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H. R. 8233

To authorize grants to be made on an equitable basis to highest courts to assess and improve the handling of foster care and adoption proceedings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABLAN (for himself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BASS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Court Improvement
5 Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF COURT IMPROVEMENT**

2 **GRANTS TO HIGHEST COURTS.**

3 Section 438(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 629h(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) CERTAIN JURISDICTIONS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts re-
7 served under section 436(b)(2) for a fiscal year,
8 the Secretary shall, before applying paragraph
9 (1) of this subsection, allocate 0.85 percent for
10 a grant to the highest court of each State that
11 applies therefor and is not eligible to operate a
12 program under part E.

13 “(B) USE OF FUNDS.—A highest court to
14 which a grant is made under this paragraph
15 shall use the grant, consistent with subsection
16 (a), to assess and make improvements to court
17 processes and proceedings relating to child safe-
18 ty, permanency, and well-being.

19 “(C) STATE DEFINED.—In subparagraph
20 (A), the term ‘State’ has the meaning given the
21 term in section 1101(a)(1) for purposes of title
22 XX.

23 “(D) AUTHORITY TO REQUEST EXPENDI-
24 TURE INFORMATION.—On request of the Sec-
25 retary, an entity to which a grant is made
26 under this paragraph shall provide the Sec-

1 retary with such information about the expendi-
2 ture of the grant as the Secretary may re-
3 quest.”.

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