs.</p>		<p>http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/legislative_reports/stareport.pdf</p> <p>See page 72 Appendix A</p>

