

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

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Page 49, line 18, insert before the period at the end  
the following: “; **STUDY AND REPORT ON STATE MAN-  
DATORY REPORTING LAWS**”.

Page 51, line 2, strike the closed quotation marks  
and second period.

Page 51, after line 2, insert the following:

1 “(d) **STUDY AND REPORT ON STATE MANDATORY**  
2 **REPORTING LAWS.—**

3 “(1) **STUDY.—**The Secretary shall collect infor-  
4 mation on and otherwise study State laws for man-  
5 datory reporting of incidents of child abuse or ne-  
6 glect. Such study shall examine trends in referrals  
7 and investigations of child abuse and neglect due to  
8 differences in such State laws with respect to the in-  
9 clusion, as mandatory reporters, of the following in-  
10 dividuals:

11 “(A) Individuals licensed or certified to  
12 practice in any health-related field licensed by  
13 the State, employees of health care facilities or

1 providers licensed by the State, who are en-  
2 gaged in the admission, examination, care or  
3 treatment of individuals, including mental  
4 health and emergency medical service providers.

5 “(B) Individuals employed by a school who  
6 have direct contact with children, including  
7 teachers, administrators, and independent con-  
8 tractors.

9 “(C) Peace officers and law enforcement  
10 personnel.

11 “(D) Clergy, including Christian Science  
12 practitioners, except where prohibited on ac-  
13 count of clergy-penitent privilege.

14 “(E) Day care and child care operators  
15 and employees.

16 “(F) Employees of social services agencies  
17 who have direct contact with children in the  
18 course of employment.

19 “(G) Foster parents.

20 “(H) Court appointed special advocates  
21 (employees and volunteers).

22 “(I) Camp and after-school employees.

23 “(J) An individual, paid or unpaid, who,  
24 on the basis of the individual’s role as an inte-  
25 gral part of a regularly scheduled program, ac-

1           tivity, or service, accepts responsibility for a  
2           child.

3           “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the  
4           date of enactment of the Stronger Child Abuse Pre-  
5           vention and Treatment Act, the Secretary shall sub-  
6           mit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,  
7           and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on  
8           Education and Labor of the House of Representa-  
9           tives a report containing the findings of the study  
10          required by this subsection, including any best prac-  
11          tices related to the inclusion, as mandatory report-  
12          ers, of individuals described in paragraph (1).”

