Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to the Committee Print Relating to Emergency Assistance to Families Through Home Visiting Programs Offered by Mr. Neal of Massachusetts

In lieu of the proposed recommendations, insert the following:

Subtitle B—Emergency Assistance to Families Through Home Vis iting Programs

4 SEC. 9101. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES 5 THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

6 Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 7017 713) is amended by inserting after section 511 the fol8 lowing:

9 "SEC. 511A. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES 10 THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

"(a) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.—In addition
to amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in
the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary
\$150,000,000, to remain available through September 30,
2022, to enable eligible entities to conduct programs in

accordance with section 511 and subsection (c) of this sec tion.

3 "(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—To be eligible to re4 ceive funds made available by subsection (a) of this sec5 tion, an entity shall—

6 "(1) as of the date of the enactment of this sec7 tion, be conducting a program under section 511;

8 "(2) ensure the modification of grants, con-9 tracts, and other agreements, as applicable, executed 10 under section 511 under which the program is con-11 ducted as are necessary to provide that, during the 12 period that begins with the date of the enactment of 13 this section and ends with the end of the 2nd suc-14 ceeding fiscal year after the funds are awarded, the 15 entity shall—

16 "(A) not reduce funding for, or staffing
17 levels of, the program on account of reduced en18 rollment in the program; and

"(B) when using funds to provide emergency supplies to eligible families receiving
grant services under section 511, ensure coordination with local diaper banks to the extent
practicable; and

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"(3) reaffirm that, in conducting the program,
 the entity will focus on priority populations (as de fined in section 511(d)(4)).

4 "(c) USES OF FUNDS.—An entity to which funds are
5 provided under this section may use the funds—

6 "(1) to serve families with home visits or with 7 virtual visits, that may be conducted by the use of 8 electronic information and telecommunications tech-9 nologies, in a service delivery model described in sec-10 tion 511(d)(3)(A);

11 "(2) to pay hazard pay or other additional staff 12 costs associated with providing home visits or ad-13 ministration for programs funded under section 511; 14 "(3) to train home visitors employed by the en-15 tity in conducting a virtual home visit and in emer-16 gency preparedness and response planning for fami-17 lies served, and may include training on how to safe-18 ly conduct intimate partner violence screenings, and 19 training on safety and planning for families served 20 to support the family outcome improvements listed 21 in section 511(d)(2)(B):

"(4) for the acquisition by families served by
programs under section 511 of such technological
means as are needed to conduct and support a virtual home visit;

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"(5) to provide emergency supplies (such as
diapers and diapering supplies including diaper
wipes and diaper cream, necessary to ensure that a
child using a diaper is properly cleaned and protected from diaper rash, formula, food, water, hand
soap and hand sanitizer) to an eligible family (as defined in section 511(k)(2));

8 "(6) to coordinate with and provide reimburse9 ment for supplies to diaper banks when using such
10 entities to provide emergency supplies specified in
11 paragraph (5); and

12 "(7) to provide prepaid grocery cards to an eli-13 gible family (as defined in section 511(k)(2)) partici-14 pating in the maternal, infant, and early childhood 15 home visiting program under section 511 for the 16 purpose of enabling the family to meet the emer-17 gency needs of the family.".

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