

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 666

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Birth Certificate En-
3 hancement Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF STATISTICS FROM ENHANCED**
5 **BIRTH CERTIFICATES.**

6 Subsection (n) of section 306 of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242k) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(4) Of the amount appropriated for the Center
10 each fiscal year, the Secretary, acting through the
11 Center, shall provide such funds as may be nec-
12 essary to support States in implementing the most
13 recent versions of the Standard Certificates of Live
14 Birth and Death and the Standard Report of Fetal
15 Death and purchasing data from these vital records.
16 In carrying out the preceding sentence, the Sec-
17 retary shall give priority to collecting statistics on
18 infant mortality.”.

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