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# H. R. 4146

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. CANADY of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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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 “Family Caregiver In-  
5 formation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall  
3 take such measures as may be necessary to ensure that,  
4 as part of the decennial census of population taken in the  
5 year 2000, information shall be compiled relating to the  
6 subject of family caregivers.

7 (b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The information  
8 compiled shall include such matters as—

9 (1) the age and sex of the caregiver;

10 (2) how the caregiver is related to the care re-  
11 cipient;

12 (3) the amount of time the caregiver regularly  
13 devotes to assisting the care recipient;

14 (4) whether or not the caregiver, in turn, suf-  
15 fers from any serious medical or other debilitating  
16 impairment or condition;

17 (5) the financial status of the caregiver and the  
18 estimated financial costs to the caregiver associated  
19 with caring for the care recipient; and

20 (6) whether the care recipient is receiving or el-  
21 igible to receive any other form of assistance (wheth-  
22 er public or private and whether financial or in-  
23 kind).

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

25 (1) FAMILY CAREGIVER.—The term “family  
26 caregiver” means an individual who regularly assists

1 a care recipient (to whom the caregiver is related)  
2 in carrying out 2 or more activities of daily living.

3 (2) CARE RECIPIENT.—The term “care recipi-  
4 ent” means an individual who requires substantial  
5 assistance from another individual, in carrying out 2  
6 or more activities of daily living, due to age or a  
7 physical or mental condition or impairment which  
8 has lasted or is expected to last longer than 3  
9 months.

10 (3) ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING.—The term “ac-  
11 tivity of daily living” includes bathing, dressing, eat-  
12 ing, transferring, toileting, shopping for personal  
13 items, obtaining and taking medication, managing  
14 money, using the telephone, or performing light or  
15 heavy housework.

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