

**AMENDMENT TO HOMELAND SECURITY
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. YODER OF KANSAS AND MS.
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In the REPORT:

Insert on page 4 of the report before the paragraph that begins “The security of our borders . . .”:

“The United States is a nation of immigrants that values diversity and welcomes those in need. We also have an obligation to enforce the laws that protect the integrity of our borders, along with those that grant asylum to people found eligible. We cannot help every foreign national who may want or deserve it, but all individuals and families who come to our borders, including those who cross them illegally, deserve to be treated humanely and with respect while in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security. The Committee has included direction throughout this report to address these issues.”

On page 7 insert the following sentence at the beginning of the paragraph that starts “DHS is directed to ensure”:

“The Department shall only separate a child from a parent if the parent has a criminal history, a communicable disease, or is determined to be unfit or a danger to the child.”

On page 16 of the Committee Report, replace the paragraph in the report beginning with “The Committee understands CBP” with:

“The Committee understands CBP is currently developing plans to provide medical and mental health screening, triage, and referral services by specialized personnel to support unaccompanied children in USBP custody in high volume southwest border locations, and recommends an additional \$3,700,000 to continue this effort. The Committee is also concerned by the trauma experienced by children and their relatives, including parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, who have entered the United States fleeing violence, and makes available \$3,000,000 to provide on-site mental health services for children and their families at CBP facilities in southwest border locations, along with mental health training to officers and other personnel by mental health professionals specializing in trauma treatment.”

On page 26 of the Committee Report, under the heading “Operations”, insert the following language:

“The Committee is concerned by the trauma that has been suffered by children and their relatives, including parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, entering into the United States, many of whom are fleeing violence. The Committee provides \$3,000,000 to provide on-site mental health services for children and their families and mental health training to officers and staff by mental health professionals specializing in trauma treatment at ICE detention facilities.”

Replace the paragraph on page 28 of the report beginning with “pending an elimination of the current legal limit” with:

“The Committee recommends an increase of \$35,000,000 above the budget request for the ATD program, and directs ICE to prioritize ATD participation for vulnerable populations, including families. Within the total, \$28,000,000 shall be for additional capacity in the current ATD program and \$7,000,000 shall be for the first year of a five-year family case management pilot program (FCMP) that leverages holistic case management strategies to improve participant compliance with immigration court adjudication obligations. The pilot shall include an annual average of not fewer than 1,000 head of household participants. ICE should use lessons learned from the February 2018 Family Case Manage-

ment Close-out Report to inform the design and implementation of this new pilot, and shall brief the Committee prior to initiating the pilot.

“Funding provided under Custody Operations supports the hiring of additional personnel, including personnel to help manage the increased number of ATD participants and participants in the FCMP.

“The Committee directs GAO to provide to the Committee an annual review of the FCMP pilot, with a particular focus on the design, implementation, performance, and costs of the pilot when compared to a “control population” of ATD participants that receive traditional case management support. ICE is strongly encouraged to consult with GAO on best practices for the design, implementation, and evaluation of pilot programs prior to the initiation of this pilot.

“Additionally, ICE is directed to work with the Department of Justice to better prioritize the adjudication of the cases of families, such as enrolling families on ATD, including the FCMP, onto the detained docket, which should ensure that their cases would be heard just as quickly as if they were in detention. While the immigration adjudication process for families enrolled in ATD has historically taken years, the process could be signifi-

cantly shortened if the immigration courts were to make the adjudication of family cases a top priority.”

