

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3617

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require States receiving funds under section 106 of such Act to have in effect a State law providing for a criminal penalty on a person who has knowledge of child abuse or neglect, but fails to report such abuse or neglect to a law enforcement official or child protective services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2011

Ms. CLARKE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “See Something, Say
5 Something Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR STATES RECEIVING GRANTS**
2 **FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVEN-**
3 **TION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 106(b)(2) of the Child
5 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5106a(b)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(H) an assurance in the form of a certifi-
13 cation by the Governor of the State that the
14 State has in effect and is enforcing a State law
15 providing for a criminal penalty on any person
16 18 years of age or older who fails to report to
17 a State or local law enforcement official or child
18 protective services that the person has knowl-
19 edge of child abuse or neglect that occurred in
20 the State.”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect on December 31, 2013.

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