

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1246

To amend title IV–A of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Improving Access to
5 Work Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATE DIVERSION OF FEDERAL**
7 **FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING.**

8 Section 404 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 604) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(1) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**
11 **REPLACE STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS.—Funds**

1 made available to States under this part on or after the
2 effective date of this subsection must be used to supple-
3 ment, not supplant, State general revenue spending on ac-
4 tivities described in this section.”.

5 **SEC. 3. TARGETING FUNDS TO CORE PURPOSES.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25 PER-
7 CENT OF TANF 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
11 25 PERCENT OF TANF GRANT FOR SPENDING ON
12 CORE ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is
13 made under section 403(a) 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 FROM NON-PRIVATE
21 SOURCES BE FOR CORE ACTIVITIES.—Section 408(a) (42
22 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by subsection (a) of this sec-
23 tion, is amended by adding at the end the following:

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

1 NON-PRIVATE SOURCES COUNTING TOWARDS MAIN-
2 TENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT BE FOR CORE
3 ACTIVITIES.—Not less than 25 percent of the quali-
4 fied State expenditures of a State during the fiscal
5 year shall be expenditures of funds from non-private
6 sources for assistance, case management, work sup-
7 ports and supportive services, work, wage subsidies,
8 work activities (as defined in section 407(d)), and
9 non-recurring short-term benefits.”.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
12 on October 1, 2019.

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