

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6700

To require the Children’s Bureau to collect and maintain information regarding all private adoptions, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Adoption Counts Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION STATISTICS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 473A(c) of the Social Se-  
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 673b(c)) is amended by adding at  
8 the end the following:

9 “(4) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-  
2 graph (1), a State shall not be considered to be  
3 in compliance with this subsection for a fiscal  
4 year if any court of the State that finalized the  
5 adoption of a person pursuant to a voluntary  
6 consent or relinquishment in the calendar year  
7 ending in the preceding fiscal year has not sub-  
8 mitted to the Children’s Bureau of the Depart-  
9 ment of Health and Human Services the report  
10 described in subparagraph (B) for the calendar  
11 year.

12           “(B) REPORT.—The report described in  
13 this subparagraph for a calendar year is a re-  
14 port that contains the following information  
15 about each adoption referred to in subpara-  
16 graph (A) finalized by the court in the calendar  
17 year:

18                   “(i) Whether the person at the time of  
19 the adoption was less than 1 year of age,  
20 not less than 1 year of age and less than  
21 3 years of age, not less than 3 years of age  
22 and less than 18 years of age, or not less  
23 than 18 years of age.

1           “(ii) In the case that the person at  
2           the time of the adoption was less than 18  
3           years of age—

4                   “(I) Whether the person was  
5                   adopted by a step-parent, relative, or  
6                   legal guardian of the child, or none of  
7                   the foregoing.

8                   “(II) Whether the person was  
9                   born as a result of gestational  
10                  surrogacy.

11                  “(III) Whether the adoptive par-  
12                  ents of the person had been given cus-  
13                  tody of the child through an inter-  
14                  national adoption placement or inter-  
15                  national guardianship.

16                  “(IV) At the option of the court,  
17                  the race of the person.”.

18           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19           subsection (a) shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st  
20           calendar year that begins after the date of the enactment  
21           of this Act.

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