

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1802, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA**

In section 1(b) of the bill, in the table of contents, after the item relating to section 111, insert the following:

Sec. 112. Preparation of foster parents to provide for the needs of children in State care.

At the end of subtitle B of title I, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 112. PREPARATION OF FOSTER PARENTS TO PROVIDE
2 FOR THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN STATE
3 CARE.**

4 (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 471(a) of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
7 (22);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
9 graph (23) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(24) include a certification that, before a child
12 in foster care under the responsibility of the State
13 is placed with prospective foster parents, the pro-
14 spective foster parents will be prepared adequately
15 with the appropriate knowledge and skills to provide

1 for the needs of the child, and that such preparation
2 will be continued, as necessary, after the placement
3 of the child.”.

4 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
5 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1999.