

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5021

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10 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress  
11 to allow greater flexibility in the use of federal Title IV-E funding.  
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13 WHEREAS, Title IV-E is a subpart of the Social Security Act. This  
14 program provides federal reimbursement to states for the costs of chil-  
15 dren placed in foster homes or other types of out-of-home care under a  
16 court order or voluntary placement agreement. Title IV-E benefits are  
17 an individual entitlement for qualified children who have been removed  
18 from their homes; and

19 WHEREAS, The ability to blend foster care and family preservation  
20 funds is not presently allowed by federal law for the purpose of keeping  
21 children within their immediate or extended family and thus help reduce  
22 the number of children placed in foster care; and

23 WHEREAS, It is recognized that while foster care may be the inev-  
24 itable outcome in a child in need of care situation, more stability is pro-  
25 vided when children remain in the home, if possible, or in a relative  
26 placement; and

27 WHEREAS, It is recognized that moving children out of the home  
28 and away from family to be cared for by strangers in foster care is ex-  
29 tremely traumatic for children: Now, therefore,

30 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*  
31 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas urges the  
32 United States Congress to immediately amend the appropriate sections  
33 of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to allow greater flexibility in the  
34 use of federal funding for services that will assist in keeping children  
35 within their immediate or extended family, reintegrating children with  
36 their immediate or extended family or achieving safe alternative perman-  
37 ency to include subsidy for guardianship as well as adoption, and thus  
38 help reduce the number of children placed in foster care; and

39 *Be it further resolved:* That the State of Kansas urges the United  
40 States Congress to immediately de-link eligibility criteria from the 1996  
41 Aid for Families with Dependent Children Standards and that the impact  
42 of this de-linking shall be cost-neutral; and

43 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send

1 enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States,  
2 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
3 States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States De-  
4 partment of Health and Human Services and to each member of the  
5 Kansas Congressional Delegation.