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To require income from the first year of an apprenticeship to be disregarded in determining eligibility for assistance under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2025

Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. STRICKLAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Apprenticeship Oppor-
5 tunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD INCOME FROM**
 2 **FIRST YEAR OF AN APPRENTICESHIP IN DE-**
 3 **TERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE**
 4 **UNDER THE TANF PROGRAM.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 408(a) of the Social Se-
 6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by adding at
 7 the end the following:

8 “(13) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD INCOME
 9 FROM 1ST YEAR OF AN APPRENTICESHIP IN DETER-
 10 MINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—A State to
 11 which a grant is made under section 403 shall dis-
 12 regard all income received on account of the 1st year
 13 of an apprenticeship registered under the Act of Au-
 14 gust 16, 1937 (commonly known as the ‘National
 15 Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29
 16 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), in determining the eligibility of
 17 the recipient for assistance under the State program
 18 funded under this part.”.

19 (b) PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.—Section 409(a) of
 20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by adding at the
 21 end the following:

22 “(17) PENALTY FOR NOT DISREGARDING IN-
 23 COME FROM 1ST YEAR OF AN APPRENTICESHIP IN
 24 DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—If
 25 the Secretary determines that a State to which a
 26 grant is made under section 403 in a fiscal year has

1 violated section 408(a)(13) during the fiscal year,
2 the Secretary shall reduce the grant payable to the
3 State under section 403(a)(1) for the immediately
4 succeeding fiscal year by an amount equal to 1 per-
5 cent of the State family assistance grant.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st Fed-
8 eral fiscal year that begins after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act.

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