

TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
CHAPTER 7 - SOCIAL SECURITY
SUBCHAPTER IV - GRANTS TO STATES FOR AID AND SERVICES TO NEEDY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AND FOR CHILD-WELFARE SERVICES
Part B - Child and Family Services
subpart 1 - stephanie tubbs jones child welfare services program

§ 628b. National random sample study of child welfare

(a) In general

The Secretary shall conduct (directly, or by grant, contract, or interagency agreement) a national study based on random samples of children who are at risk of child abuse or neglect, or are determined by States to have been abused or neglected.

(b) Requirements

The study required by subsection (a) of this section shall—

- (1) have a longitudinal component; and
- (2) yield data reliable at the State level for as many States as the Secretary determines is feasible.

(c) Preferred contents

In conducting the study required by subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary should—

- (1) carefully consider selecting the sample from cases of confirmed abuse or neglect; and
- (2) follow each case for several years while obtaining information on, among other things—
 - (A) the type of abuse or neglect involved;
 - (B) the frequency of contact with State or local agencies;
 - (C) whether the child involved has been separated from the family, and, if so, under what circumstances;
 - (D) the number, type, and characteristics of out-of-home placements of the child; and
 - (E) the average duration of each placement.

(d) Reports

(1) In general

From time to time, the Secretary shall prepare reports summarizing the results of the study required by subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Availability

The Secretary shall make available to the public any report prepared under paragraph (1), in writing or in the form of an electronic data tape.

(3) Authority to charge fee

The Secretary may charge and collect a fee for the furnishing of reports under paragraph (2).

(e) Appropriation

Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2002 \$6,000,000 to carry out this section.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, § 429, formerly § 429A, as added Pub. L. 104–193, title V, § 503, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2277; amended Pub. L. 105–33, title V, §§ 5591(a), 5592 (a)(1)(C), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 643, 644; renumbered § 429, Pub. L. 109–288, § 6(f)(3), Sept. 28, 2006, 120 Stat. 1247.)

Prior Provisions

A prior section 429 of act Aug. 14, 1935, was renumbered section 426 (c) and is classified to section 626 (c) of this title.

NB: This unofficial compilation of the U.S. Code is current as of Jan. 5, 2009 (see <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscpri.html>).

Amendments

1997—Pub. L. 105–33, § 5592(a)(1)(C), transferred section in original to end of this subpart.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–33, § 5591(a), inserted “(directly, or by grant, contract, or interagency agreement)” after “conduct”.

Effective Date of 1997 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 105–33 effective as if included in the enactment of title V of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104–193, see section 5593 of Pub. L. 105–33, set out as a note under section 622 of this title.