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H. R. 1179

To prohibit waivers relating to compliance with the work requirements for the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. BOUSTANY, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, and Mr. KLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Preserving the Work
5 Requirement for Welfare Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TANF WAIVERS RELATING TO**
2 **COMPLIANCE WITH THE TANF WORK RE-**
3 **QUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
6 may not do the following:

7 (1) Finalize, implement, enforce, or otherwise
8 take any action to give effect to the Information
9 Memorandum dated July 12, 2012 (Transmittal No.
10 TANF–ACF–IM–2012–03), or to any administrative
11 action relating to the same subject matter set forth
12 in the Information Memorandum or that reflects the
13 same or similar policies as those set forth in the In-
14 formation Memorandum.

15 (2) Authorize, approve, renew, modify, or ex-
16 tend any experimental, pilot, or demonstration
17 project under section 1115 of the Social Security
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) that waives compliance with
19 a requirement of section 407 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
20 607) through a waiver of section 402 of such Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 602) or that provides authority for an
22 expenditure which would not otherwise be an allow-
23 able use of funds under a State program funded
24 under part A of title IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 601
25 et seq.) with respect to compliance with the work re-
26 quirements in section 407 of such Act to be re-

1 garded as an allowable use of funds under that pro-
2 gram for any period.

3 (b) RESCISSION OF WAIVERS.—Any waiver relating
4 to the subject matter set forth in the Information Memo-
5 randum or described in subsection (a)(2) that is granted
6 before the date of the enactment of this Act is hereby re-
7 scinded and shall be null and void.

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