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To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Smith of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. Brady of Texas, Mr. Nunes, Ms. Jenkins of Kansas, Mr. Reed, Mr. Renacci, Mrs. Walorski, Mr. Lahood, Mr. Bishop of Michigan, Mr. Rice of South Carolina, Mr. Smith of Missouri, Mr. Holding, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Marchant, and Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, 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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Jobs and Opportunity
- 5 with Benefits and Services for Success Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 7 The table of contents of this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title.
 - Sec. 2. Table of contents.
 - Sec. 3. References.

- Sec. 4. Re-naming of program.
- Sec. 5. Helping more Americans enter and remain in the workforce.
- Sec. 6. Expecting universal engagement and case management.
- Sec. 7. Promoting accountability by measuring work outcomes.
- Sec. 8. Targeting funds to truly needy families.
- Sec. 9. Targeting funds to core purposes.
- Sec. 10. Strengthening program integrity by measuring improper payments.
- Sec. 11. Prohibition on State diversion of Federal funds to replace State spending.
- Sec. 12. Inclusion of poverty reduction as a program purpose.
- Sec. 13. Welfare for needs not weed.
- Sec. 14. Strengthening accountability through HHS approval of State plans.
- Sec. 15. Aligning and improving data reporting.
- Sec. 16. Technical corrections to data exchange standards to improve program coordination.
- Sec. 17. Set-aside for economic downturns.
- Sec. 18. Definitions related to use of funds.
- Sec. 19. Elimination of obsolete provisions.
- Sec. 20. Effective date.

1 SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

- 2 Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in
- 3 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
- 4 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
- 5 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
- 6 section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

7 SEC. 4. RE-NAMING OF PROGRAM.

- 8 (a) In General.—The heading for part A of title
- 9 IV is amended to read as follows:

10 "PART A—JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY WITH

11 BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROGRAM".

- 12 (b) Conforming Amendments.—
- 13 (1) The heading for section 403(a)(2)(B) (42)
- U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(B) is amended by striking
- 15 "TANF" and inserting "JOBS".

- 1 (2) The heading for section 413(a) (42 U.S.C.
- 2 613(a)) is amended by striking "TANF" and insert-
- 3 ing "JOBS".
- 4 (3) The heading for section 471(e)(7)(B)(i) (42)
- 5 U.S.C. 671(e)(7)(B)(i)), as in effect pursuant to the
- 6 amendment made by section 50711(a)(2) of division
- 7 E of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public
- 8 Law 115–123), is amended by striking "TANF"
- 9 and inserting "JOBS".
- 10 SEC. 5. HELPING MORE AMERICANS ENTER AND REMAIN IN
- 11 THE WORKFORCE.
- 12 (a) Family Assistance Grants.—Section
- 13 403(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(1)) is amended in each of
- 14 subparagraphs (A) and (C) by striking "2017 and 2018"
- 15 and inserting "2019 through 2023".
- 16 (b) Healthy Marriage Promotion and Respon-
- 17 SIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS.—Section 403(a)(2)(D) (42
- 18 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(D)) is amended—
- 19 (1) by striking "2017 and 2018" and inserting
- 20 "2019 through 2023"; and
- 21 (2) by striking "for fiscal year 2017 or 2018".
- 22 (c) Tribal Family Assistance Grants.—Section
- 23 412(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C. 612(a)(1)(A)) is amended by
- 24 striking "2017 and 2018" and inserting "2019 through
- 25 2023".

| 1 | (d) Improving Access to Child Care To Sup- |
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| 2 | PORT WORK.—Section 418(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is |
| 3 | amended by striking "\$2,917,000,000 for each of fiscal |
| 4 | years 2017 and 2018" and inserting "\$3,525,000,000 for |
| 5 | each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023". |
| 6 | (e) Grants to the Territories.—Section |
| 7 | 1108(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1308(b)(2)) is amended by striking |
| 8 | "2017 and 2018" and inserting "2019 through 2023". |
| 9 | SEC. 6. EXPECTING UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT AND CASE |
| 10 | MANAGEMENT. |
| 11 | Section 408(b) (42 U.S.C. 608(b)) is amended to |
| 12 | read as follows: |
| 13 | "(b) Individual Opportunity Plans.— |
| 14 | "(1) Assessment.—The State agency respon- |
| 15 | sible for administering the State program funded |
| 16 | under this part shall make an initial assessment of |
| 17 | the following for each work-eligible individual (as de- |
| 18 | fined in the regulations promulgated pursuant to |
| 19 | section $407(i)(1)(A)(i)$: |
| 20 | "(A) The education obtained, skills, prior |
| 21 | work experience, work readiness, and barriers |
| 22 | to work of the individual. |
| 23 | "(B) The well-being of the children in the |
| 24 | family of the individual and, where appropriate, |
| 25 | activities or services (such as services offered by |

| a program funded under section 511) to im- |
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| prove the well-being of the children. |
| "(2) Contents of Plans.—On the basis of |
| the assessment required by paragraph (1) of this |
| subsection, the State agency, in consultation with |
| the individual, shall develop an individual oppor- |
| tunity plan that— |
| "(A) includes a personal responsibility |
| agreement in which the individual acknowledges |
| receipt of publicly funded benefits and responsi- |
| bility to comply with program requirements in |
| order to receive the benefits; |
| "(B) sets forth the obligations of the indi- |
| vidual to participate in work activities (as de- |
| fined in section 407(d)), and the number of |
| hours per month for which the individual will so |
| participate pursuant to section 407; |
| "(C) sets forth an employment goal and |
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"(C) sets forth an employment goal and planned short-, intermediate-, and long-term actions to achieve the goal, and, in the case of an individual who has not attained 24 years of age and is in secondary school or the equivalent, the intermediate action may be completion of secondary school or the equivalent;

| 1 | "(D) describes the job counseling and |
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| 2 | other services the State will provide to the indi- |
| 3 | vidual to enable the individual to obtain and |
| 4 | keep employment in the private sector; |
| 5 | "(E) may include referral to appropriate |
| 6 | substance abuse or mental health treatment; |
| 7 | and |
| 8 | "(F) is signed by the individual. |
| 9 | "(3) TIMING.—The State agency shall comply |
| 10 | with paragraphs (1) and (2) with respect to a work- |
| 11 | eligible individual— |
| 12 | "(A) within 180 days after the effective |
| 13 | date of this subsection, in the case of an indi- |
| 14 | vidual who, as of such effective date, is a recipi- |
| 15 | ent of assistance under the State program fund- |
| 16 | ed under this part (as in effect immediately be- |
| 17 | fore such effective date); or |
| 18 | "(B) within 60 days after the individual is |
| 19 | determined to be eligible for the assistance, in |
| 20 | the case of any other individual. |
| 21 | "(4) Penalty for noncompliance by indi- |
| 22 | VIDUAL.—In addition to any other penalties required |
| 23 | under the State program funded under this part, the |
| 24 | State may reduce, by such amount as the State con- |
| 25 | siders appropriate, the amount of assistance other- |

| 1 | wise payable under the State program to a family |
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| 2 | that includes an individual who fails without good |
| 3 | cause to comply with an individual opportunity plan |
| 4 | developed pursuant to this subsection, that is signed |
| 5 | by the individual. |
| 6 | "(5) Periodic Review.—The State shall meet |
| 7 | with each work-eligible individual assessed by the |
| 8 | State under paragraph (1), not less frequently than |
| 9 | every 90 days, to— |
| 10 | "(A) review the individual opportunity plan |
| 11 | developed for the individual; |
| 12 | "(B) discuss with the individual the |
| 13 | progress made by the individual in achieving |
| 14 | the goals specified in the plan; and |
| 15 | "(C) update the plan, as necessary, to re- |
| 16 | flect any changes in the circumstances of the |
| 17 | individual since the plan was last reviewed.". |
| 18 | SEC. 7. PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY BY MEASURING |
| 19 | WORK OUTCOMES. |
| 20 | (a) In General.—Section 407(a) (42 U.S.C. |
| 21 | 607(a)) is amended to read as follows: |
| 22 | "(a) Performance Accountability and Work |
| 23 | Outcomes.— |
| 24 | "(1) Purpose.—The purpose of this subsection |

is to provide for the establishment of performance

accountability measures to assess the effectiveness of States in increasing employment, retention, and advancement among families receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part.

"(2) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a grant is made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall achieve the requisite level of performance on an indicator described in paragraph (3)(B) of this subsection for the fiscal year.

"(3) Measuring state Performance.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State, in consultation with the Secretary, shall collect and submit to the Secretary the information necessary to measure the level of performance of the State for each indicator described in subparagraph (B), for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, and the Secretary shall use the information collected for fiscal year 2020 to establish the baseline level of performance for each State for each such indicator.

"(B) Indicators of Performance.—
The indicators described in this subparagraph,
for a fiscal year, are the following:

"(i) The percentage of individuals who were work-eligible individuals as of the

time of exit from the program, who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after the exit.

"(ii) The percentage of individuals who were work-eligible individuals who were in unsubsidized employment in the second quarter after the exit, who are also in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after the exit.

"(iii) The median earnings of individuals who were work-eligible individuals as of the time of exit from the program, who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after the exit.

"(iv) The percentage of individuals who have not attained 24 years of age, are attending high school or enrolled in an equivalency program, and are work-eligible individuals or were work-eligible individuals as of the time of exit from the program, who obtain a high school degree or its recognized equivalent while receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part or within 1 year after the exit.

| 1 | "(C) Levels of Performance.— |
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| 2 | "(i) In General.—For each State |
| 3 | submitting a State plan pursuant to sec- |
| 4 | tion 402(a), there shall be established, in |
| 5 | accordance with this subparagraph, levels |
| 6 | of performance for each of the indicators |
| 7 | described in subparagraph (B). |
| 8 | "(ii) Weight.—The weight assigned |
| 9 | to such an indicator shall be the following: |
| 10 | "(I) 40 percent, in the case of |
| 11 | the indicator described in subpara- |
| 12 | graph (B)(i). |
| 13 | "(II) 25 percent, in the case of |
| 14 | the indicator described in subpara- |
| 15 | graph (B)(ii). |
| 16 | "(III) 25 percent, in the case of |
| 17 | the indicator described in subpara- |
| 18 | graph (B)(iii). |
| 19 | "(IV) 10 percent, in the case of |
| 20 | the indicator described in subpara- |
| 21 | graph (B)(iv). |
| 22 | "(iii) Agreement on requisite |
| 23 | PERFORMANCE LEVEL FOR EACH INDI- |
| 24 | CATOR.— |

| 1 | "(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec- |
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| 2 | retary and the State shall negotiate |
| 3 | the requisite level of performance for |
| 4 | the State with respect to each indi- |
| 5 | cator described in clause (ii), for each |
| 6 | of fiscal years 2020 through 2023, |
| 7 | and in the case of each of fiscal years |
| 8 | 2021 through 2023, shall do so before |
| 9 | the beginning of the respective fiscal |
| 10 | year. |
| 11 | "(II) REQUIREMENTS IN ESTAB- |
| 12 | LISHING PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—In |
| 13 | establishing the requisite levels of per- |
| 14 | formance, the State and the Secretary |
| 15 | shall— |
| 16 | "(aa) take into account how |
| 17 | the levels involved compare with |
| 18 | the levels established for other |
| 19 | States; |
| 20 | "(bb) ensure the levels in- |
| 21 | volved are adjusted, using the ob- |
| 22 | jective statistical model referred |
| 23 | to in clause (v), based on— |
| 24 | "(AA) the differences |
| 25 | among States in economic |

| 1 | conditions, including dif- |
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| 2 | ferences in unemployment |
| 3 | rates or employment losses |
| 4 | or gains in particular indus- |
| 5 | tries; and |
| 6 | "(BB) the characteris- |
| 7 | tics of participants on entry |
| 8 | into the program, including |
| 9 | indicators of prior work his- |
| 10 | tory, lack of educational or |
| 11 | occupational skills attain- |
| 12 | ment, or other factors that |
| 13 | may affect employment and |
| 14 | earnings; and |
| 15 | "(CC) take into account |
| 16 | the extent to which the lev- |
| 17 | els involved promote contin- |
| 18 | uous improvement in per- |
| 19 | formance by each State. |
| 20 | "(iv) Revisions based on economic |
| 21 | CONDITIONS AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING |
| 22 | ASSISTANCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.— |
| 23 | The Secretary shall, in accordance with the |
| 24 | objective statistical model referred to in |
| 25 | clause (v), revise the requisite levels of per- |

| 1 | formance for a State and a fiscal year to |
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| 2 | reflect the economic conditions and charac- |
| 3 | teristics of the relevant individuals in the |
| 4 | State during the fiscal year. |
| 5 | "(v) Statistical adjustment |
| 6 | MODEL.—The Secretary shall use an objec- |
| 7 | tive statistical model to make adjustments |
| 8 | to the requisite levels of performance for |
| 9 | the economic conditions and characteristics |
| 10 | of the relevant individuals, and shall con- |
| 11 | sult with the Secretary of Labor to develop |
| 12 | a model that is the same as or similar to |
| 13 | the model described in section |
| 14 | 116(b)(3)(A)(viii) of the Workforce Inno- |
| 15 | vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. |
| 16 | 3141(b)(3)(A)(viii)). |
| 17 | "(vi) Definition of Exit.—In this |
| 18 | subsection, the term 'exit' means, with re- |
| 19 | spect to a State program funded under |
| 20 | this part, ceases to a receive a JOBS ben- |
| 21 | efit under the program. |
| 22 | "(D) STATE OPTION TO ESTABLISH COM- |
| 23 | MON EXIT MEASURES.—Notwithstanding sub- |
| 24 | paragraph (C)(vi) of this paragraph, a State |
| 25 | that has not provided the notification under |

section 121(b)(1)(C)(ii) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to exclude the State program funded under this part as a mandatory one-stop partner may adopt an alternative definition of 'exit' for the purpose of creating common exit measures to improve alignment with workforce programs operated under title I of such Act.

- "(E) REGULATIONS.—In order to ensure nationwide comparability of data, the Secretary, after consultation the Secretary of Labor and with States, shall issue regulations governing the establishment of the performance accountability system under this subsection and a template for performance reports to be used by all States consistent with subsection (b).".
- 17 (b) REPORTS ON STATE PERFORMANCE ON HHS
 18 ONLINE DASHBOARD.—Section 407(b) (42 U.S.C.
 19 607(b)) is amended to read as follows:
- "(b) Publication of State Performance.—The Secretary shall, directly or through the use of grants or contracts, establish and operate an Internet website that is accessible to the public, with a dashboard that is regularly updated and provides easy-to-understand information on the performance of each State program funded under

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| 1 | this part, including a profile for each such program, ex- |
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| 2 | pressed by use of a template, which shall include— |
| 3 | "(1) information on the indicators and requisite |
| 4 | performance levels established for the State under |
| 5 | subsection (a), including, with respect to each such |
| 6 | level, whether the State achieves, exceeds, or fails to |
| 7 | achieve the level on an ongoing basis, including— |
| 8 | "(A) information on any adjustments made |
| 9 | to the requisite levels using the statistical ad- |
| 10 | justment model described in subsection |
| 11 | (a)(3)(D)(v); and |
| 12 | "(B) a grade based on the overall perform- |
| 13 | ance of the State, as determined by the Sec- |
| 14 | retary and in consultation with the State, and |
| 15 | the overall performance shall be graded based |
| 16 | on the performance indicators and weights for |
| 17 | each such indicator as described in subsection |
| 18 | (a); |
| 19 | "(2) information reported under section 411 on |
| 20 | the characteristics and demographics of individuals |
| 21 | receiving assistance under the State program, in- |
| 22 | cluding— |
| 23 | "(A) the number and percentage of child- |
| 24 | only cases and reason why the cases are child- |
| 25 | only; and |

| 1 | "(B) the average weekly number of hours |
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| 2 | that each work-eligible individual in the State |
| 3 | program participates in work activities, includ- |
| 4 | ing a separate section showing the number and |
| 5 | percentage of the work-eligible individuals with |
| 6 | zero hours of the participation and the reason |
| 7 | for non-participation; |
| 8 | "(3) information on the results of improper |
| 9 | payments reviews; |
| 10 | "(4) a link to the State plan approved under |
| 11 | section 402; and |
| 12 | "(5) information regarding any penalty im- |
| 13 | posed, or other corrective action taken, by the Sec- |
| 14 | retary against a State for failing to achieve a req- |
| 15 | uisite performance level or any other requirement |
| 16 | imposed by or under this part.". |
| 17 | (c) Modification of Rules for Determining |
| 18 | WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENGAGED IN WORK.—Sec- |
| 19 | tion 407(c) (42 U.S.C. 607(c)) is amended— |
| 20 | (1) in paragraph (1)— |
| 21 | (A) in subparagraph (A)— |
| 22 | (i) by striking "For purposes of sub- |
| 23 | section (b)(1)(B)(i), a" and inserting "A"; |
| 24 | and |

| 1 | (ii) by striking ", not fewer than" and |
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| 2 | all that follows through "this subsection"; |
| 3 | and |
| 4 | (B) in subparagraph (B)— |
| 5 | (i) in the matter preceding clause (i), |
| 6 | by striking "For purposes of subsection |
| 7 | (b)(2)(B), an" and inserting "An"; |
| 8 | (ii) in clause (i), by striking ", not |
| 9 | fewer than" and all that follows through |
| 10 | "this subsection"; and |
| 11 | (iii) in clause (ii), by striking ", not |
| 12 | fewer than" and all that follows through |
| 13 | "subsection (d)"; and |
| 14 | (2) in paragraph (2)— |
| 15 | (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and |
| 16 | (D); |
| 17 | (B) in each of subparagraphs (B) and (C), |
| 18 | by striking "For purposes of determining |
| 19 | monthly participation rates under subsection |
| 20 | (b)(1)(B)(i), a" and inserting "A"; and |
| 21 | (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) |
| 22 | and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec- |
| 23 | tively. |
| 24 | (d) Modifications to Allowable Work Activi- |
| 25 | TIES.—Section 407(d) (42 U.S.C. 607(d)) is amended— |

| 1 | (1) in paragraph (5), by inserting ", including |
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| 2 | apprenticeship" before the semicolon; |
| 3 | (2) in paragraph (8), by striking "(not to ex- |
| 4 | ceed 12 months with respect to any individual" and |
| 5 | inserting ", including career technical education"; |
| 6 | (3) in paragraph (11), by striking "and" at the |
| 7 | end; |
| 8 | (4) in paragraph (12), by striking the period |
| 9 | and inserting "; and"; and |
| 10 | (5) by adding at the end the following: |
| 11 | "(13) any other activity that the State deter- |
| 12 | mines is necessary to improve the employment, earn- |
| 13 | ings, or other outcomes of a recipient of assistance |
| 14 | that are used in determining a level of performance |
| 15 | by the State for purposes of subsection (a), as de- |
| 16 | scribed in the State plan approved under section |
| 17 | 402.". |
| 18 | SEC. 8. TARGETING FUNDS TO TRULY NEEDY FAMILIES. |
| 19 | (a) Prohibition on Use of Funds for Families |
| 20 | WITH INCOME GREATER THAN TWICE THE POVERTY |
| 21 | Line.—Section 404(k) (42 U.S.C. 604(k)) is amended to |
| 22 | read as follows: |
| 23 | "(k) Prohibitions.— |
| 24 | "(1) Use of funds for persons with in- |
| 25 | COME GREATER THAN TWICE THE POVERTY LINE.— |

- 1 A State to which a grant is made under this part
- 2 shall not use the grant to provide any assistance or
- 3 services to a family whose monthly income exceeds
- 4 twice the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
- 5 Management and Budget, and revised annually in
- 6 accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus
- 7 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
- 9902(2)).".
- 9 (b) Elimination of Limitation on Use of Funds
- 10 FOR CASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 404(b)(2)
- 11 (42 U.S.C. 604(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:
- "(2) Exceptions.—Paragraph (1) of this sub-
- section shall not apply to the use of a grant for—
- 14 "(A) information technology and comput-
- erization needed for tracking, monitoring, or
- data collection required by or under this part;
- 17 or
- 18 "(B) case management activities to carry
- out section 408(b).".
- 20 (c) Prohibition on Use of Funds for Direct
- 21 Spending on Child Care or Child Welfare Serv-
- 22 ICES OR ACTIVITIES.—Section 404(k) (42 U.S.C. 604(k)),
- 23 as amended by subsection (a) of this section, is amended
- 24 by adding at the end the following:

| 1 | "(2) Direct spending on child care serv- |
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| 2 | ICES OR ACTIVITIES OR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES |
| 3 | OR ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is made |
| 4 | under this part shall not use the grant for direct |
| 5 | spending on child care services or activities or direct |
| 6 | spending on child welfare services or activities.". |
| 7 | (d) Expansion of Authority To Transfer |
| 8 | Funds to Other Programs.—Section 404(d) (42 |
| 9 | U.S.C. 604(d)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) |
| 10 | through (3) and inserting the following: |
| 11 | "(1) In general.—A State may use not more |
| 12 | than 50 percent of the grant made to the State |
| 13 | under section 403(a)(1) to carry out a State pro- |
| 14 | gram pursuant to any or all of the following provi- |
| 15 | sions of law: |
| 16 | "(A) The Child Care and Development |
| 17 | Block Grant Act of 1990. |
| 18 | "(B) Title I of the Workforce Innovation |
| 19 | and Opportunity Act. |
| 20 | "(C) Subpart 1 of part B of this title. |
| 21 | "(2) Limitation on amount transferrable |
| 22 | TO SUBPART 1 OF PART B OF THIS TITLE.— |
| 23 | "(A) In general.—A State may use not |
| 24 | more than the applicable percentage of the |
| 25 | amount of a grant made to the State under sec- |

| 1 | tion 403(a)(1) to carry out State programs pur- |
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| 2 | suant to subpart 1 of part B. |
| 3 | "(B) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For |
| 4 | purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable |
| 5 | percentage is 10 percent. |
| 6 | "(3) Applicable rules.— |
| 7 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in |
| 8 | subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, any |
| 9 | amount paid to a State under this part that is |
| 10 | used to carry out a State program pursuant to |
| 11 | a provision of law specified in paragraph (1) |
| 12 | shall not be subject to the requirements of this |
| 13 | part, but shall be subject to the requirements |
| 14 | that apply to Federal funds provided directly |
| 15 | under the provision of law to carry out the pro- |
| 16 | gram, and the expenditure of any amount so |
| 17 | used shall not be considered to be an expendi- |
| 18 | ture under this part. |
| 19 | "(B) Funds transferred to the |
| 20 | WIOA.—In the case of funds transferred under |
| 21 | paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection— |
| 22 | "(i) all of the funds will be used to |
| 23 | support families eligible for assistance |
| 24 | under the State program funded under this |
| 25 | part; and |

1 "(ii) not more than 15 percent of the 2 funds will be reserved for statewide work-3 force investment activities referred to in 4 section 128(a)(1) of the Workforce Innova-5 tion and Opportunity Act.

"(4) EXCLUSION OF STATES EXCLUDING THE STATE JOBS PROGRAM AS A MANDATORY ONE-STOP PARTNER UNDER THE WIOA.—The authority provided by this subsection may not be exercised by a State that has provided the notification referred to in section 407(a)(3)(D).".

12 SEC. 9. TARGETING FUNDS TO CORE PURPOSES.

- 13 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25 PER14 CENT OF JOBS GRANT FOR SPENDING ON CORE ACTIVI15 TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by
 16 adding at the end the following:
- 17 "(13) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 18 25 PERCENT OF JOBS GRANT FOR SPENDING ON 19 CORE ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is 20 made under section 403(a)(1) for a fiscal year shall 21 expend not less than 25 percent of the grant on as-22 sistance, case management, work supports and sup-23 portive services, work, wage subsidies, work activities 24 (as defined in section 407(d)), and non-recurring 25 short-term benefits.".

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| 1 | (b) Requirement That at Least 25 Percent of |
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| 2 | QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES BE FOR CORE ACTIVI- |
| 3 | TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by |
| 4 | subsection (a) of this section, is amended by adding at |
| 5 | the end the following: |
| 6 | "(14) Requirement that at least 25 per- |
| 7 | CENT OF QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES BE FOR |
| 8 | CORE ACTIVITIES.—Not less than 25 percent of the |
| 9 | qualified State expenditures (as defined in section |
| 10 | 409(a)(7)(B)(i)) of a State during the fiscal year |
| 11 | shall be for assistance, case management, work sup- |
| 12 | ports and supportive services, work, wage subsidies |
| 13 | work activities (as defined in section 407(d)), and |
| 14 | non-recurring short-term benefits.". |
| 15 | (c) Phase-Out of Counting of Third-Party |
| 16 | CONTRIBUTIONS AS QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDI- |
| 17 | TURES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended |
| 18 | by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, is amended by |
| 19 | adding at the end the following: |
| 20 | "(15) Phase-out of counting of third- |
| 21 | PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS AS QUALIFIED STATE EX- |
| 22 | PENDITURES.— |
| 23 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The qualified State |
| 24 | expenditures (as defined in section |
| 25 | 409(a)(7)(B)(i)) of a State for a fiscal year |

| 1 | that are attributable to the value of goods and |
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| 2 | services provided by a source other than a State |
| 3 | or local government shall not exceed the appli- |
| 4 | cable percentage of the expenditures for the fis- |
| 5 | cal year. |
| 6 | "(B) Applicable Percentage.—In sub- |
| 7 | paragraph (A), the term 'applicable percentage' |
| 8 | means, with respect to a fiscal year— |
| 9 | "(i) 75 percent, in the case of fiscal |
| 10 | year 2020; |
| 11 | "(ii) 50 percent, in the case of fiscal |
| 12 | year 2021; |
| 13 | "(iii) 25 percent, in the case of fiscal |
| 14 | year 2022 ; and |
| 15 | "(iv) 0 percent, in the case of fiscal |
| 16 | year 2023 or any succeeding fiscal year.". |
| 17 | SEC. 10. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM INTEGRITY BY MEAS- |
| 18 | URING IMPROPER PAYMENTS. |
| 19 | Section 404 (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended by adding |
| 20 | at the end the following: |
| 21 | "(l) Applicability of Improper Payments |
| 22 | Laws.— |
| 23 | "(1) In General.—The Improper Payments |
| 24 | Information Act of 2002 and the Improper Pay- |
| 25 | ments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 shall |

| 1 | apply to a State in respect of the State program |
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| 2 | funded under this part in the same manner in which |
| 3 | such Acts apply to a Federal agency. |
| 4 | "(2) Regulations.—Within 2 years after the |
| 5 | date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec- |
| 6 | retary shall prescribe regulations governing how a |
| 7 | State reviews and reports improper payments under |
| 8 | the State program funded under this part.". |
| 9 | SEC. 11. PROHIBITION ON STATE DIVERSION OF FEDERAL |
| 10 | FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING. |
| 11 | Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by |
| 12 | section 9 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end |
| 13 | the following: |
| 14 | "(16) Non-supplantation requirement.— |
| 15 | Funds made available to a State under this part |
| 16 | shall be used to supplement, not supplant, State |
| 17 | general revenue spending on activities described in |
| 18 | section 404.". |
| 19 | SEC. 12. INCLUSION OF POVERTY REDUCTION AS A PRO- |
| 20 | GRAM PURPOSE. |
| 21 | Section 401(a) (42 U.S.C. 601(a)) is amended— |
| 22 | (1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph |
| 23 | (3); |
| 24 | (2) by striking the period at the end of para- |
| 25 | graph (4) and inserting "; and"; and |

| 1 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
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| 2 | "(5) reduce child poverty by increasing employ- |
| 3 | ment entry, retention, and advancement of needy |
| 4 | parents.". |
| 5 | SEC. 13. WELFARE FOR NEEDS NOT WEED. |
| 6 | (a) Prohibition.—Section 408(a)(12)(A) (42 |
| 7 | U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amended— |
| 8 | (1) by striking "or" at the end of clause (ii); |
| 9 | (2) by striking the period at the end of clause |
| 10 | (iii) and inserting "; or"; and |
| 11 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
| 12 | "(iv) any establishment that offers |
| 13 | marihuana (as defined in section 102(16) |
| 14 | of the Controlled Substances Act) for |
| 15 | sale.". |
| 16 | (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by |
| 17 | subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 2 years |
| 18 | after the date of the enactment of this Act. |
| 19 | SEC. 14. STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH |
| 20 | HHS APPROVAL OF STATE PLANS. |
| 21 | (a) In General.—Section 402 (42 U.S.C. 602) is |
| 22 | amended— |
| 23 | (1) in subsection (a)— |

| 1 | (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), |
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| 2 | by striking "found" and inserting "approved |
| 3 | that"; and |
| 4 | (B) in paragraph (1)— |
| 5 | (i) in subparagraph (A)— |
| 6 | (I) by striking clauses (ii) and |
| 7 | (iii) and inserting the following: |
| 8 | "(ii) Require work-eligible individuals |
| 9 | (as defined in the regulations promulgated |
| 10 | pursuant to section $407(i)(1)(A)(i)$ to en- |
| 11 | gage in work activities consistent with sec- |
| 12 | tion 407(c). The document shall describe |
| 13 | any other activity that the State will con- |
| 14 | sider a work activity under section |
| 15 | 407(c)(13)."; |
| 16 | (II) by redesignating clauses (iv) |
| 17 | through (viii) as clauses (iii) through |
| 18 | (vii), respectively; and |
| 19 | (III) by adding at the end the |
| 20 | following: |
| 21 | "(viii) Describe the case management |
| 22 | practices of the State with respect to the |
| 23 | requirements of section 408(b), provide a |
| 24 | copy of the form or forms that will be used |
| 25 | to assess a work-eligible individual (as so |

| 1 | defined) and prepare an individual oppor- |
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| 2 | tunity plan for the individual, describe how |
| 3 | the State will ensure that such a plan is |
| 4 | reviewed in accordance with section |
| 5 | 408(b)(5), and describe how the State will |
| 6 | measure progress under the plan. |
| 7 | "(ix) Propose the requisite levels of |
| 8 | performance for the State for purposes of |
| 9 | section 407(a)(3)(D) for each year in the |
| 10 | 2-year period referred to in subsection (d) |
| 11 | of this section, and provide an explanation |
| 12 | with supporting data of why each such |
| 13 | level is appropriate. |
| 14 | "(x) Describe how the State will en- |
| 15 | gage low-income noncustodial parents pay- |
| 16 | ing child support and how such a parent |
| 17 | will be provided with access to work sup- |
| 18 | port and other services under the program |
| 19 | to which the parent is referred to support |
| 20 | their employment and advancement. |
| 21 | "(xi) Describe how the State will com- |
| 22 | ply with improper payments provisions in |
| 23 | section 404(l). |
| 24 | "(xii) Describe coordination with |
| 25 | other programs, including whether the |

| 1 | State intends to exercise authority pro- |
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| 2 | vided by section 404(d) of this Act to |
| 3 | transfer any funds paid to the State under |
| 4 | this part, provide assurance that, in the |
| 5 | case of a transfer to carry out a program |
| 6 | under title I of the Workforce Innovation |
| 7 | and Opportunity Act, the State will comply |
| 8 | with section 404(d)(3)(B) of this Act and |
| 9 | coordinate with the one-stop delivery sys- |
| 10 | tem under the Workforce Innovation and |
| 11 | Opportunity Act, and describe how the |
| 12 | State will coordinate with the programs in- |
| 13 | volved to provide services to families re- |
| 14 | ceiving assistance under the program re- |
| 15 | ferred to in paragraph (1) of this sub- |
| 16 | section. |
| 17 | "(xiii) Describe how the State will |
| 18 | promote marriage, such as through tem- |
| 19 | porary disregard of the income of a new |
| 20 | spouse when an individual receiving assist- |
| 21 | ance under the State program marries so |
| 22 | that the couple doesn't automatically lose |
| 23 | benefits due to marriage."; and |
| 24 | (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking |
| 25 | clauses (iv) and (v); |

| 1 | (2) in subsection (c), by inserting ", on the |
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| 2 | website established pursuant to section 407(b)," be- |
| 3 | fore "a summary"; and |
| 4 | (3) by adding at the end the following: |
| 5 | "(d) 2-Year Plan.—A plan submitted pursuant to |
| 6 | this section shall be designed to be implemented during |
| 7 | a 2-year period. |
| 8 | "(e) Combined Plan Allowed.—A State may sub- |
| 9 | mit to the Secretary and the Secretary of Labor a com- |
| 10 | bined State plan that meets the requirements of sub- |
| 11 | sections (a) and (d) and that is for programs and activities |
| 12 | under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. |
| 13 | "(f) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—The Secretary shall ap- |
| 14 | prove any plan submitted pursuant to this section that |
| 15 | meets the requirements of subsections (a) through (d)." |
| 16 | (b) Duties of the Secretary.— |
| 17 | (1) Coordination of activities; dissemina- |
| 18 | TION OF INFORMATION.—Section 416 (42 U.S.C. |
| 19 | 616) is amended— |
| 20 | (A) by inserting "(a) In General.—" be- |
| 21 | fore "The programs"; and |
| 22 | (B) by adding after and below the end the |
| 23 | following: |
| 24 | "(b) Coordination of Activities.—The Secretary |
| 25 | shall coordinate all activities of the Department of Health |

- 1 and Human Services relating to work activities (as defined
- 2 in section 407(d)) and requirements and measurement of
- 3 employment outcomes, and, to the maximum extent prac-
- 4 ticable, coordinate the activities of the Department in this
- 5 regard with similar activities of other Federal entities.
- 6 "(c) Dissemination of Information.—The Sec-
- 7 retary shall disseminate, for voluntary informational pur-
- 8 poses, information on practices that scientifically valid re-
- 9 search indicates are most successful in improving the qual-
- 10 ity of State and tribal programs funded under this part.".
- 11 (c) Technical Assistance.—Section 406 (42)
- 12 U.S.C. 606) is amended to read as follows:
- 13 "SEC. 406. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 14 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide tech-
- 15 nical assistance to States and Indian tribes (which may
- 16 include providing technical assistance on a reimbursable
- 17 basis), which shall be provided by qualified experts on
- 18 practices grounded in scientifically valid research, where
- 19 appropriate, to support activities related publication of
- 20 State performance under section 407(b) and to carry out
- 21 State and tribal programs funded under this part.
- 22 "(b) Reservation of Funds.—The Secretary shall
- 23 reserve not more than 0.25 percent of the amount appro-
- 24 priated by section 403(a)(1)(C) for a fiscal year to carry
- 25 out subsection (a) of this section.".

SEC. 15. ALIGNING AND IMPROVING DATA REPORTING. 2 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES REPORT FULL-3 POPULATION DATA.—Section 411(a)(1) (42) 4 611(a)(1)) is amended— 5 (1) by striking subparagraph (B); 6 (2) by striking "(1) GENERAL REPORTING RE-QUIREMENT.—"; and 7 8 (3) by— 9 (A) redesignating— 10 (i) subparagraph (A) as paragraph 11 (1);12 (ii) clauses (i) through (xvii) of sub-13 paragraph (A) as subparagraphs (A) 14 through (Q), respectively; 15 (iii) subclauses (I) through (V) of clause (ii) as clauses (i) through (v), re-16 spectively; 17 18 (iv) subclauses (I) through (VII) of 19 clause (xi) as clauses (i) through (vii), re-20 spectively; and 21 (v) subclauses (I) through (V) of 22 clause (xvi) as clauses (i) through (v), re-23 spectively; and 24 (B) moving each such redesignated provi-25 sion 2 ems to the left.

| 1 | (b) Report on Participation in Work Activi- |
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| 2 | TIES.—Section 411(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)), as |
| 3 | amended by subsection (a)(3) of this section, is amended |
| 4 | by striking subparagraphs (K) and (L) and inserting the |
| 5 | following: |
| 6 | "(K) The work eligibility status of each in- |
| 7 | dividual in the family, and— |
| 8 | "(i) in the case of each work-eligible |
| 9 | individual (as defined in the regulations |
| 10 | promulgated pursuant to section |
| 11 | 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) in the family— |
| 12 | "(I) the number of hours (includ- |
| 13 | ing zero hours) per month of partici- |
| 14 | pation in— |
| 15 | "(aa) work activities (as de- |
| 16 | fined in section 407(d)); and |
| 17 | "(bb) any other activity re- |
| 18 | quired by the State to remove a |
| 19 | barrier to employment; and |
| 20 | "(ii) in the case of each individual in |
| 21 | the family who is not a work-eligible indi- |
| 22 | vidual (as so defined), the reason for that |
| 23 | status. |
| 24 | "(L) For each work-eligible individual (as |
| 25 | so defined) and each adult in the family who |

| 1 | did not participate in work activities (as so de- |
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| 2 | fined) during a month, the reason for the lack |
| 3 | of participation.". |
| 4 | (c) Reporting of Information on Employment |
| 5 | AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—Section 411(c) (42 U.S.C. |
| 6 | 611(c)) is amended to read as follows: |
| 7 | "(c) Reporting of Information on Employment |
| 8 | AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—The Secretary, in consulta- |
| 9 | tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall determine the in- |
| 10 | formation that is necessary to compute the employment |
| 11 | and earnings outcomes and the statistical adjustment |
| 12 | model for the employment and earnings outcomes required |
| 13 | under section 407, and each eligible State shall collect and |
| 14 | report that information to the Secretary.". |
| 15 | SEC. 16. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO DATA EXCHANGE |
| 16 | STANDARDS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM COORDI |
| 17 | NATION. |
| 18 | (a) In General.—Section 411(d) (42 U.S.C. |
| 19 | 611(d)) is amended to read as follows: |
| 20 | "(d) Data Exchange Standards for Improved |
| 21 | Interoperability.— |
| 22 | "(1) Designation.—The Secretary shall, in |
| 23 | consultation with an interagency work group estab- |
| 24 | lished by the Office of Management and Rudget and |

considering State government perspectives, by rule,

| 1 | designate data exchange standards to govern, under |
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| 2 | this part— |
| 3 | "(A) necessary categories of information |
| 4 | that State agencies operating programs under |
| 5 | State plans approved under this part are re- |
| 6 | quired under applicable Federal law to elec- |
| 7 | tronically exchange with another State agency; |
| 8 | and |
| 9 | "(B) Federal reporting and data exchange |
| 10 | required under applicable Federal law. |
| 11 | "(2) Requirements.—The data exchange |
| 12 | standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex- |
| 13 | tent practicable— |
| 14 | "(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non- |
| 15 | proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for- |
| 16 | mat, such as the eXtensible Markup Language; |
| 17 | "(B) contain interoperable standards devel- |
| 18 | oped and maintained by intergovernmental |
| 19 | partnerships, such as the National Information |
| 20 | Exchange Model; |
| 21 | "(C) incorporate interoperable standards |
| 22 | developed and maintained by Federal entities |
| 23 | with authority over contracting and financial |
| 24 | assistance; |

| 1 | "(D) be consistent with and implement ap- |
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| 2 | plicable accounting principles; |
| 3 | "(E) be implemented in a manner that is |
| 4 | cost-effective and improves program efficiency |
| 5 | and effectiveness; and |
| 6 | "(F) be capable of being continually up- |
| 7 | graded as necessary. |
| 8 | "(3) Rule of construction.—Nothing in |
| 9 | this subsection shall be construed to require a |
| 10 | change to existing data exchange standards found to |
| 11 | be effective and efficient.". |
| 12 | (b) Effective Date.—Not later than the date that |
| 13 | is 24 months after the date of the enactment of this sec- |
| 14 | tion, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall |
| 15 | issue a proposed rule that— |
| 16 | (1) identifies federally required data exchanges, |
| 17 | include specification and timing of exchanges to be |
| 18 | standardized, and address the factors used in deter- |
| 19 | mining whether and when to standardize data ex- |
| 20 | changes; and |
| 21 | (2) specifies State implementation options and |
| 22 | describes future milestones. |
| 23 | SEC. 17. SET-ASIDE FOR ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS. |
| 24 | Section 404(e) (42 U.S.C. 604(e)) is amended to read |
| 25 | as follows: |

| 1 | "(e) Deadlines for Obligation and Expendi- |
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| 2 | TURES OF FUNDS BY STATES.— |
| 3 | "(1) In general.—Except as provided in para- |
| 4 | graph (2), a State to which funds are paid under |
| 5 | section 403(a)(1) shall obligate the funds within 2 |
| 6 | years after the date the funds are so paid, and shall |
| 7 | expend the funds within 3 years after such date. |
| 8 | "(2) Exception for limited amount of |
| 9 | FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE USE.—A State to |
| 10 | which funds are paid under section 403(a)(1) may |
| 11 | reserve not more than 15 percent of the funds for |
| 12 | future use in the State program funded under this |
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| 13 | part.". |
| 13 14 | part.". SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. |
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| 14 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. |
| 14 15 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding |
| 141516 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: |
| 14 15 16 17 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(6) Assistance.—The term 'assistance |
| 14 15 16 17 18 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(6) Assistance.—The term 'assistance means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of |
| 14 15 16 17 18 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(6) Assistance.—The term 'assistance means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of benefits designed to meet a family's ongoing basis. |
| 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(6) Assistance.—The term 'assistance means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of benefits designed to meet a family's ongoing basic needs (such as for food, clothing, shelter, utilities) |
| 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 | SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS. Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the end the following: "(6) Assistance.—The term 'assistance means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of benefits designed to meet a family's ongoing basic needs (such as for food, clothing, shelter, utilities household goods, personal care items, and general |

tation benefits (such as the value of allowances, bus

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1 tokens, car payments, auto repair, auto insurance 2 reimbursement, and van services provided in order 3 to help families obtain, retain, or advance in employ-4 ment, participate in work activities (as defined in 5 section 407(d)), or as a non-recurrent, short-term 6 benefit, including goods provided to individuals in 7 order to help them obtain or maintain employment 8 (such as tools, uniforms, fees to obtain special li-9 censes, bonuses, incentives, and work support allow-10 ances and expenditures for job access).

- "(8) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term 'supportive services' means services such as domestic violence services, and mental health, substance abuse and disability services, housing counseling services, and other family supports, except to the extent that the provision of the service would violate section 408(a)(6).
- "(9) JOBS BENEFIT.—The term 'JOBS benefit' means—
- 20 "(A) assistance; or
- 21 "(B) wage subsidies that are paid, with 22 funds provided under section 403(a) or with 23 qualified State expenditures, with respect to a 24 person who—

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| 1 | "(i) was a work-eligible individual (as |
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| 2 | defined in the regulations promulgated |
| 3 | pursuant to section 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) at the |
| 4 | time of entry into subsidized employment, |
| 5 | such as on-the-job training or apprentice- |
| 6 | ship; and |
| 7 | "(ii) is not receiving assistance.". |
| 8 | SEC. 19. ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS. |
| 9 | (a) Elimination of Supplemental Grants to |
| 10 | STATES.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C. 603(a)) is amended |
| 11 | by striking paragraph (3). |
| 12 | (b) Elimination of Bonus To Reward High Per- |
| 13 | FORMANCE STATES.— |
| 14 | (1) In general.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C. |
| 15 | 603(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (4). |
| 16 | (2) Conforming Amendment.—Section |
| 17 | 1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. $1308(a)(2)$) is amended by |
| 18 | striking "403(a)(4),". |
| 19 | (e) Elimination of Welfare-To-Work |
| 20 | Grants.— |
| 21 | (1) In general.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C. |
| 22 | 603(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (5). |
| 23 | (2) Conforming amendments.— |
| 24 | (A) Elimination of exclusion from |
| 25 | TIME LIMIT.—Section 408(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. |

| 1 | 608(a)(7)) is amended by striking subpara- |
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| 2 | graph (G). |
| 3 | (B) Elimination of Penalty for Mis- |
| 4 | USE OF COMPETITIVE WELFARE-TO-WORK |
| 5 | FUNDS.—Section 409(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. |
| 6 | 609(a)(1)) is amended by striking subpara- |
| 7 | graph (C). |
| 8 | (C) Elimination of exclusion from |
| 9 | QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES OF STATE |
| 10 | FUNDS USED TO MATCH WELFARE-TO-WORK |
| 11 | GRANT FUNDS.—Section 409(a)(7)(B)(iv) (42 |
| 12 | U.S.C. $609(a)(7)(B)(iv)$ is amended in the 1st |
| 13 | sentence— |
| 14 | (i) by adding "or" at the end of sub- |
| 15 | clause (II); and |
| 16 | (ii) by striking subclause (III) and re- |
| 17 | designating subclause (IV) as subclause |
| 18 | (III). |
| 19 | (D) Elimination of Penalty for Fail- |
| 20 | URE OF STATE TO MAINTAIN HISTORIC EFFORT |
| 21 | DURING YEAR IN WHICH WELFARE-TO-WORK |
| 22 | GRANT IS RECEIVED.—Section 409(a) (42 |
| 23 | U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking para- |
| 24 | graph (13). |

| 1 | (E) Elimination of requirements re- |
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| 2 | LATING TO WELFARE-TO-WORK GRANTS IN |
| 3 | QUARTERLY STATE REPORTS.—Section 411(a) |
| 4 | (42 U.S.C. 611(a)) is amended— |
| 5 | (i) in paragraph (1), by striking "(ex- |
| 6 | cept for information relating to activities |
| 7 | carried out under section 403(a)(5))"; and |
| 8 | (ii) in each of paragraphs (2) through |
| 9 | (4), by striking the comma and all that fol- |
| 10 | lows and inserting a period. |
| 11 | (F) Indian Tribal Programs.—Section |
| 12 | 412(a) (42 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by strik- |
| 13 | ing paragraph (3). |
| 14 | (G) Elimination of requirement to |
| 15 | DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PRIVATE |
| 16 | INDUSTRY COUNCIL RECEIVING WELFARE-TO- |
| 17 | WORK FUNDS.—Section 454A(f) (42 U.S.C. |
| 18 | 654a(f)) is amended by striking paragraph (5). |
| 19 | (H) Grants to territories.—Section |
| 20 | 1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended |
| 21 | by striking "403(a)(5),". |
| 22 | (d) Elimination of Contingency Fund.— |
| 23 | (1) In General.—Section 403 (42 U.S.C. 603) |
| 24 | is amended by striking all of subsection (b) except |
| 25 | paragraph (5). |

| 1 | (2) Conforming amendments.— |
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| 2 | (A) Transfer of needy state defini- |
| 3 | TION.— |
| 4 | (i) In General.—Paragraph (5) of |
| 5 | section 403(b) (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(5)) is— |
| 6 | (I) amended— |
| 7 | (aa) in the matter preceding |
| 8 | subparagraph (A), by striking |
| 9 | "paragraph (4)" and inserting |
| 10 | "subparagraph (C)"; |
| 11 | (bb) in each of subpara- |
| 12 | graphs (A) and (B), by redesig- |
| 13 | nating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub- |
| 14 | clauses (I) and (II), respectively; |
| 15 | (cc) by redesignating sub- |
| 16 | paragraphs (A) and (B) as |
| 17 | clauses (i) and (ii), respectively; |
| 18 | (dd) by redesignating such |
| 19 | paragraph as subparagraph (D); |
| 20 | and |
| 21 | (ee) by moving each provi- |
| 22 | sion 2 ems to the left; and |
| 23 | (II) as so amended, hereby trans- |
| 24 | ferred into section 409(a)(3) (42 |

| 1 | U.S.C. $609(a)(3)$) and added to the |
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| 2 | end of such section. |
| 3 | (ii) Conforming amendment.—Sec- |
| 4 | tion $409(a)(3)(C)$ (42 U.S.C. |
| 5 | 609(a)(3)(C)) is amended by striking "(as |
| 6 | defined in section 403(b)(5))". |
| 7 | (B) Elimination of Penalty for Fail- |
| 8 | URE OF STATE RECEIVING AMOUNTS FROM |
| 9 | CONTINGENCY FUND TO MAINTAIN 100 PER- |
| 10 | CENT OF HISTORIC EFFORT.—Section 409(a) |
| 11 | (42 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking |
| 12 | paragraph (10). |
| 13 | (e) Conforming Amendments Related to Elimi- |
| 14 | NATION OF FEDERAL LOANS FOR STATE WELFARE PRO- |
| 15 | GRAMS.— |
| 16 | (1) Elimination of associated penalty |
| 17 | PROVISION.— |
| 18 | (A) In General.—Section 409(a) (42 |
| 19 | U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking para- |
| 20 | graph (6). |
| 21 | (B) Conforming amendments.—Section |
| 22 | 412(g)(1) (42 U.S.C. 612(g)(1)) is amended by |
| 23 | striking $(a)(6)$,". |

| 1 | (2) Elimination of provision providing |
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| 2 | FOR TRIBAL ELIGIBILITY.—Section 412 (42 U.S.C. |
| 3 | 612) is amended by striking subsection (f). |
| 4 | (3) Elimination of disregard of loan in |
| 5 | APPLYING LIMIT ON PAYMENTS TO THE TERRI- |
| 6 | TORIES.—Section 1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. |
| 7 | 1308(a)(2)) is amended by striking "406,". |
| 8 | (f) Elimination of Limitations on Other State |
| 9 | PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDI- |
| 10 | TURES.— |
| 11 | (1) The following provisions are each amended |
| 12 | by striking "or any other State program funded with |
| 13 | qualified State expenditures (as defined in section |
| 14 | 409(a)(7)(B)(i))'': |
| 15 | (A) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section |
| 16 | 407(e) (42 U.S.C. 607(e)(1) and (2)). |
| 17 | (B) Section 411(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C. |
| 18 | 611(a)(1)(A)). |
| 19 | (C) Subsections $(a)(1)$, (d) , and $(e)(1)$ of |
| 20 | section 413 (42 U.S.C. 613(a)(1), (d), and |
| 21 | (e)(1)). |
| 22 | (2) Section 413(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 613(a)(1)) is |
| 23 | amended by striking "and any other State program |
| 24 | funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined |
| 25 | in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i))". |

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(g) Conforming Amendments Related to Elimi-
 1
   NATION OF REPORT.—
 3
            (1)
                 IN
                     GENERAL.—Section
                                          409(a)(2)
                                                      (42)
 4
        U.S.C. 609(a)(2)) is amended—
 5
                 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting
            "QUARTERLY" before "REPORT";
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 7
                 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
            "clause (i)" and inserting "subparagraph (A)";
 8
 9
                 (C) by striking "(A) QUARTERLY RE-
            PORTS.—";
10
11
                 (D) by striking subparagraph (B); and
12
                 (E) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of
13
            subparagraph (A) as subparagraphs (A) and
14
            (B), respectively.
15
            (2) Conforming amendments.—
16
                 (A)
                       Section
                                 409(b)(2)
                                             (42)
                                                   U.S.C.
17
            609(b)(2)) is amended by striking "and," and
18
            all that follows and inserting a period.
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                                             (42)
                 (B)
                       Section
                                 409(c)(4)
                                                   U.S.C.
            609(c)(4)) is amended by striking "(2)(B),".
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21
        (h) Annual Reports to Congress.—Section
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   411(b)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C. 611(b)(1)(A)) is amended by
   striking "participation rates" and inserting "outcome
23
   measures".
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        (i) REDUCTION IN FORCE PROVISIONS.—Section 416
   (42 U.S.C. 616) is amended by striking ", and the Sec-
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   retary" and all that follows and inserting a period.
 4
        (j) Conforming Cross-References.—
 5
             (1) Section 409 (42 U.S.C. 609) is amended—
 6
                  (A) in subsection (a)(7)(B)(i)(III), by
 7
             striking "(12)" and inserting "(10)":
 8
                  (B) in subsection (a) (as amended by sub-
 9
             sections (c)(2)(D), (d)(2)(B), and (e)(1)(A) of
10
             this section), by redesignating paragraphs (7),
11
             (8), (9), (11), (12), (14), (15), and (16) as
12
             paragraphs (6) through (13), respectively;
13
                  (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "(8),
14
             (10), (12), or (13)" and inserting "or (10)";
15
             and
16
                  (D) in subsection (c)(4), by striking "(8),
             (10), (12), (13), or (16)" and inserting "(10),
17
18
             or (13)".
19
             (2) Section 452 (42 U.S.C. 652) is amended in
20
        each of subsections (d)(3)(A)(i) and (g)(1) by strik-
        ing "409(a)(8)" and inserting "409(a)(7)".
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22
        (k) Modifications to Maintenance-of-Effort
23
   REQUIREMENT.—Section 409(a)(7)(B)(i) (42)
                                                     U.S.C.
24
    609(a)(7)(B)(i) is amended—
25
             (1) in subclause (I)—
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| 1 | (A) in the matter preceding item (aa), by |
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| 2 | striking "all State programs" and inserting |
| 3 | "the State program funded under this part"; |
| 4 | (B) by redesignating items (dd) and (ee) |
| 5 | as items (ee) and (ff), respectively, and insert- |
| 6 | ing after item (cc) the following: |
| 7 | "(dd) Expenditures for a |
| 8 | purpose described in paragraph |
| 9 | (3) or (4) of section 401(a)."; |
| 10 | and |
| 11 | (C) in item (ee) (as so redesignated by |
| 12 | clause (ii) of this subparagraph), by striking |
| 13 | "and (ee)" and inserting "(dd), and (ff)"; |
| 14 | (2) in subclause (II)(aa), by inserting "(as in |
| 15 | effect just before the effective date of the Jobs and |
| 16 | Opportunity with Benefits and Services for Success |
| 17 | Act)" after "this section"; |
| 18 | (3) by striking subclause (V) and redesignating |
| 19 | subclause (IV) as subclause (V); and |
| 20 | (4) in subclause (V) (as so redesignated by sub- |
| 21 | paragraph (C) of this paragraph), by inserting ", ex- |
| 22 | cept any of such families whose monthly income ex- |
| 23 | ceeds twice the poverty line (as defined by the Office |
| 24 | of Management and Budget, and revised annually in |
| 25 | accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus |

- 1 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
- 2 9902(2)))" before the period.
- 3 SEC. 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 4 Except as provided in section 12(b), the amendments
- 5 made by this Act shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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