

Modifications to H.R. 240
Reflected in the Chairman's Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute
(Page and line references are to H.R. 240 as introduced)
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1. p. 21, line 25: Technical correction.
2. p. 23, line 1: Technical correction.
3. p. 29, lines 21-25: Clarifying amendment related to family self-sufficiency plans, highlighting that the use of job search and other job readiness or work activities performed to assess the employability of individuals and possible future work activities satisfy family-self-sufficiency plan requirements.
4. p. 33, lines 4 through p. 34, line 2: Conforming changes to ensure States continue to have the option as under current law to exclude individuals subject to short-term sanctions when calculating work participation rates, but that such individuals would be subject to proposed universal engagement and self-sufficiency plan requirements designed to assist all families. (Note: this change results in new text on page 33, below line 3 and also changes in the text on page 33, lines 20-23.)
5. p. 61, line 10 through p. 62, line 2: Deletion of mandated GAO report.
6. p. 102, after line 9: Make or add several technical and clarifying amendments designed to improve program efficiency and collect additional child support:
 - a. Information comparisons with insurance data – Authorizes the Secretary of HHS to match past-due child support data with insurance claims, settlements, awards, and payments, and forward the resulting information to the appropriate state child support agency.
 - b. Tribal access to the Federal Parent Locator Service – Allows tribes operating child support programs access to the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS).
 - c. Reimbursement of costs of information comparisons and disclosures – Makes conforming amendment so the Department of Education will provide full reimbursement of HHS costs related to sharing information from the National Directory of New Hires.
 - d. Cooperative agreements between states and Indian tribes – Corrects reference in current law.
 - e. State option to use automated data processing and information retrieval system for interstate cases – Allows states using high-volume automated child support systems in interstate cases to choose to open a case in order to assist other states in collecting child support.