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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. BRADY (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. REED, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ESTES, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. MITCHELL, and Mrs. MILLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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  
 14 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking  
 15 “TANF” and inserting “JOBS”.

1           (2) The heading for section 413 (42 U.S.C.  
 2           613) is amended by striking “**TEMPORARY AS-**  
 3           **SISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**” and inserting  
 4           “**JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY WITH BENEFITS AND**  
 5           **SERVICES**”.

6           (3) The heading for section 413(a) (42 U.S.C.  
 7           613(a)) is amended by striking “TANF” and insert-  
 8           ing “JOBS”.

9           (4) The heading for section 471(e)(7)(B)(i) (42  
 10          U.S.C. 671(e)(7)(B)(i)), as in effect pursuant to the  
 11          amendment made by section 50711(a)(2) of division  
 12          E of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public  
 13          Law 115–123), is amended by striking “TANF”  
 14          and inserting “JOBS”.

15 **SEC. 5. HELPING MORE AMERICANS ENTER AND REMAIN IN**  
 16 **THE WORKFORCE.**

17          (a) **FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**—Section  
 18          403(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(1)) is amended in each of  
 19          subparagraphs (A) and (C) by striking “2017 and 2018”  
 20          and inserting “2019 through 2024”.

21          (b) **HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPON-**  
 22          **SIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS.**—Section 403(a)(2)(D) (42  
 23          U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(D)) is amended—

24                  (1) by striking “2017 and 2018” and inserting  
 25                  “2019 through 2024”; and

1 (2) by striking “for fiscal year 2017 or 2018”.

2 (c) TRIBAL GRANTS.—Section 412(a) (42 U.S.C.  
3 612(a)) is amended in each of paragraphs (1)(A) and  
4 (2)(A) by striking “2017 and 2018” and inserting “2019  
5 through 2024”.

6 (d) IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE TO SUP-  
7 PORT WORK.—Section 418(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(3) APPROPRIATION.—For grants under this  
10 section, there are appropriated—

11 “(A) \$2,917,000,000 for fiscal year 2019;

12 and

13 “(B) \$3,525,000,000 for each of fiscal  
14 years 2020 through 2024.”.

15 (e) GRANTS TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section  
16 1108(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1308(b)(2)) is amended by striking  
17 “2017 and 2018” and inserting “2019 through 2024”.

18 (f) PRORATING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL  
19 YEAR 2019.—Notwithstanding the amendments made by  
20 the subsections (a) through (c) and (e) of this section, the  
21 amount appropriated in each provision of law amended by  
22 such subsections for fiscal year 2019 shall be—

23 (1) the amount that would be so appropriated  
24 in the absence of this subsection; multiplied by

1           (2) the number of days in the period from the  
2           date of the enactment of this Act through September  
3           30, 2019, divided by 365.

4           (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
5           ments made by this section shall take effect on the date  
6           of the enactment of this Act.

7   **SEC. 6. EXPECTING UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT AND CASE**  
8                           **MANAGEMENT.**

9           Section 408(b) (42 U.S.C. 608(b)) is amended to  
10          read as follows:

11          “(b) INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITY PLANS.—

12                  “(1) ASSESSMENT.—The State agency respon-  
13                  sible for administering the State program funded  
14                  under this part shall make an initial assessment of  
15                  the following for each work-eligible individual (as de-  
16                  fined in the regulations promulgated pursuant to  
17                  section 407(i)(1)(A)(i)):

18                          “(A) The education obtained, skills, prior  
19                          work experience, work readiness, and barriers  
20                          to work of the individual.

21                          “(B) The well-being of the children in the  
22                          family of the individual and, where appropriate,  
23                          activities or services (such as services offered by  
24                          a program funded under section 511) to im-  
25                          prove the well-being of the children.

1           “(2) CONTENTS OF PLANS.—On the basis of  
2           the assessment required by paragraph (1) of this  
3           subsection, the State agency, in consultation with  
4           the individual, shall develop an individual oppor-  
5           tunity plan that—

6                   “(A) includes a personal responsibility  
7                   agreement in which the individual acknowledges  
8                   receipt of publicly funded benefits and responsi-  
9                   bility to comply with program requirements in  
10                  order to receive the benefits;

11                  “(B) sets forth the obligations of the indi-  
12                  vidual to participate in work activities (as de-  
13                  fined in section 407(d)), and the number of  
14                  hours per month for which the individual will so  
15                  participate pursuant to section 407;

16                  “(C) sets forth an employment goal and  
17                  planned short-, intermediate-, and long-term ac-  
18                  tions to achieve the goal, and, in the case of an  
19                  individual who has not attained 24 years of age  
20                  and is in secondary school or the equivalent, the  
21                  intermediate action may be completion of sec-  
22                  ondary school or the equivalent;

23                  “(D) describes the job counseling and  
24                  other services the State will provide to the indi-

1           vidual to enable the individual to obtain and  
2           keep unsubsidized employment;

3           “(E) may include referral to appropriate  
4           substance abuse or mental health treatment;  
5           and

6           “(F) is signed by the individual.

7           “(3) TIMING.—The State agency shall comply  
8           with paragraphs (1) and (2) with respect to a work-  
9           eligible individual—

10           “(A) within 1 year after the effective date  
11           of this subsection, in the case of an individual  
12           who, as of such effective date, is a recipient of  
13           assistance under the State program funded  
14           under this part (as in effect immediately before  
15           such effective date); or

16           “(B) within 60 days after the individual is  
17           determined to be eligible for the assistance, in  
18           the case of any other individual.

19           “(4) UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT.—Subject to the  
20           exceptions in paragraph (3), each State shall require  
21           all work-eligible recipients receiving funds under the  
22           State program funded under this part to engage in  
23           work in accordance with the provisions of section  
24           407(c), 407(d), and 407(e).

1           “(5) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE BY INDIVIDUAL.—In addition to any other penalties required  
2           under the State program funded under this part, the  
3           State shall reduce, by such amount as the State considers appropriate, the amount of assistance otherwise payable under the State program to a family  
4           that includes an individual who fails without good  
5           cause to comply with an individual opportunity plan  
6           developed pursuant to this subsection, that is signed  
7           by the individual.  
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9           “(6) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The State shall meet  
10          with each work-eligible individual assessed by the  
11          State under paragraph (1), not less frequently than  
12          every 90 days, to—  
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14               “(A) review the individual opportunity plan  
15               developed for the individual, including the eligibility of the individual for benefits;  
16               “(B) discuss with the individual the  
17               progress made by the individual in achieving  
18               the goals specified in the plan; and  
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20               “(C) update the plan, as necessary, to reflect any changes in the circumstances of the  
21               individual since the plan was last reviewed.”.  
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1 **SEC. 7. PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY BY MEASURING**  
2 **WORK OUTCOMES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 407(a) (42 U.S.C.  
4 607(a)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(a) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORK  
6 OUTCOMES.—

7 “(1) WORK OUTCOMES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a  
9 grant is made under section 403 shall achieve  
10 the requisite minimum level of performance for  
11 a fiscal year described in this paragraph with  
12 respect to the percentage of employment exits  
13 for families receiving assistance under the State  
14 program funded under this part, or be subject  
15 to penalty as described in section 409(a)(3).

16 “(B) CALCULATION OF PERCENTAGE OF  
17 EMPLOYMENT EXITS.—For purposes of this  
18 paragraph, the percentage of employment exits  
19 with respect to a State equals the ratio of the  
20 number of work-eligible individuals who are in  
21 unsubsidized employment 6 months after their  
22 exit to the average monthly number of families  
23 receiving assistance under the State program  
24 funded under this part.

25 “(C) AGREEMENT ON REQUISITE LEVEL  
26 OF PERFORMANCE.—The Secretary and the

1 State shall negotiate the requisite level of per-  
2 formance for the State with respect to employ-  
3 ment exits for each fiscal year beginning with  
4 fiscal year 2021.

5 “(2) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—

6 “(A) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this para-  
7 graph is to provide for the establishment of per-  
8 formance accountability measures to assess the  
9 effectiveness of States in increasing employ-  
10 ment, retention, and advancement among fami-  
11 lies receiving assistance under the State pro-  
12 gram funded under this part.

13 “(B) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a  
14 grant is made under section 403 for a fiscal  
15 year shall achieve the requisite level of perform-  
16 ance on an indicator described in subparagraph  
17 (D) of this paragraph for the fiscal year.

18 “(C) MEASURING STATE PERFORMANCE.—  
19 Each State, in consultation with the Secretary,  
20 shall collect and submit to the Secretary the in-  
21 formation necessary to measure the level of per-  
22 formance of the State for each indicator de-  
23 scribed in subparagraph (D), for fiscal year  
24 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, and the  
25 Secretary shall use the information collected for

1       fiscal year 2021 to establish the baseline level  
2       of performance for each State for each such in-  
3       dicator.

4               “(D) INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE.—  
5       The indicators described in this subparagraph,  
6       for a fiscal year, are the following:

7               “(i) The percentage of individuals who  
8       were work-eligible individuals as of the  
9       time of exit from the program, who are in  
10      unsubsidized employment during the 2nd  
11      quarter after the exit.

12              “(ii) The percentage of individuals  
13      who were work-eligible individuals who  
14      were in unsubsidized employment in the  
15      2nd quarter after the exit, who are also in  
16      unsubsidized employment during the 4th  
17      quarter after the exit.

18              “(iii) The median earnings of individ-  
19      uals who were work-eligible individuals as  
20      of the time of exit from the program, who  
21      are in unsubsidized employment during the  
22      2nd quarter after the exit.

23              “(iv) The percentage of individuals  
24      who have not attained 24 years of age, are  
25      attending high school or enrolled in an

1           equivalency program, and are work-eligible  
2           individuals or were work-eligible individ-  
3           uals as of the time of exit from the pro-  
4           gram, who obtain a high school degree or  
5           its recognized equivalent while receiving as-  
6           sistance under the State program funded  
7           under this part or within 1 year after the  
8           exit.

9           “(E) LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE.—

10           “(i) IN GENERAL.—For each State  
11           submitting a State plan pursuant to sec-  
12           tion 402(a), there shall be established, in  
13           accordance with this subparagraph, levels  
14           of performance for each of the indicators  
15           described in subparagraph (D).

16           “(ii) WEIGHT.—The weight assigned  
17           to such an indicator shall be the following:

18           “(I) Forty percent, in the case of  
19           the indicator described in subpara-  
20           graph (D)(i).

21           “(II) Twenty-five percent, in the  
22           case of the indicator described in sub-  
23           paragraph (D)(ii).

1 “(III) Twenty-five percent, in the  
2 case of the indicator described in sub-  
3 paragraph (D)(iii).

4 “(IV) Ten percent, in the case of  
5 the indicator described in subpara-  
6 graph (D)(iv).

7 “(iii) AGREEMENT ON REQUISITE  
8 PERFORMANCE LEVEL FOR EACH INDIC-  
9 CATOR.—

10 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-  
11 retary and the State shall negotiate  
12 the requisite level of performance for  
13 the State with respect to each indi-  
14 cator described in clause (ii), for each  
15 fiscal year beginning with fiscal year  
16 2021, and shall do so before the be-  
17 ginning of the fiscal year involved.

18 “(II) REQUIREMENTS IN ESTAB-  
19 LISHING PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—In  
20 establishing the requisite levels of per-  
21 formance, the State and the Secretary  
22 shall—

23 “(aa) take into account how  
24 the levels involved compare with

1 the levels established for other  
2 States; and

3 “(bb) ensure the levels in-  
4 volved are adjusted, using the ob-  
5 jective statistical model referred  
6 to in clause (v), based on—

7 “(AA) the differences  
8 among States in economic  
9 conditions, including dif-  
10 ferences in unemployment  
11 rates or employment losses  
12 or gains in particular indus-  
13 tries;

14 “(BB) the characteris-  
15 tics of participants on entry  
16 into the program, including  
17 indicators of prior work his-  
18 tory, lack of educational or  
19 occupational skills attain-  
20 ment, or other factors that  
21 may affect employment and  
22 earnings; and

23 “(CC) take into account  
24 the extent to which the lev-  
25 els involved promote contin-

1                                   uous improvement in per-  
2                                   formance by each State.

3                           “(iv) REVISIONS BASED ON ECONOMIC  
4                           CONDITIONS AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING  
5                           ASSISTANCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.—  
6                           The Secretary shall, in accordance with the  
7                           objective statistical model referred to in  
8                           clause (v), revise the requisite levels of per-  
9                           formance for a State and a fiscal year to  
10                          reflect the economic conditions and charac-  
11                          teristics of the relevant individuals in the  
12                          State during the fiscal year.

13                          “(v)     STATISTICAL     ADJUSTMENT  
14                          MODEL.—The Secretary shall use an objec-  
15                          tive statistical model to make adjustments  
16                          to the requisite levels of performance for  
17                          the economic conditions and characteristics  
18                          of the relevant individuals, and shall con-  
19                          sult with the Secretary of Labor to develop  
20                          a model that is the same as or similar to  
21                          the     model     described     in     section  
22                          116(b)(3)(A)(viii) of the Workforce Inno-  
23                          vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
24                          3141(b)(3)(A)(viii)).

1 “(vi) DEFINITION OF EXIT.—In this  
2 paragraph, the term ‘exit’ means, with re-  
3 spect to a State program funded under  
4 this part, ceases to a receive a JOBS ben-  
5 efit under the program.

6 “(F) STATE OPTION TO ESTABLISH COM-  
7 MON EXIT MEASURES.—Notwithstanding sub-  
8 paragraph (E)(vi) of this paragraph, a State  
9 that has not provided the notification under  
10 section 121(b)(1)(C)(ii) of the Workforce Inno-  
11 vation and Opportunity Act to exclude the State  
12 program funded under this part as a mandatory  
13 one-stop partner may adopt an alternative defi-  
14 nition of ‘exit’ for the purpose of creating com-  
15 mon exit measures to improve alignment with  
16 workforce programs operated under title I of  
17 such Act.

18 “(G) REGULATIONS.—In order to ensure  
19 nationwide comparability of data, the Secretary,  
20 after consultation with the Secretary of Labor  
21 and with States, shall issue regulations gov-  
22 erning the establishment of the performance ac-  
23 countability system under this paragraph and a  
24 template for performance reports to be used by  
25 all States consistent with subsection (b).”.

1 (b) REPORTS ON STATE PERFORMANCE ON HHS  
2 ONLINE DASHBOARD.—Section 407(b) (42 U.S.C.  
3 607(b)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(b) PUBLICATION OF STATE PERFORMANCE.—The  
5 Secretary shall, directly or through the use of grants or  
6 contracts, establish and operate an Internet website that  
7 is accessible to the public, with a dashboard that is regu-  
8 larly updated and provides easy-to-understand information  
9 on the performance of each State program funded under  
10 this part, including a profile for each such program, ex-  
11 pressed by use of a template, which shall include—

12 “(1) information on the indicators and requisite  
13 performance levels established for the State under  
14 subsection (a), including, with respect to each such  
15 level, whether the State achieves, exceeds, or fails to  
16 achieve the level on an ongoing basis, including—

17 “(A) information on any adjustments made  
18 to the requisite levels using the statistical ad-  
19 justment model described in subsection  
20 (a)(3)(D)(v); and

21 “(B) a grade based on the overall perform-  
22 ance of the State, as determined by the Sec-  
23 retary and in consultation with the State, and  
24 the overall performance shall be graded based  
25 on the performance indicators and weights for

1           each such indicator as described in subsection  
2           (a);

3           “(2) information reported under section 411 on  
4           the characteristics and demographics of individuals  
5           receiving assistance under the State program, in-  
6           cluding—

7                 “(A) the number and percentage of child-  
8                 only cases and reason why the cases are child-  
9                 only; and

10                “(B) the average weekly number of hours  
11                that each work-eligible individual in the State  
12                program participates in work activities, includ-  
13                ing a separate section showing the number and  
14                percentage of the work-eligible individuals with  
15                zero hours of the participation and the reason  
16                for non-participation;

17                “(3) information on the results of improper  
18                payments reviews;

19                “(4) a link to the State plan approved under  
20                section 402; and

21                “(5) information regarding any penalty im-  
22                posed, or other corrective action taken, by the Sec-  
23                retary against a State for failing to achieve a req-  
24                uisite performance level or any other requirement  
25                imposed by or under this part.”.

1           (c) MODIFICATION OF RULES FOR DETERMINING  
2 WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENGAGED IN WORK.—Sec-  
3 tion 407(c) (42 U.S.C. 607(c)) is amended—

4           (1) in paragraph (1)—

5               (A) in subparagraph (A)—

6                   (i) by striking “For purposes of sub-  
7 section (b)(1)(B)(i), a” and inserting “A”;  
8 and

9                   (ii) by striking “, not fewer than” and  
10 all that follows through “this subsection”;  
11 and

12           (B) in subparagraph (B)—

13               (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
14 by striking “For purposes of subsection  
15 (b)(2)(B), an” and inserting “An”;

16               (ii) in clause (i), by striking “, not  
17 fewer than” and all that follows through  
18 “this subsection”; and

19               (iii) in clause (ii), by striking “, not  
20 fewer than” and all that follows through  
21 “subsection (d)”; and

22           (2) in paragraph (2)—

23               (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and  
24 (D);

1 (B) in each of subparagraphs (B) and (C),  
 2 by striking “For purposes of determining  
 3 monthly participation rates under subsection  
 4 (b)(1)(B)(i), a” and inserting “A”;

5 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
 6 and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-  
 7 tively; and

8 (D) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) STATE OPTION FOR PARTICIPATION  
 10 REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—For any fiscal  
 11 year, a State may, at its option, not require an  
 12 individual who is a single custodial parent car-  
 13 ing for a child who has not attained 12 months  
 14 of age to engage in work, for not more than 12  
 15 months.”.

16 (d) MODIFICATIONS TO ALLOWABLE WORK ACTIVI-  
 17 TIES.—Section 407(d) (42 U.S.C. 607(d)) is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (5), by inserting “, including  
 19 apprenticeship” before the semicolon;

20 (2) in paragraph (6), by inserting “supervised”  
 21 before “job search”;

22 (3) in paragraph (8), by striking “(not to ex-  
 23 ceed 12 months with respect to any individual)” and  
 24 inserting “, including career technical education”;

1           (4) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” at the  
2       end;

3           (5) in paragraph (12), by striking the period  
4       and inserting “; and”; and

5           (6) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(13) participation in an in-home program  
7       teaching parenting skills that complies with the re-  
8       quirements of section 407(c).”.

9       (e) PENALTY AGAINST STATES.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a)(3) (42  
11       U.S.C. 609(a)(3)) is amended by striking all that  
12       precedes subparagraph (B) and inserting the fol-  
13       lowing:

14           “(3) FAILURE TO SATISFY WORK OUTCOMES  
15       AND WORK ENGAGEMENT.—

16           “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary deter-  
17       mines that a State to which a grant is made  
18       under section 403 for a fiscal year has failed to  
19       comply with any of section 407(a)(1), section  
20       408(b)(3), or section 408(b)(4) for the fiscal  
21       year, the Secretary shall reduce the grant pay-  
22       able to the State under section 403(a)(1) for  
23       the immediately succeeding fiscal year by an  
24       amount equal to the applicable percentage of  
25       the State family assistance grant.”.

1           (2) TRANSITION RULE.—The Secretary of  
2       Health and Human Services may not impose a pen-  
3       alty under section 409(a)(3) of the Social Security  
4       Act by reason of the failure of a State to comply  
5       with section 407(a) of such Act for any fiscal year  
6       before fiscal year 2021.

7       (f) PRO RATA REDUCTION OF ASSISTANCE FOR INDI-  
8       VIDUAL NONCOMPLIANCE.—Section 407(e) (42 U.S.C.  
9       607(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10           “(3) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—For purposes of  
11       paragraph (1)(A), the amount of a pro rata reduc-  
12       tion in assistance shall be determined by multiplying  
13       the total amount of monthly assistance that would,  
14       in the absence of the application of this paragraph,  
15       be paid to the entire family, by the ratio of—

16           “(A) the number of hours of required work  
17       activities as designated in subsection (d) actu-  
18       ally performed by the individual during the  
19       month; to

20           “(B) the number of hours of work activi-  
21       ties that the individual was required to perform  
22       during the month in accordance with subsection  
23       (c).

24       “(4) PENALTIES AND ENGAGEMENT.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the limita-  
 2           tion in (B), if in a given month an individual  
 3           who received assistance under this part was re-  
 4           quired to engage in work under section  
 5           408(b)(4), failed to fulfill those obligations and  
 6           was subsequently sanctioned in accordance with  
 7           section 407(e)(2) and (3), that individual shall  
 8           judged to be engaged in work for that month  
 9           for purposes of section 408(b)(4).

10           “(B) LIMITATION.—If an individual re-  
 11           ceives no benefits for two consecutive months  
 12           due to sanctioning under section 407(e)(2) and  
 13           (3), that individual shall not be counted as en-  
 14           gaged in work in subsequent months for pur-  
 15           poses of section 408(b)(4) unless actual work in  
 16           accordance with section 407(d) was resumed.”.

17           (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of sec-  
 18           tion 412(c) (42 U.S.C. 612(c)) is amended by striking  
 19           “MINIMUM WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS” and  
 20           inserting “REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK OUTCOME MEAS-  
 21           URES”.

22   **SEC. 8. TARGETING FUNDS TO TRULY NEEDY FAMILIES.**

23           (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR FAMILIES  
 24           WITH INCOME GREATER THAN TWICE THE POVERTY

1 LINE.—Section 404(k) (42 U.S.C. 604(k)) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 “(k) PROHIBITIONS.—

4 “(1) USE OF FUNDS FOR PERSONS WITH IN-  
5 COME GREATER THAN TWICE THE POVERTY LINE.—

6 A State to which a grant is made under this part  
7 shall not use the grant to provide any assistance or  
8 services to a family whose monthly income exceeds  
9 twice the poverty line (as defined by the Office of  
10 Management and Budget, and revised annually in  
11 accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus  
12 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.  
13 9902(2))).”.

14 (b) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS  
15 FOR CASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 404(b)(2)  
16 (42 U.S.C. 604(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) of this sub-  
18 section shall not apply to the use of a grant for—

19 “(A) information technology and comput-  
20 erization needed for tracking, monitoring, or  
21 data collection required by or under this part;  
22 or

23 “(B) case management activities to carry  
24 out section 408(b).”.

1 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DIRECT  
 2 SPENDING ON CHILD CARE SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES.—  
 3 Section 404(k) (42 U.S.C. 604(k)), as amended by sub-  
 4 section (a) of this section, is amended by adding at the  
 5 end the following:

6 “(2) DIRECT SPENDING ON CHILD CARE SERV-  
 7 ICES OR ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is  
 8 made under this part shall not use the grant for di-  
 9 rect spending on child care and other early childhood  
 10 education programs, services, or activities.”.

11 (d) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CHILD WEL-  
 12 FARE SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES.—Section 404(k) (42  
 13 U.S.C. 604(k)), as amended by subsections (a) and (c)  
 14 of this section, is amended—

15 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “;  
 16 LIMITATION” after “PROHIBITIONS”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(3) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CHILD  
 19 WELFARE SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES.—A State may  
 20 use not more than 10 percent of a grant made to  
 21 the State under section 403(a)(1) for child welfare  
 22 services or activities, taking into account any  
 23 amount transferred under subsection (d)(2) of this  
 24 section.”.

1       (e) EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER  
2 FUNDS.—Section 404(d) (42 U.S.C. 604(d)) is amended  
3 by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and inserting the  
4 following:

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may transfer not  
6 more than 50 percent of the grant made to the State  
7 under section 403(a)(1) to a State program pursu-  
8 ant to any or all of the following provisions of law:

9           “(A) The Child Care and Development  
10 Block Grant Act of 1990.

11           “(B) Title I of the Workforce Innovation  
12 and Opportunity Act.

13           “(C) Subpart 1 of part B of this title.

14           “(2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT TRANSFERABLE  
15 TO SUBPART 1 OF PART B.—A State may transfer  
16 not more than 10 percent of a grant made to the  
17 State under section 403(a)(1) to carry out State  
18 programs operated pursuant to the State plan devel-  
19 oped under subpart 1 of part B, taking into account  
20 any amount used as described in subsection (k)(3)  
21 of this section.

22           “(3) APPLICABLE RULES.—

23           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
24 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, any  
25 amount paid to a State under this part that is

1           used to carry out a State program pursuant to  
2           a provision of law specified in paragraph (1)  
3           shall not be subject to the requirements of this  
4           part, but shall be subject to the requirements  
5           that apply to Federal funds provided directly  
6           under the provision of law to carry out the pro-  
7           gram, and the expenditure of any amount so  
8           used shall not be considered to be an expendi-  
9           ture under this part.

10           “(B) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO THE  
11           WIOA.—In the case of funds transferred under  
12           paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection—

13                   “(i) the State shall provide an assur-  
14                   ance that the funds will be used to support  
15                   individuals eligible for assistance or serv-  
16                   ices under this part pursuant to subsection  
17                   (k)(1); and

18                   “(ii) not more than 15 percent of the  
19                   funds will be reserved for statewide work-  
20                   force investment activities referred to in  
21                   section 128(a)(1) of the Workforce Innova-  
22                   tion and Opportunity Act.

23           “(4) WIOA TRANSFER AUTHORITY NOT AVAIL-  
24           ABLE TO STATES EXCLUDING THE STATE JOBS PRO-  
25           GRAM AS A MANDATORY ONE-STOP PARTNER UNDER

1       THE WIOA.—The authority provided by paragraph  
 2       (1)(B) of this subsection may not be exercised by a  
 3       State that has provided the notification referred to  
 4       in section 407(a)(2)(F).”.

5   **SEC. 9. TARGETING FUNDS TO CORE PURPOSES.**

6       (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25 PER-  
 7   CENT OF JOBS GRANT FOR SPENDING ON CORE ACTIVI-  
 8   TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by  
 9   adding at the end the following:

10           “(13) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25  
 11   PERCENT OF JOBS GRANT FOR SPENDING ON CORE  
 12   ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is made  
 13   under section 403(a)(1) for a fiscal year shall ex-  
 14   pend not less than 25 percent of the grant on assist-  
 15   ance, case management, work supports and sup-  
 16   portive services, work, wage subsidies, work activities  
 17   (as defined in section 407(d)), and non-recurring  
 18   short-term benefits.”.

19       (b) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF  
 20   QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES BE FOR CORE ACTIVI-  
 21   TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by  
 22   subsection (a) of this section, is amended by adding at  
 23   the end the following:

24           “(14) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PER-  
 25   CENT OF QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES BE FOR

1 CORE ACTIVITIES.—Not less than 25 percent of the  
 2 qualified State expenditures (as defined in section  
 3 409(a)(7)(B)(ii)) of a State during the fiscal year  
 4 shall be for assistance, case management, work sup-  
 5 ports and supportive services, work, wage subsidies,  
 6 work activities (as defined in section 407(d)), and  
 7 non-recurring short-term benefits.”.

8 (c) PHASE-OUT OF COUNTING OF THIRD-PARTY  
 9 CONTRIBUTIONS AS QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDI-  
 10 TURES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended  
 11 by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, is amended by  
 12 adding at the end the following:

13 “(15) PHASE-OUT OF COUNTING OF THIRD-  
 14 PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS AS QUALIFIED STATE EX-  
 15 PENDITURES.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The qualified State  
 17 expenditures (as defined in section  
 18 409(a)(7)(B)(i)) of a State for a fiscal year  
 19 that are attributable to the value of goods and  
 20 services provided by a source other than a State  
 21 or local government shall not exceed the appli-  
 22 cable percentage of the expenditures for the fis-  
 23 cal year.

1 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—In sub-  
 2 paragraph (A), the term ‘applicable percentage’  
 3 means, with respect to a fiscal year—

4 “(i) 75 percent, in the case of fiscal  
 5 year 2020;

6 “(ii) 50 percent, in the case of fiscal  
 7 year 2021;

8 “(iii) 25 percent, in the case of fiscal  
 9 year 2022; and

10 “(iv) 0 percent, in the case of fiscal  
 11 year 2023 or any succeeding fiscal year.”.

12 **SEC. 10. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM INTEGRITY BY MEAS-**  
 13 **URING IMPROPER PAYMENTS.**

14 Section 404 (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended by adding  
 15 at the end the following:

16 “(l) APPLICABILITY OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS  
 17 LAWS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Improper Payments  
 19 Information Act of 2002 and the Improper Pay-  
 20 ments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 shall  
 21 apply to a State in respect of the State program  
 22 funded under this part in the same manner in which  
 23 such Acts apply to a Federal agency.

24 “(2) REGULATIONS.—Within 2 years after the  
 25 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Sec-

1       retary shall prescribe regulations governing how a  
 2       State reviews and reports improper payments under  
 3       the State program funded under this part.”.

4   **SEC. 11. PROHIBITION ON STATE DIVERSION OF FEDERAL**  
 5               **FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C.  
 7   608(a)), as amended by section 9 of this Act, is amended  
 8   by adding at the end the following:

9               “(16) NON-SUPPLANTATION REQUIREMENT.—  
 10   Funds made available to a State under this part  
 11   shall be used to supplement, not supplant, State  
 12   general revenue spending on activities described in  
 13   section 404.”.

14   (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 15   subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2020.

16   **SEC. 12. INCLUSION OF POVERTY REDUCTION AS A PRO-**  
 17               **GRAM PURPOSE.**

18   Section 401(a) (42 U.S.C. 601(a)) is amended—

19               (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
 20   (3);

21               (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
 22   graph (4) and inserting “; and”; and

23               (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) reduce child poverty by increasing employ-  
 2 ment entry, retention, and advancement of needy  
 3 parents.”.

4 **SEC. 13. WELFARE FOR NEEDS NOT WEED.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 408(a)(12)(A) (42  
 6 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

9 (iii) and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(iv) any establishment that offers  
 12 marihuana (as defined in section 102(16)  
 13 of the Controlled Substances Act) for  
 14 sale.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 16 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 3 years  
 17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 14. STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH**  
 19 **HHS APPROVAL OF STATE PLANS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 (42 U.S.C. 602) is  
 21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

24 (1)—

1 (i) by striking “27-month” and insert-  
2 ing “24-month”; and

3 (ii) by striking “found” and inserting  
4 “approved that”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (1)—

6 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (I) by striking clauses (ii) and

8 (iii) and inserting the following:

9 “(ii) Require work-eligible individuals  
10 (as defined in the regulations promulgated  
11 pursuant to section 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) to en-  
12 gage in work activities consistent with sec-  
13 tion 407(c). The document shall describe  
14 any in-home parenting program participa-  
15 tion in which will be considered by the  
16 State as a work activity pursuant to sec-  
17 tion 407(d)(13).”;

18 (II) by redesignating clauses (iv)

19 through (viii) as clauses (iii) through

20 (vii), respectively; and

21 (III) by adding at the end the

22 following:

23 “(viii) Describe the case management  
24 practices of the State with respect to the  
25 requirements of section 408(b), provide a

1 copy of the form or forms that will be used  
2 to assess a work-eligible individual (as so  
3 defined) and prepare an individual oppor-  
4 tunity plan for the individual, describe how  
5 the State will ensure that such a plan is  
6 reviewed in accordance with section  
7 408(b)(6), and describe how the State will  
8 measure progress under the plan.

9 “(ix) Propose the requisite levels of  
10 performance for the State for purposes of  
11 section 407(a) for each year in the 2-year  
12 period referred to in subsection (d) of this  
13 section, and provide an explanation with  
14 supporting data of why each such level is  
15 appropriate.

16 “(x) Describe how the State will en-  
17 gage low-income noncustodial parents who  
18 owe child support and how such a parent  
19 will be provided with access to work sup-  
20 port and other services under the program  
21 to which the parent is referred to support  
22 their employment and advancement.

23 “(xi) Describe how the State will com-  
24 ply with improper payments provisions in  
25 section 404(l).

1           “(xii) Describe coordination with  
2           other programs, including whether the  
3           State intends to exercise authority pro-  
4           vided by section 404(d) of this Act to  
5           transfer any funds paid to the State under  
6           this part, provide assurance that, in the  
7           case of a transfer to carry out a program  
8           under title I of the Workforce Innovation  
9           and Opportunity Act, the State will comply  
10          with section 404(d)(3)(B) of this Act and  
11          coordinate with the one-stop delivery sys-  
12          tem under the Workforce Innovation and  
13          Opportunity Act, and describe how the  
14          State will coordinate with the programs in-  
15          volved to provide services to families re-  
16          ceiving assistance under the program re-  
17          ferred to in paragraph (1) of this sub-  
18          section.

19          “(xiii) Describe how the State will  
20          promote marriage, such as through tem-  
21          porary disregard of the income of a new  
22          spouse when an individual receiving assist-  
23          ance under the State program marries so  
24          that the couple doesn’t automatically lose  
25          benefits due to marriage.

1                   “(xiv) Describe how the State will  
 2                   allow for a transitional period of benefits,  
 3                   such as through temporary earned income  
 4                   disregards or a gradual reduction in the  
 5                   monthly benefit amount, for an individual  
 6                   receiving assistance who obtains employ-  
 7                   ment and becomes ineligible due to an in-  
 8                   crease in income obtained through employ-  
 9                   ment or through an increase in wages.”;  
 10                  and

11                   (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
 12                  clauses (iv) and (v);

13                  (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
 14                  following:

15                  “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF STATE PLANS.—The  
 16                  Secretary shall make available to the public a link to any  
 17                  plan or plan amendment submitted by a State under this  
 18                  subsection.”; and

19                  (3) by adding at the end the following:

20                  “(d) 2-YEAR PLAN.—A plan submitted pursuant to  
 21                  this section shall be designed to be implemented during  
 22                  a 2-year period.

23                  “(e) COMBINED PLAN ALLOWED.—A State may sub-  
 24                  mit to the Secretary and the Secretary of Labor a com-  
 25                  bined State plan that meets the requirements of sub-

1 sections (a) and (d) and that is for programs and activities  
 2 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

3 “(f) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—The Secretary shall ap-  
 4 prove any plan submitted pursuant to this section that  
 5 meets the requirements of subsections (a) through (d).”.

6 (b) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

7 (1) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES; DISSEMINA-  
 8 TION OF INFORMATION.—Section 416 (42 U.S.C.  
 9 616) is amended—

10 (A) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” be-  
 11 fore “The programs”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary  
 14 shall coordinate all activities of the Department of Health  
 15 and Human Services relating to work activities (as defined  
 16 in section 407(d)) and requirements and measurement of  
 17 employment outcomes, and, to the maximum extent prac-  
 18 ticable, coordinate the activities of the Department in this  
 19 regard with similar activities of other Federal entities.

20 “(c) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-  
 21 retary shall disseminate, for voluntary informational pur-  
 22 poses, information on practices that scientifically valid re-  
 23 search indicates are most successful in improving the qual-  
 24 ity of State and tribal programs funded under this part.”.

25 (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 406 (42 U.S.C. 606)  
 2 is amended to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 406. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide tech-  
 5 nical assistance to States and Indian tribes (which may  
 6 include providing technical assistance on a reimbursable  
 7 basis), which shall be provided by qualified experts on  
 8 practices grounded in scientifically valid research, where  
 9 appropriate, to support activities related publication of  
 10 State performance under section 407(b) and to carry out  
 11 State and tribal programs funded under this part.

12 “(b) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall  
 13 reserve not more than 0.25 percent of the amount appro-  
 14 priated by section 403(a)(1)(C) for a fiscal year to carry  
 15 out subsection (a) of this section.”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
 17 403(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(1)(B)) is amended  
 18 by striking “percentage specified in section  
 19 413(h)(1)” and inserting “the sum of the percent-  
 20 ages specified in sections 406(b) and 413(h)”.

21 **SEC. 15. ALIGNING AND IMPROVING DATA REPORTING.**

22 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES REPORT FULL-  
 23 POPULATION DATA.—Section 411(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
 24 611(a)(1)) is amended—

25 (1) by striking subparagraph (B);

1           (2) by striking “(1) GENERAL REPORTING RE-  
2           QUIREMENT.—”; and

3           (3) by—

4           (A) redesignating—

5                   (i) subparagraph (A) as paragraph  
6           (1);

7                   (ii) clauses (i) through (xvii) of sub-  
8           paragraph (A) as subparagraphs (A)  
9           through (Q), respectively;

10                  (iii) subclauses (I) through (V) of  
11           clause (ii) as clauses (i) through (v), re-  
12           spectively;

13                  (iv) subclauses (I) through (VII) of  
14           clause (xi) as clauses (i) through (vii), re-  
15           spectively; and

16                  (v) subclauses (I) through (V) of  
17           clause (xvi) as clauses (i) through (v), re-  
18           spectively; and

19           (B) moving each such redesignated provi-  
20           sion 2 ems to the left.

21           (b) REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN WORK ACTIVI-  
22   TIES.—Section 411(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)), as  
23   amended by subsection (a)(3) of this section, is amended  
24   by striking subparagraphs (K) and (L) and inserting the  
25   following:

1           “(K) The work eligibility status of each in-  
2           dividual in the family, and—

3           “(i) in the case of each work-eligible  
4           individual (as defined in the regulations  
5           promulgated pursuant to section  
6           407(i)(1)(A)(i)) in the family—

7           “(I) the number of hours (includ-  
8           ing zero hours) per month of partici-  
9           pation in—

10           “(aa) work activities (as de-  
11           fined in section 407(d)); and

12           “(bb) any other activity re-  
13           quired by the State to remove a  
14           barrier to employment; and

15           “(ii) in the case of each individual in  
16           the family who is not a work-eligible indi-  
17           vidual (as so defined), the reason for that  
18           status.

19           “(L) For each work-eligible individual (as  
20           so defined) and each adult in the family who  
21           did not participate in work activities (as so de-  
22           fined) during a month, the reason for the lack  
23           of participation.”.

1 (c) REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT  
 2 AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—Section 411(c) (42 U.S.C.  
 3 611(c)) is amended to read as follows:

4 “(c) REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT  
 5 AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
 6 tion with the Secretary of Labor, shall determine the in-  
 7 formation that is necessary to compute the employment  
 8 and earnings outcomes and the statistical adjustment  
 9 model for the employment and earnings outcomes required  
 10 under section 407, and each eligible State shall collect and  
 11 report that information to the Secretary.”.

12 **SEC. 16. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO DATA EXCHANGE**  
 13 **STANDARDS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM COORDI-**  
 14 **NATION.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(d) (42 U.S.C.  
 16 611(d)) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(d) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS FOR IMPROVED  
 18 INTEROPERABILITY.—

19 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall, in  
 20 consultation with an interagency work group estab-  
 21 lished by the Office of Management and Budget and  
 22 considering State government perspectives, by rule,  
 23 designate data exchange standards to govern, under  
 24 this part—

1           “(A) necessary categories of information  
2           that State agencies operating programs under  
3           State plans approved under this part are re-  
4           quired under applicable Federal law to elec-  
5           tronically exchange with another State agency;  
6           and

7           “(B) Federal reporting and data exchange  
8           required under applicable Federal law.

9           “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange  
10          standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex-  
11          tent practicable—

12           “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-  
13           proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-  
14           mat, such as the eXtensible Markup Language;

15           “(B) contain interoperable standards devel-  
16           oped and maintained by intergovernmental  
17           partnerships, such as the National Information  
18           Exchange Model;

19           “(C) incorporate interoperable standards  
20           developed and maintained by Federal entities  
21           with authority over contracting and financial  
22           assistance;

23           “(D) be consistent with and implement ap-  
24           plicable accounting principles;

1           “(E) be implemented in a manner that is  
 2           cost-effective and improves program efficiency  
 3           and effectiveness; and

4           “(F) be capable of being continually up-  
 5           graded as necessary.

6           “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
 7           this subsection shall be construed to require a  
 8           change to existing data exchange standards found to  
 9           be effective and efficient.”.

10          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Not later than the date that  
 11          is 24 months after the date of the enactment of this sec-  
 12          tion, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
 13          issue a proposed rule that—

14               (1) identifies federally required data exchanges,  
 15               include specification and timing of exchanges to be  
 16               standardized, and address the factors used in deter-  
 17               mining whether and when to standardize data ex-  
 18               changes; and

19               (2) specifies State implementation options and  
 20               describes future milestones.

21       **SEC. 17. SET-ASIDE FOR ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS.**

22          Section 404(e) (42 U.S.C. 604(e)) is amended to read  
 23          as follows:

24               “(e) DEADLINES FOR OBLIGATION AND EXPENDI-  
 25          TURES OF FUNDS BY STATES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
 2           graph (2), a State to which a grant is made under  
 3           section 403(a)(1) shall obligate the funds within 2  
 4           years after the date the funds are made available,  
 5           and shall expend the funds within 3 years after such  
 6           date.

7           “(2) EXCEPTION FOR LIMITED AMOUNT OF  
 8           FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE USE.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State to which  
 10           funds are paid under section 403(a)(1) may re-  
 11           serve not more than 15 percent of the funds for  
 12           use in the State program funded under this  
 13           part without fiscal year limitation.

14           “(B) NOTICE OF INTENT TO RESERVE  
 15           FUNDS.—A State that intends to reserve funds  
 16           paid to the State under section 402(a)(1) shall  
 17           notify the Secretary of the intention not later  
 18           than the end of the period in which the funds  
 19           are available for obligation without regard to  
 20           subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.”.

21 **SEC. 18. DEFINITIONS RELATED TO USE OF FUNDS.**

22           Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding  
 23           at the end the following:

24           “(6) ASSISTANCE.—The term ‘assistance’  
 25           means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of

1       benefits designed to meet a family’s ongoing basic  
2       needs (such as for food, clothing, shelter, utilities,  
3       household goods, personal care items, and general  
4       incidental expenses).

5               “(7) WORK SUPPORTS.—The term ‘work sup-  
6       ports’ means assistance and non-assistance transpor-  
7       tation benefits (such as the value of allowances, bus  
8       tokens, car payments, auto repair, auto insurance  
9       reimbursement, and van services) provided in order  
10      to help families obtain, retain, or advance in employ-  
11      ment, participate in work activities (as defined in  
12      section 407(d)), or as a non-recurrent, short-term  
13      benefit, including goods provided to individuals in  
14      order to help them obtain or maintain employment  
15      (such as tools, uniforms, fees to obtain special li-  
16      censes, bonuses, incentives, and work support allow-  
17      ances and expenditures for job access).

18              “(8) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-  
19      portive services’ means services such as domestic vio-  
20      lence services, and mental health, substance abuse  
21      and disability services, housing counseling services,  
22      and other family supports, except to the extent that  
23      the provision of the service would violate section  
24      408(a)(6).

1           “(9) JOBS BENEFIT.—The term ‘JOBS ben-  
2       efit’ means—

3                   “(A) assistance; or

4                   “(B) wage subsidies that are paid, with  
5       funds provided under section 403(a) or with  
6       qualified State expenditures, with respect to a  
7       person who—

8                           “(i) was a work-eligible individual (as  
9       defined in the regulations promulgated  
10      pursuant to section 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) at the  
11      time of entry into subsidized employment,  
12      such as on-the-job training or apprentice-  
13      ship; and

14                           “(ii) is not receiving assistance.”.

15   **SEC. 19. ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.**

16       (a) ELIMINATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS TO  
17   STATES.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C. 603(a)) is amended  
18   by striking paragraph (3).

19       (b) ELIMINATION OF BONUS TO REWARD HIGH PER-  
20   FORMANCE STATES.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C.  
22   603(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

23           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
24   1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by  
25   striking “403(a)(4),”.

1 (c) ELIMINATION OF WELFARE-TO-WORK GRANTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C.  
3 603(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (5).

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) ELIMINATION OF EXCLUSION FROM  
6 TIME LIMIT.—Section 408(a)(7) (42 U.S.C.  
7 608(a)(7)) is amended by striking subpara-  
8 graph (G).

9 (B) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY FOR MIS-  
10 USE OF COMPETITIVE WELFARE-TO-WORK  
11 FUNDS.—Section 409(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
12 609(a)(1)) is amended by striking subpara-  
13 graph (C).

14 (C) ELIMINATION OF EXCLUSION FROM  
15 QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES OF STATE  
16 FUNDS USED TO MATCH WELFARE-TO-WORK  
17 GRANT FUNDS.—Section 409(a)(7)(B)(iv) (42  
18 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(iv)) is amended in the 1st  
19 sentence—

20 (i) by adding “or” at the end of sub-  
21 clause (II); and

22 (ii) by striking subclause (III) and re-  
23 designating subclause (IV) as subclause  
24 (III).

1 (D) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY FOR FAIL-  
2 URE OF STATE TO MAINTAIN HISTORIC EFFORT  
3 DURING YEAR IN WHICH WELFARE-TO-WORK  
4 GRANT IS RECEIVED.—Section 409(a) (42  
5 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking para-  
6 graph (13).

7 (E) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS RE-  
8 LATING TO WELFARE-TO-WORK GRANTS IN  
9 QUARTERLY STATE REPORTS.—Section 411(a)  
10 (42 U.S.C. 611(a)), as amended by section  
11 15(a) of this Act, is amended—

12 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “(ex-  
13 cept for information relating to activities  
14 carried out under section 403(a)(5))”; and

15 (ii) in each of paragraphs (2) through  
16 (4), by striking the comma and all that fol-  
17 lows and inserting a period.

18 (F) INDIAN TRIBAL PROGRAMS.—Section  
19 412(a) (42 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by strik-  
20 ing paragraph (3).

21 (G) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO  
22 DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PRIVATE  
23 INDUSTRY COUNCIL RECEIVING WELFARE-TO-  
24 WORK FUNDS.—Section 454A(f) (42 U.S.C.  
25 654a(f)) is amended by striking paragraph (5).

1 (H) GRANTS TO TERRITORIES.—Section  
2 1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended  
3 by striking “403(a)(5),”.

4 (d) ELIMINATION OF CONTINGENCY FUND.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 403 (42 U.S.C. 603)  
6 is amended by striking all of subsection (b) except  
7 paragraph (5).

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (A) TRANSFER OF NEEDY STATE DEFINI-  
10 TION.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (5) of  
12 section 403(b) (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(5)) is—

13 (I) amended—

14 (aa) in the matter preceding  
15 subparagraph (A), by striking  
16 “paragraph (4)” and inserting  
17 “subparagraph (C)”;

18 (bb) in each of subpara-  
19 graphs (A) and (B), by redesign-  
20 ating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-  
21 clauses (I) and (II), respectively;

22 (cc) by redesignating sub-  
23 paragraphs (A) and (B) as  
24 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

1 (dd) by redesignating such  
 2 paragraph as subparagraph (D);  
 3 and

4 (ee) by moving each provi-  
 5 sion 2 ems to the right; and

6 (II) as so amended, hereby trans-  
 7 ferred into section 409(a)(3) (42  
 8 U.S.C. 609(a)(3)) and added to the  
 9 end of such section.

10 (ii) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Sec-  
 11 tion 409(a)(3)(C) (42 U.S.C.  
 12 609(a)(3)(C)) is amended by striking “(as  
 13 defined in section 403(b)(5))”.

14 (B) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY FOR FAIL-  
 15 URE OF STATE RECEIVING AMOUNTS FROM  
 16 CONTINGENCY FUND TO MAINTAIN 100 PER-  
 17 CENT OF HISTORIC EFFORT.—Section 409(a)  
 18 (42 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking  
 19 paragraph (10).

20 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO ELIMI-  
 21 NATION OF FEDERAL LOANS FOR STATE WELFARE PRO-  
 22 GRAMS.—

23 (1) ELIMINATION OF ASSOCIATED PENALTY  
 24 PROVISION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a) (42  
2 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by striking para-  
3 graph (6).

4 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
5 412(g)(1) (42 U.S.C. 612(g)(1)) is amended by  
6 striking “(a)(6),”.

7 (2) ELIMINATION OF PROVISION PROVIDING  
8 FOR TRIBAL ELIGIBILITY.—Section 412 (42 U.S.C.  
9 612) is amended by striking subsection (f).

10 (3) ELIMINATION OF DISREGARD OF LOAN IN  
11 APPLYING LIMIT ON PAYMENTS TO THE TERRI-  
12 TORIES.—Section 1108(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1308(a)(2)) is amended by striking “406,”.

14 (f) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATIONS ON OTHER STATE  
15 PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDI-  
16 TURES.—

17 (1) The following provisions are each amended  
18 by striking “or any other State program funded with  
19 qualified State expenditures (as defined in section  
20 409(a)(7)(B)(i))”:

21 (A) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section  
22 407(e) (42 U.S.C. 607(e)(1) and (2)).

23 (B) Section 411(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
24 611(a)(1)), as amended by section  
25 15(a)(3)(A)(i) of this Act.

1 (C) Subsections (d) and (e)(1) of section  
 2 413 (42 U.S.C. 613(d) and (e)(1)).

3 (2) Section 413(a) (42 U.S.C. 613(a)) is  
 4 amended by striking “and any other State program  
 5 funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined  
 6 in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i))”.

7 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO ELIMI-  
 8 NATION OF REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 409(a)(2) (42  
 10 U.S.C. 609(a)(2)) is amended—

11 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting  
 12 “QUARTERLY” before “REPORT”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
 14 “clause (i)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

15 (C) by striking “(A) QUARTERLY RE-  
 16 PORTS.—”;

17 (D) by striking subparagraph (B); and

18 (E) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) of  
 19 subparagraph (A) as subparagraphs (A) and  
 20 (B), respectively (and adjusting the margins ac-  
 21 cordingly).

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

23 (A) Section 409(b)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
 24 609(b)(2)) is amended by striking “and,” and  
 25 all that follows and inserting a period.

1 (B) Section 409(c)(4) (42 U.S.C.  
2 609(c)(4)) is amended by striking “(2)(B),”.

3 (h) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section  
4 411(b)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C. 611(b)(1)(A)) is amended by  
5 striking “participation rates” and inserting “outcome  
6 measures”.

7 (i) REDUCTION IN FORCE PROVISIONS.—Section  
8 416(a) (42 U.S.C. 616(a)), as so designated by section  
9 14(b)(1)(A) of this Act, is amended by striking “, and the  
10 Secretary” and all that follows and inserting a period.

11 (j) CONFORMING CROSS-REFERENCES.—

12 (1) Section 409 (42 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (a)(7)(B)(i)(III), by  
14 striking “(12)” and inserting “(10)”;

15 (B) in subsection (a) (as amended by sub-  
16 sections (c)(2)(D), (d)(2)(B), and (e)(1)(A) of  
17 this section), by redesignating paragraphs (7),  
18 (8), (9), (11), (12), (14), (15), and (16) as  
19 paragraphs (6) through (13), respectively;

20 (C) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “(8),  
21 (10), (12), or (13)” and inserting “or (10)”;  
22 and

23 (D) in subsection (c)(4), by striking “(8),  
24 (10), (12), (13), or (16)” and inserting “(10),  
25 or (13)”.

1           (2) Section 452 (42 U.S.C. 652) is amended in  
 2           each of subsections (d)(3)(A)(i) and (g)(1) by strik-  
 3           ing “409(a)(8)” and inserting “409(a)(7)”.

4           (k) MODIFICATIONS TO MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT  
 5 REQUIREMENT.—Section 409(a)(6)(B)(i) (42 U.S.C.  
 6 609(a)(6)(B)(i)), as redesignated by subsection (j)(1)(B)  
 7 of this section, is amended—

8           (1) in subclause (I)—

9                   (A) in the matter preceding item (aa), by  
 10           striking “all State programs” and inserting  
 11           “the State program funded under this part”;

12                   (B) by redesignating items (dd) and (ee)  
 13           as items (ee) and (ff), respectively, and insert-  
 14           ing after item (cc) the following:

15                                   “(dd) Expenditures for a  
 16                                   purpose described in paragraph  
 17                                   (3), (4), or (5) of section  
 18                                   401(a).”; and

19                   (C) in item (ee) (as so redesignated), by  
 20           striking “and (ee)” and inserting “(dd), and  
 21           (ff)”;

22           (2) by striking subclause (V); and

23           (3) in subclause (IV), by inserting “, except any  
 24           of such families whose monthly income exceeds twice  
 25           the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Manage-

1       ment and Budget, and revised annually in accord-  
2       ance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
3       Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))”  
4       before the period.

5   **SEC. 20. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6       Except as provided in sections 5(g), 11(b) and 13(b),  
7       the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on Oc-  
8       tober 1, 2019.

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