

PROVIDING FOR THE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R.
3734, THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996

JULY 17, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 482]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 482, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for further consideration of H.R. 3734, the “Personal Responsibility Act of 1996” under a modified closed rule. The rule provides an additional two hours of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule also provides for the adoption in the House and in the Committee of the Whole of an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3829 (as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of this report), and that the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purposes of further amendment.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment printed in part 2 of this report if offered by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget or his designee, which shall be debatable for the time period specified in this report equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to further amendment or to a demand for division of the question and against which all points of order are waived.

The rule further provides for the consideration of an amendment if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, consisting of the text of H.R. 3832, debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, which shall not be subject to amendment and against which all points of order are waived.

Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

An explanation of the amendment modifying the amendment in the nature of a substitute (consisting of the text of H.R. 3829):

Review of Implementation of State Work Programs. Three years after enactment, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Finance shall conduct hearings and other appropriate activities to review how the states are implementing the work participation standards, the hours of work requirements, and other details of the work program. Based on this review, the Committees may introduce legislation as appropriate to remedy any problems with the state work programs.

Limitation on Amount Transferable to Title XX Programs. States may transfer up to 30% of their annual share of the block grant under Title IV–A into other block grants; however, not more than one-third of this amount may be transferred into the Title XX block grant and all funds so transferred must be spent on programs and services for children or their families.

State Spending Beyond 5-Year Limit. Nothing in the federal legislation restricts a state from providing assistance using state funds to families that have exceeded the 5-year limit on federal benefits under the IV–A program.

Maintenance of Effort. The maintenance of effort requirement is 80% but the requirement is reduced to 75% for each year a given state meets the work participation requirements of Section 407 of the bill.

Medicaid Contingent on Satisfying Work Requirement. If IV–A recipients fail to meet any of the work requirements of the bill, states may terminate their medicaid health insurance.

Child Support Enforcement Fee. The amendment changes the distribution of fees collected from non-custodial parents authorized under section 4347. Under the amendment, 5% of the collected fees would be allocated to the local child support office, 45% to the state government and 50% to the federal government. The formula in the base text allocates the fee 50–50 between the state and federal governments (with none of the fees going to the local support office).

The amendment considered as adopted by the rule is as follows.

PART 1

At the end of section 407 of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(1), add the following:

“(i) REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE WORK PROGRAMS.— During fiscal year 1999, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate shall hold hearings and engage in other appropriate activities to review the implementation of this section by the States, and shall invite the Governors of the States to testify before them regarding such implementation. Based on such hearings, such Committees may introduce such legislation as may be appropriate to remedy any problems with the State programs operated pursuant to this section.

In section 404(d) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(1), strike paragraph (2) and insert the following:

“(2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT TRANSFERABLE TO TITLE XX PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total amount paid to a State under this part for a fiscal year that is used to carry out State programs pursuant to provisions of law specified in paragraph (1) may be used to carry out State programs pursuant to title XX.

“(3) APPLICABLE RULES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, any amount paid to a State under this part that is used to carry out a State program pursuant to a provision of law specified in paragraph (1) shall not be subject to the requirements of this part, but shall be subject to the requirements that apply to Federal funds provided directly under the provision of law to carry out the program.

“(B) EXCEPTION RELATING TO TITLE XX PROGRAMS.—All amounts paid to a State under this part that are used to carry out State programs pursuant to title XX shall be used only for programs and services to children or their families.”

At the end of section 408(a)(8) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(2), add the following:

“(E) RULE OF INTERPRETATION.—This part shall not be interpreted to prohibit any State from expending State funds not originating with the Federal Government on benefits for children or families that have become ineligible for assistance under the State program funded under this part by reason of subparagraph (A).”

In section 409(a)(7)(B) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4103(a)(1), strike clause (ii) and insert the following:

“(ii) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—The term ‘applicable percentage’ means for fiscal years 1997 through 2001, 80 percent (or, if the State meets the requirements of section 407(a) for the fiscal year, 75 percent) reduced (if appropriate) in accordance with subparagraph (C)(ii).”

In section 1931(a) of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be inserted by section 4115(a)(2)

(1) in paragraph (1), strike “through (4)” and insert “through (5)”,

(2) in paragraph (3), strike “and” at the end,

(3) in paragraph (4), strike the period at the end and insert “; and”, and

(4) insert after paragraph (4) the following;

“(5) a State may terminate medical assistance under this title for an individual because the individual fails to meet any requirement imposed pursuant to section 407 if the individual was eligible for the medical assistance—

“(A) on the basis of receipt of assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV, or

“(B) pursuant to paragraph (1), on the basis that the individual meets the requirements for receipt of aid or as-

sistance under the State plan under part A of title IV (as in effect on July 16, 1996).”

In paragraph (31)(B) of section 454 of the Social Security Act, as proposed to be added by section 4347(3)—

(1) strike “and shall” and insert “shall”; and

(2) insert “, and shall permit the county office of the State agency administering the State program under this part which collected such amounts to retain an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount applied to the payment of such penalties” before the period.

PART 2

AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KASICH OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES

Subsection (o) of section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015), as added by section 1033(a), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “, during the preceding 12-month period,”,

(B) by inserting “after the effective date of this subsection” after “received”, and

(C) by striking “4” and inserting “3”, and

(2) in paragraph (5) by striking subparagraph (B) and making such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate.

Section 1033 is amended by striking subsection (b) and making such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate.