

TITLE 42 - THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
CHAPTER 67 - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AND ADOPTION REFORM
SUBCHAPTER IV-A - ABANDONED INFANTS ASSISTANCE
Part A - Projects Regarding Abandonment of Infants and Young Children in Hospitals

§ 5117aa–12. Evaluations, study, and reports by Secretary

(a) Evaluations of local programs

The Secretary shall, directly or through contracts with public and nonprofit private entities, provide for evaluations of projects carried out under section 5117aa–11 of this title and for the dissemination of information developed as a result of such projects.

(b) Study and report on number of abandoned infants and young children

(1) In general

The Secretary shall conduct a study for the purpose of determining—

- (A)** an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children relinquished, abandoned, or found deceased in the United States and the number of such infants and young children who are infants and young children described in section 5117aa–11 (b) of this title;
- (B)** an estimate of the annual number of infants and young children who are victims of homicide;
- (C)** characteristics and demographics of parents who have abandoned an infant within 1 year of the infant’s birth; and
- (D)** an estimate of the annual costs incurred by the Federal Government and by State and local governments in providing housing and care for abandoned infants and young children.

(2) Deadline

Not later than 36 months after June 25, 2003, the Secretary shall complete the study required under paragraph (1) and submit to Congress a report describing the findings made as a result of the study.

(c) Evaluation

The Secretary shall evaluate and report on effective methods of intervening before the abandonment of an infant or young child so as to prevent such abandonments, and effective methods for responding to the needs of abandoned infants and young children.

(Pub. L. 100–505, title I, § 102, Oct. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 2535; Pub. L. 102–236, § 4, Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1814; Pub. L. 108–36, title III, § 303, June 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 823.)

Amendments

2003—Pub. L. 108–36 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text consisted of subsecs. (a) to (d) relating to evaluations of demonstration projects, dissemination of information on assistance programs to individuals with special needs, a study and report on the estimated number of abandoned children to be completed by Apr. 1, 1992, and a study and report on effective care methods to be completed by Apr. 1, 1991.

1991—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102–236, § 4(a)(2), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102–236, § 4(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (c)(1)(A). Pub. L. 102–236, § 4(b)(1), substituted “infants and young children who are infants and young children described in section 5117aa–11 (b) of this title” for “infants who have acquired immune deficiency syndrome”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 102–236, § 4(b)(2), which directed striking out “ ‘The Secretary and all that follows through ‘Act,’ ” and inserting “Not later than April 1, 1992, the Secretary shall”, was executed by making the substitution for “The Secretary shall, not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

NB: This unofficial compilation of the U.S. Code is current as of Jan. 4, 2012 (see <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscpri.html>).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-236, § 4(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).