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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CLYBURN, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. MOORE, Mr. McINNIS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CAMP, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

- To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualified placement agencies, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1	SECTION 1. EXCLUSION FOR FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS TO
2	APPLY TO PAYMENTS BY QUALIFIED PLACE-
3	MENT AGENCIES.
4	(a) IN GENERAL.—The matter preceding subpara-
5	graph (B) of section $131(b)(1)$ of the Internal Revenue
6	Code of 1986 (defining qualified foster care payment) is
7	amended to read as follows:
8	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified foster
9	care payment' means any payment made pursuant to
10	a foster care program of a State or political subdivi-
11	sion thereof—
12	"(A) which is paid by—
13	"(i) a State or political subdivision
14	thereof, or
15	"(ii) a qualified foster care placement
16	agency, and".
17	(b) Qualified Foster Individuals To Include
18	Individuals Placed by Qualified Placement Agen-
19	CIES.—Subparagraph (B) of section $131(b)(2)$ of such
20	Code (defining qualified foster individual) is amended to
21	read as follows:
22	"(B) a qualified foster care placement
23	agency."
24	(c) Qualified Foster Care Placement Agency
25	DEFINED.—Subsection (b) of section 131 of such Code
26	is amended by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph
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3	"(3) QUALIFIED FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT
4	AGENCY.—The term 'qualified foster care placement
5	agency' means any placement agency which is li-
6	censed or certified by—
7	"(A) a State or political subdivision there-
8	of, or
9	"(B) an entity designated by a State or
10	political subdivision thereof,
11	for the foster care program of such State or political
12	subdivision to make foster care payments to pro-
13	viders of foster care."
14	(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
16	December 31, 2000.