

Section-by-Section: The Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2020

Section 1: Short title.

The bill's short title, "Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2020."

Section 2: Child poverty goal and accountability.

Amends Title IV of the Social Security Act by adding a new Part C between Parts B and D, which includes the following sections:

- *Sec. 441:* Sets a national goal of reducing child poverty by half in 10 years.
- *Sec. 442:* Measures the progress of meeting this goal by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enter an agreement with the Census Bureau to annually report an anchored Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) for children, and specifies the time the report shall be released. Requires the Secretary to enter an agreement with the Census Bureau to develop data to report an anchored SPM for children in the territories, if feasible (Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands).
- *Sec. 443:* Requires HHS to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to submit an annual report to Congress that provides an evidence-based, non-partisan analysis of how federal policies have contributed to meeting that goal based on their effect on the Census-reported anchored SPM for children. Includes a feasibility review of state and local evidence-based policies to reduce child poverty.
- *Sec. 444:* Creates a Child Poverty Reduction Strategy Clearinghouse website that consists of an online collection of resources and other research, including those reports described in other sections of this Act.
- *Sec. 445:* Defines certain terms.

Section 3: Update of "Roadmap" report.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement with NAS (within three years of passage) to update the report entitled "A Roadmap to Reduce Child Poverty" within six years of that agreement.

Section 4: Report on reducing long-term, intergenerational child poverty.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into an agreement with NAS (within six months of passage) to publish a report on policies to reduce long-term, intergenerational child poverty. This report builds on the original report entitled "A Roadmap to Reduce Child Poverty," and would be published within three years of that agreement.