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# H. R. 2557

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mr. LEVY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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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,*

3        **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

4        Section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5        603) is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
6        lowing new subsection:

7        “(c)(1)(A) If the Secretary determines—

1           “(i) that a State is operating a general welfare  
2           assistance program described in paragraph (3) dur-  
3           ing a calendar quarter, or

4           “(ii) that more than 20 percent of the local gov-  
5           ernments within a State that provide general welfare  
6           assistance are operating programs described in para-  
7           graph (3) during a calendar quarter,

8           the Secretary shall reduce by 50 percent the amount that  
9           such State would otherwise receive under subsection (a)  
10          with respect to expenditures made by such State during  
11          such quarter for the administration of the aid to families  
12          with dependent children program under this part.

13          “(B) If a State receives a reduced payment in a cal-  
14          endar quarter as a result of a determination by the Sec-  
15          retary under subparagraph (A)(ii)—

16                 “(i) such State shall reduce for such quarter  
17                 the payments made to each State office administer-  
18                 ing the aid to families with dependent children pro-  
19                 gram which is located within the jurisdiction of the  
20                 local governments described in subparagraph (A)(ii)  
21                 by an amount equal to 50 percent of the of Federal  
22                 share of the administrative expenses of such office;  
23                 and

24                 “(ii) such State shall not, as a result of such  
25                 reduced payment, reduce for such quarter the pay-

1       ments made to any State office administering the  
2       aid to families with dependent children program  
3       which is not located within the jurisdiction of the  
4       local governments described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

5       “(2) If the Secretary determines that any local gov-  
6       ernment within a State that is not described in paragraph  
7       (1)(A) is operating a general welfare assistance program  
8       described in paragraph (3) during a calendar quarter, the  
9       State shall reduce for such quarter the payments made  
10      to any State office administering the aid to families with  
11      dependent children program which is located within the  
12      jurisdiction of such local government by an amount equal  
13      to 50 percent of the of Federal share of the administrative  
14      expenses of such office and such amount shall be paid by  
15      the State to the Secretary.

16      “(3) A general welfare assistance program described  
17      in this paragraph is a general welfare assistance program  
18      that—

19              “(A) provides benefits to able-bodied individuals  
20              (as determined by the Secretary) who have attained  
21              age 18 and who have no dependents (hereafter re-  
22              ferred to in this subsection as ‘able-bodied individ-  
23              uals’);

1           “(B) does not have a workfare program that  
2           meets the participation rate requirements under  
3           paragraph (4); and

4           “(C) does not meet any other requirements set  
5           forth in regulations issued by the Secretary.

6           “(4)(A) The participation rate requirements under  
7           this paragraph are as follows:

8           “(i) In the case of a workfare program which  
9           is implemented after the date of the enactment of  
10          this subsection, the participation rate for such pro-  
11          gram shall be—

12                  “(I) for the second year that the program  
13                  is operated, 10 percent; and

14                  “(II) for any succeeding year, the percent-  
15                  age for the preceding year plus 2 percent.

16          “(ii) In the case of a workfare program which  
17          is operating on the date of the enactment of this  
18          subsection, the participation rate for such program  
19          shall be—

20                  “(I) for 1994—

21                          “(aa) in the case of a program with a  
22                          participation rate below 10 percent for  
23                          1993, 10 percent; and

24                          “(bb) in the case of a program with a  
25                          participation rate between 10 percent and

1           50 percent for 1993, the program's partici-  
2           pation rate for 1993 plus 2 percent; and

3           “(II) for any succeeding year, the percent-  
4           age for the preceding year plus 2 percent.

5           “(B) The participation rates required under clauses  
6 (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall not exceed 50 per-  
7 cent.

8           “(C) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘par-  
9 ticipation rate’ means the percentage of the able-bodied  
10 individuals who receive general welfare assistance partici-  
11 pating in a workfare program.

12          “(5) On or before the date which is 5 years after the  
13 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary  
14 shall conduct a review of State and local participation  
15 rates and submit to Congress a report containing any of  
16 the Secretary's recommendations with respect to the par-  
17 ticipation rate requirements established under paragraph  
18 (4).”.

19 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.**

20          (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the amend-  
21 ment made by section 1 shall apply to calendar quarters  
22 beginning on or after July 1, 1994.

23          (b) In the case of a State which the Secretary deter-  
24 mines requires State legislation (other than legislation au-  
25 thorizing or appropriating funds) in order to comply with

1 the amendments made by section 1, the State shall not  
2 be regarded as failing to comply with such amendments  
3 solely on the basis of its failure to meet the requirements  
4 of such amendments before the first day of the first cal-  
5 endar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular  
6 session of the State legislature that begins after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the preced-  
8 ing sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legis-  
9 lative session, each year of such session shall be deemed  
10 to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

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