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To amend the JOBS program in title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for a job placement voucher program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Job Placement Act
5 of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. JOB PLACEMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ADDITION OF PROGRAM.—Section 482 of the So-
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 682) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (d)(1)(A)(ii)—

1 (A) in subclause (III), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (B) in subclause (IV), by striking the pe-
4 riod and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subclause:

7 “(V) a job placement voucher pro-
8 gram as described in subsection (h).”;

9 (2) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
10 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

11 (3) by inserting after subsection (g), the follow-
12 ing subsection:

13 “(h) JOB PLACEMENT VOUCHER PROGRAM.—(1)
14 The State agency may establish and operate a job place-
15 ment voucher program for individuals participating in the
16 program under this part.

17 “(2) A State that elects to operate a job placement
18 voucher program under this subsection—

19 “(i) shall establish eligibility requirements for
20 participation in the job placement voucher program;
21 and

22 “(ii) may establish other requirements for such
23 voucher program as the State deems appropriate.

1 “(3) A job placement voucher program operated by
2 a State under this subsection shall include the following
3 requirements:

4 “(A) The State shall identify, maintain, and
5 make available to an individual applying for or re-
6 ceiving assistance under part A a list of State-ap-
7 proved job placement organizations that offer serv-
8 ices in the area where the individual resides and a
9 description of the job placement and support services
10 each such organization provides. Such organizations
11 may be publicly or privately owned and operated.

12 “(B)(i) An individual determined to be eligible
13 for assistance under part A shall, at the time the in-
14 dividual becomes eligible for such assistance—

15 “(I) receive the list and description de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (A);

17 “(II) agree, in exchange for job placement
18 and support services, to—

19 “(aa) execute, within a period of
20 time permitted by the State, a con-
21 tract with a State-approved job place-
22 ment organization which provides that
23 the organization shall attempt to find
24 employment for the individual; and

1 “(bb) comply with the terms of
2 the contract; and

3 “(III) receive a job placement voucher (in
4 an amount to be determined by the State) for
5 payment to a State-approved job placement or-
6 ganization.

7 “(ii) The State shall impose the sanctions pro-
8 vided for in section 402(a)(19)(G) on any individual
9 who does not fulfill the terms of a contract executed
10 with a State-approved job placement organization.

11 “(C) At the time an individual executes a con-
12 tract with a State-approved job placement organiza-
13 tion, the individual shall provide the organization
14 with the job placement voucher that the individual
15 received pursuant to subparagraph (B).

16 “(D)(i) A State-approved job placement organi-
17 zation may redeem for payment from the State not
18 more than 25 percent of the value of a job place-
19 ment voucher upon the initial receipt of the voucher
20 for payment of costs incurred in finding and placing
21 an individual in an employment position. The re-
22 maining value of such voucher shall not be redeemed
23 for payment from the State until the State-approved
24 job placement organization—

1 “(I) finds an employment position (as de-
2 termined by the State) for the individual who
3 provided the voucher; and

4 “(II) certifies to the State that the individ-
5 ual remains employed with the employer that
6 the organization originally placed the individual
7 with for the greater of—

8 “(aa) 6 continuous months; or

9 “(bb) a period determined by the
10 State.

11 “(ii) A State may modify, on a case-by-case
12 basis, the requirement of clause (i)(II) under such
13 terms and conditions as the State deems appro-
14 priate.

15 “(E)(i) The State shall establish performance-
16 based standards to evaluate the success of the State
17 job placement voucher program operated under this
18 subsection in achieving employment for individuals
19 participating in such voucher program. Such stand-
20 ards shall take into account the economic conditions
21 of the State in determining the rate of success.

22 “(ii) The State shall, not less than once a fiscal
23 year, evaluate the job placement voucher program
24 operated under this subsection in accordance with

1 the performance-based standards established under
2 clause (i).

3 “(iii) The State shall submit a report contain-
4 ing the results of an evaluation conducted under
5 clause (ii) to the Secretary and a description of the
6 performance-based standards used to conduct the
7 evaluation in such form and under such conditions
8 as the Secretary shall require. The Secretary shall
9 review each report submitted under this clause and
10 may require the State to revise the performance-
11 based standards if the Secretary determines that the
12 State is not achieving an adequate rate of success
13 for such State.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title IV of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) in section 403(l)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.
17 603(l)(1)(A)),

18 (A) in clause (ii)(II) by striking the period
19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 clause:

22 “(iii) with respect to expenditures made for a
23 job placement voucher program under section 482(h)
24 in a fiscal year, the greater of—

25 “(I) 70 percent; or

1 “(II) the percentage paid to the State
2 under clause (ii)(II) plus 10 percent.”; and

3 (2) in section 431(a)(6) (42 U.S.C.
4 629a(a)(6))—

5 (A) by striking “482(i)(5)” and inserting
6 “482(j)(5)”; and

7 (B) by striking “482(i)(7)(A)” and insert-
8 ing “482(j)(7)(A)”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by section 2 shall be effective
11 with respect to calendar quarters beginning with the sec-
12 ond calendar quarter beginning after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act.

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