

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2480**

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Page 13, line 13, strike “and”.

Page 16, after line 8, insert the following:

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:
2 “(11) NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE.—
3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
4 award a grant under this subsection to a non-
5 profit entity to provide for the ongoing oper-
6 ation of a 24-hour, national, toll-free telephone
7 hotline to provide information and assistance to
8 youth victims of child abuse or neglect, parents,
9 caregivers, mandated reporters, and other con-
10 cerned community members, including through
11 alternative modalities for communications (such
12 as texting or chat services) with such victims
13 and other information seekers.
14 “(B) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants de-
15 scribed in this paragraph, the Secretary shall
16 give priority to applicants with experience in
17 operating a hotline that provides assistance to

1 victims of child abuse, parents, caregivers, and
2 mandated reporters.

3 “(C) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to re-
4 ceive a grant described in this paragraph, a
5 nonprofit entity shall submit an application to
6 the Secretary that shall—

7 “(i) contain such assurances and in-
8 formation, be in such form, and be sub-
9 mitted in such manner, as the Secretary
10 shall prescribe;

11 “(ii) include a complete description of
12 the entity’s plan for the operation of a na-
13 tional child abuse hotline, including de-
14 scriptions of—

15 “(I) the professional development
16 program for hotline personnel, includ-
17 ing technology professional develop-
18 ment to ensure that all persons affili-
19 ated with the hotline are able to effec-
20 tively operate any technological sys-
21 tems used by the hotline;

22 “(II) the qualifications for hot-
23 line personnel;

24 “(III) the methods for the cre-
25 ation, maintenance, and updating of a

1 comprehensive list of prevention and
2 treatment service providers;

3 “(IV) a plan for publicizing the
4 availability of the hotline throughout
5 the United States;

6 “(V) a plan for providing service
7 to non-English speaking callers, in-
8 cluding service through hotline per-
9 sonnel who have non-English language
10 capability;

11 “(VI) a plan for facilitating ac-
12 cess to the hotline and alternative mo-
13 dality services by persons with hearing
14 impairments and disabilities;

15 “(VII) a plan for providing crisis
16 counseling, general assistance, and re-
17 ferrals to youth victims of child abuse;
18 and

19 “(VIII) a plan to offer alternative
20 services to calling, such as texting or
21 live chat;

22 “(iii) demonstrate that the entity has
23 the capacity and the expertise to maintain
24 a child abuse hotline and a comprehensive
25 list of service providers;

1 “(iv) demonstrate the ability to pro-
2 vide information and referrals for contacts,
3 directly connect contacts to service pro-
4 viders, and employ crisis interventions;

5 “(v) demonstrate that the entity has a
6 commitment to providing services to indi-
7 viduals in need; and

8 “(vi) demonstrate that the entity com-
9 plies with State privacy laws and has es-
10 tablished quality assurance practices.”; and

