

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646  
OFFERED BY MR. BUTTERFIELD OF NORTH  
CAROLINA**

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title VII,  
add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **GAO STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES IN ALTER-**  
2 **NATIVE-TO-INCARCERATION PROGRAMS FOR**  
3 **INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILL-**  
4 **NESS, SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES,**  
5 **AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
8 of the United States shall submit to Congress and make  
9 publicly available a report detailing best practices of or  
10 among States for programs for alternatives to incarcer-  
11 ation for individuals with serious mental illness, serious  
12 emotional disturbances, or substance abuse disorders, in-  
13 cluding jail diversion programs, mental health courts, and  
14 drug courts, that—

15 (1) have been entirely or partially federally  
16 funded;

1           (2) were first implemented within the preceding  
2       10 years; and

3           (3) have been in operation for at minimum 3  
4       years.

5       (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection  
6 (a) shall, with respect to programs described in subsection  
7 (a), consider—

8           (1) the eligibility criteria for individuals to par-  
9       ticipate; and

10          (2) the methods of referring eligible individuals  
11       to participate.

