

THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2480

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Page 22, beginning line <sup>11</sup>21, amend paragraph (9) to read as follows:

1           “(9) Improving the general child protective sys-  
2           tem by developing, improving, and implementing  
3           safety assessment tools, providing that such tools,  
4           protocols, and systems shall not authorize the sepa-  
5           ration of any child from the legal parent or guardian  
6           of such child solely on the basis of poverty, or with-  
7           out a judicial order, except in the case of imminent  
8           harm.”.

