

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3462

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 1993

Mrs. MALONEY 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE THE PERMANENT**  
2 **PLACEMENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 474 of the Social Security  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 674) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(f) The Secretary may not make a payment to a  
7 State for a calendar quarter under subsection (a) unless  
8 the State has in effect procedures requiring the State  
9 agency, at the time a child is removed from a home and  
10 placed in foster care under the supervision of the State,  
11 to locate any parent of the child who is not living at the  
12 home, and evaluate the ability of the parent to provide  
13 a suitable home for the child.”.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
15 section (a) of this section shall not apply with respect to  
16 any child who, on the date of the enactment of this Act,  
17 is in foster care under the supervision of a State (as de-  
18 fined in section 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security Act for  
19 purposes of title IV of such Act).

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