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To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure funding for grants to promote responsible fatherhood and strengthen low-income families, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. CARSON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, 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

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## 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Fami-  
6 lies Act of 2017”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
 Sec. 2. Findings.

TITLE I—PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND  
 STRENGTHENING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Sec. 101. Healthy marriage promotion and responsible fatherhood programs.  
 Sec. 102. Grants supporting healthy family partnerships for domestic violence  
 intervention and preventions.  
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 Sec. 104. Grants to States for family strengthening commissions.

TITLE II—TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Sec. 201. TANF work participation improvements.  
 Sec. 202. TANF Employment Fund.  
 Sec. 203. Sense of Congress.

TITLE III—CHILD SUPPORT

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 children.  
 Sec. 303. Public reporting on consequences for nonpayment.  
 Sec. 304. Early intervention to ensure regular payment of support and prevent  
 overdue support.  
 Sec. 305. Improved collection and distribution of child support.  
 Sec. 306. Services and activities to support noncustodial parenting time.

TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISION

Sec. 401. Increase in credit percentage under earned income tax credit for eligi-  
 ble individuals with no qualifying children.

TITLE V—SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

Sec. 501. Collection of child support under the supplemental nutrition assist-  
 ance program.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Fathers play a significant and underappre-  
 6 ciated role in the development of their children, with  
 7 research demonstrating that a supportive and in-  
 8 volved father strengthens a child's emotional, phys-

1 ical, intellectual, and behavioral development. Chil-  
2 dren with positive relationships with fathers, even if  
3 they do not live in the same household, have strong-  
4 er mental health, economic success, and academic  
5 achievement with lower rates of youth delinquency,  
6 school dropout, and teen pregnancy.

7 (2) Economic stability also leads to positive out-  
8 comes for children, including stronger emotional  
9 well-being, physical health, and academic success.

10 (3) Family patterns in the United States have  
11 resulted in fewer children living with their fathers.  
12 The October 2016 Child Trends report on family  
13 structure shows the proportion of all children who  
14 have not attained the age of 18 living with both par-  
15 ents has decreased over the past half century, from  
16 85 percent in 1960 to 65 percent in 2015, with 23  
17 percent of such children living with their mother  
18 only and 4 percent of such children living with their  
19 father only in 2015.

20 (4) A 2015 United States Census analysis of  
21 children's living arrangements and characteristics  
22 showed that a child in a father-absent home is more  
23 than 5 times more likely to live in poverty than a  
24 child in a married-couple family.

1           (5) Father engagement does not depend on liv-  
2           ing in the same house as the child, with many non-  
3           residential fathers being actively involved with their  
4           children and supportive of their children’s mothers.  
5           However, low-income fathers experience multiple  
6           challenges to contributing financially and emotion-  
7           ally to their children due to limited education and  
8           job skills, unstable employment opportunities, child  
9           support enforcement policies, incarceration, and  
10          strained relationships with the children’s mothers.  
11          Multiple approaches are needed to address these  
12          barriers to create opportunities for fathers to sustain  
13          their engagement and closeness with their children  
14          and families.

15          (6) Federal programs should encourage respon-  
16          sible fatherhood and healthy families by increasing  
17          the upward economic mobility of custodial and non-  
18          custodial parents so that they can actively partici-  
19          pate in financial support and child-rearing as well as  
20          maintain positive, healthy, and nonviolent relation-  
21          ships with their children and coparents, including  
22          improving compliance with child support obligations  
23          and cooperative parenting.

1 **TITLE I—PROMOTING RESPON-**  
2 **SIBLE FATHERHOOD AND**  
3 **STRENGTHENING LOW-IN-**  
4 **COME FAMILIES**

5 **SEC. 101. HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPON-**  
6 **SIBLE FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—

8 (1) ASSURANCE.—Section 403(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)  
9 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 603(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended—

11 (A) in item (aa), by striking “and”;

12 (B) in item (bb), by striking the period  
13 and inserting a semicolon; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(cc) if the entity is a State  
16 or an Indian tribe or tribal orga-  
17 nization, to not condition the re-  
18 ceipt of assistance under the pro-  
19 gram funded under this part,  
20 under a program funded with  
21 qualified State expenditures (as  
22 defined in section  
23 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), or under any  
24 other program funded under this

1 title, on enrollment in any such  
2 programs or activities; and

3 “(dd) to permit any partici-  
4 pant in a program or activity  
5 funded under this paragraph, in-  
6 cluding an individual whose par-  
7 ticipation is specified in the indi-  
8 vidual responsibility plan devel-  
9 oped for the individual in accord-  
10 ance with section 408(b), to  
11 transfer to another such program  
12 or activity upon notification to  
13 the entity and the State agency  
14 responsible for administering the  
15 State program funded under this  
16 part.”.

17 (2) PROHIBITION.—Section 408(a) of such Act  
18 (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
19 the following:

20 “(13) BAN ON CONDITIONING RECEIPT OF  
21 TANF OR CERTAIN OTHER BENEFITS ON PARTICIPA-  
22 TION IN A HEALTHY MARRIAGE OR RESPONSIBLE  
23 FATHERHOOD PROGRAM.—A State to which a grant  
24 is made under section 403 shall not condition the re-  
25 ceipt of assistance under the State program funded

1 under this part, under a program funded with quali-  
2 fied State expenditures (as defined in section  
3 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), or under any other program fund-  
4 ed under this title, on participation in a healthy  
5 marriage promotion activity (as defined in section  
6 403(a)(2)(A)(iii)) or in an activity promoting re-  
7 sponsible fatherhood (as defined in section  
8 403(a)(2)(C)(ii)).”.

9 (3) PENALTY.—Section 409(a) of such Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
11 following:

12 “(17) PENALTY FOR CONDITIONING RECEIPT  
13 OF TANF OR CERTAIN OTHER BENEFITS ON PARTICI-  
14 PATION IN A HEALTHY MARRIAGE OR RESPONSIBLE  
15 FATHERHOOD PROGRAM.—If the Secretary deter-  
16 mines that a State has violated section 408(a)(13)  
17 during a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce the  
18 grant payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)  
19 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year by an  
20 amount equal to 5 percent of the State family assist-  
21 ance grant.”.

22 (b) ACTIVITIES PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHER-  
23 HOOD.—Section 403(a)(2)(C)(ii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 603(a)(2)(C)(ii)) is amended—

1           (1) in subclause (I), by striking “marriage or  
2           sustain marriage” and inserting “healthy relation-  
3           ships and marriages or to sustain healthy relation-  
4           ships or marriages”;

5           (2) in subclause (II), by inserting “educating  
6           youth who are not yet parents about the economic,  
7           social, and family consequences of early parenting,  
8           helping participants in fatherhood programs work  
9           with their own children to break the cycle of early  
10          parenthood,” after “child support payments,”; and

11          (3) in subclause (III), by striking “fathers” and  
12          inserting “low-income fathers and other low-income  
13          noncustodial parents who are not eligible for assist-  
14          ance under the State program funded under this  
15          part”.

16          (c) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 403(a)(2)(D) of  
17          such Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(D)) is amended—

18                 (1) by striking “fiscal years 2017 and 2018”  
19                 and inserting “fiscal years 2017 through 2023”; and

20                 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2017 or 2018” and  
21                 inserting “any of fiscal years 2017 through 2023”.

22          (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23          this section shall take effect on October 1, 2017.



1 **SEC. 102. GRANTS SUPPORTING HEALTHY FAMILY PART-**  
2 **NERSHIPS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER-**  
3 **VENTION AND PREVENTIONS.**

4 Section 403(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 603(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
6 new paragraph:

7 “(6) GRANTS SUPPORTING HEALTHY FAMILY  
8 PARTNERSHIPS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER-  
9 VENTION AND PREVENTION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
11 award grants on a competitive basis to healthy  
12 family partnerships to develop and implement  
13 promising practices for—

14 “(i) assessing and providing services  
15 to individuals and families affected by do-  
16 mestic violence, including through case-  
17 worker training, the provision of technical  
18 assistance to community partners, and the  
19 implementation of safe visitation and ex-  
20 change programs; or

21 “(ii) preventing domestic violence,  
22 particularly as a barrier to economic secu-  
23 rity, and fostering healthy relationships.

24 “(B) EDUCATION SERVICES.—In awarding  
25 grants under subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
26 shall ensure that 10 percent of the funds made

1 available under such grants are used for high  
2 schools and other secondary educational institu-  
3 tions and institutions of higher education to  
4 provide education services on the value of  
5 healthy relationships, responsible parenting,  
6 and healthy marriages characterized by mutual  
7 respect and nonviolence, and the importance of  
8 building relationship skills such as communica-  
9 tion, conflict resolution, and budgeting.

10 “(C) APPLICATION.—The respective entity  
11 and organization of a healthy family partner-  
12 ship entered into for purposes of receiving a  
13 grant under this paragraph shall submit a joint  
14 application to the Secretary, at such time and  
15 in such manner as the Secretary shall specify,  
16 containing—

17 “(i) a description of how the partner-  
18 ship intends to carry out the activities de-  
19 scribed in subparagraph (A);

20 “(ii) an assurance that funds made  
21 available under the grant shall be used to  
22 supplement, and not supplant, other funds  
23 used by the entity or organization to carry  
24 out programs, activities, or services de-  
25 scribed in subparagraph (A) or (B); and

1           “(iii) such other information as the  
2           Secretary may require.

3           “(D) GENERAL RULES GOVERNING USE OF  
4           FUNDS.—The rules of section 404, other than  
5           subsection (b) of that section, shall not apply to  
6           a grant made under this paragraph.

7           “(E) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

8           “(i) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—The term  
9           ‘domestic violence’ has the meaning given  
10          that term in section 402(a)(7)(B).

11          “(ii) HEALTHY FAMILY PARTNER-  
12          SHIP.—The term ‘healthy family partner-  
13          ship’ means a partnership between—

14                 “(I) an entity receiving funds  
15                 under a grant made under paragraph  
16                 (2) to promote healthy marriage or re-  
17                 sponsible fatherhood; and

18                 “(II) an organization with dem-  
19                 onstrated expertise working with sur-  
20                 vivors of domestic violence.

21          “(F) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money  
22          in the Treasury of the United States not other-  
23          wise appropriated, there are appropriated for  
24          each of fiscal years 2017 through 2023,  
25          \$25,000,000 to carry out this paragraph.”.

1 **SEC. 103. PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a)(2) of the Social  
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and  
5 (E) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(D) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF  
9 FUNDS.—An entity may not be awarded a grant  
10 under this paragraph unless the entity, as a  
11 condition of receiving funds under such a  
12 grant—

13 “(i) identifies in its application for the  
14 grant the domestic violence experts at the  
15 local, State, or national level with whom  
16 the entity will consult in the development  
17 and implementation of the programs and  
18 activities of the entity;

19 “(ii) on award of the grant, and in  
20 consultation with such domestic violence  
21 experts, develops a written protocol which  
22 describes—

23 “(I) how the entity will identify  
24 instances or risks of domestic violence;

25 “(II) the procedures for respond-  
26 ing to such instances or risks, includ-

1 ing making service referrals and pro-  
2 viding protections and appropriate as-  
3 sistance for identified individuals and  
4 families;

5 “(III) how confidentiality issues  
6 will be addressed; and

7 “(IV) the domestic violence train-  
8 ing that will be provided to ensure ef-  
9 fective and consistent implementation  
10 of the protocol; and

11 “(iii) in an annual report to the Sec-  
12 retary, includes a description of the domes-  
13 tic violence protocols, and a description of  
14 any implementation issues identified with  
15 respect to domestic violence and how the  
16 issues were addressed.

17 “(E) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFINED.—In  
18 this paragraph, the term ‘domestic violence’ has  
19 the meaning given the term in section  
20 402(a)(7)(B).”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 403(a)(2)  
22 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)), as amended by sub-  
23 section (a)(1) of this section, is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

1 (A) by striking “and (E)” and inserting  
2 “(D), and (G)”;

3 (B) by striking “(D)” and inserting “(F)”;  
4 and

5 (2) in subparagraphs (B)(i) and (C)(i), by  
6 striking “(D)” each place it appears and inserting  
7 “(F)”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years begin-  
10 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 104. GRANTS TO STATES FOR FAMILY STRENGTH-**  
12 **ENING COMMISSIONS.**

13 Part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42  
14 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
15 following:

16 **“SEC. 469C. GRANTS TO STATES FOR FAMILY STRENGTH-**  
17 **ENING COMMISSIONS.**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services shall make grants to States under this  
20 section to enable States to establish and support commis-  
21 sions to identify methods of expanding access to family  
22 strengthening services.

23 “(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—In this section, the term  
24 ‘State’ means any State, Indian tribe, or tribal organiza-  
25 tion (as defined in subsections (e) and (l) of section 4 of

1 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance  
2 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)), having in effect a plan approved  
3 under this part.

4 “(c) APPLICATION.—In order to be eligible for a  
5 grant under this section, a State shall submit an applica-  
6 tion to the Secretary at such time and in such manner  
7 as the Secretary may require.

8 “(d) FAMILY STRENGTHENING SERVICES.—The  
9 commissions described in subsection (a) shall focus on pro-  
10 viding family strengthening services that include—

11 “(1) family and relationship counseling;

12 “(2) relationship and parenting education; and

13 “(3) assistance with developing and imple-  
14 menting parenting time arrangements.

15 “(e) FAMILIES SERVED.—The commissions described  
16 in subsection (a) shall focus on serving varying types of  
17 families, including—

18 “(1) families seeking to preserve a marriage or  
19 other adult relationship;

20 “(2) families seeking a divorce or separation  
21 and working to maintain coparenting and parent-  
22 child relationships;

23 “(3) families seeking to maintain or rebuild  
24 family relationships affected by incarceration;

1           “(4) families seeking to build a support system  
2           around a child who has experienced trauma, includ-  
3           ing—

4                   “(A) witnessing violence;

5                   “(B) experiencing sexual or physical abuse;

6           or

7                   “(C) having a parent who is experiencing  
8           challenges with mental health or substance  
9           abuse; and

10           “(5) families below 250 percent of poverty  
11           guidelines applicable to a family of the size involved.

12           “(f) MEMBERSHIP.—A State seeking a grant under  
13           this section shall demonstrate that a family strengthening  
14           commission funded by such grant will consist of relevant  
15           government and private actors, including—

16                   “(1) State government agency officials from de-  
17           partments of health, human services, child support,  
18           education, youth services, or corrections;

19                   “(2) local government agency officials from de-  
20           partments of health, human services, child support,  
21           education, youth services, or corrections;

22                   “(3) access to Justice Commissions, bar asso-  
23           ciations, judicial associations, courts, or other rep-  
24           resentatives of the legal system;



1           “(4) associations of social workers, counselors,  
2           psychologists, and other mental health professionals;

3           “(5) associations of mediators and others who  
4           deliver alternative dispute resolution services;

5           “(6) healthy marriage and responsible father-  
6           hood programs;

7           “(7) youth-serving programs; and

8           “(8) academics and researchers.

9           “(g) DUTIES.—A commission funded by a grant  
10          under this section shall—

11           “(1) identify the need for potential policy  
12          changes;

13           “(2) determine methods of leveraging existing  
14          resources and growing new resources; and

15           “(3) explore methods of improving service deliv-  
16          ery, including the training of service providers.

17          “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
18          are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of  
19          Health and Human Services to carry out this section  
20          \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2020.”.

## 21 **TITLE II—TEMPORARY ASSIST-** 22 **ANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**

### 23 **SEC. 201. TANF WORK PARTICIPATION IMPROVEMENTS.**

24          (a) ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE WORK REQUIRE-  
25          MENTS FOR 2-PARENT FAMILIES.—

1           (1) WORK PARTICIPATION RATE.—Section 407  
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607) is amend-  
3 ed—

4           (A) in subsection (a)—

5                 (i) beginning in the heading, by strik-  
6 ing “PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS” and all that follows through “A  
8 State” in paragraph (1) and inserting  
9 “PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.—  
10 A State”; and

11                 (ii) by striking paragraph (2); and

12           (B) in subsection (b)—

13                 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
14 “subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “sub-  
15 section (a)”;

16                 (ii) by striking paragraph (2) and re-  
17 designating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as  
18 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively;

19                 (iii) in paragraph (3) (as so redesign-  
20 ated), by striking “paragraphs (1)(B) and  
21 (2)(B)” and inserting “determining month-  
22 ly participation rates under paragraph  
23 (1)(B)”;

1 (iv) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignig-  
2 nated), by striking “rates” and inserting  
3 “rate”.

4 (2) MINIMUM WEEKLY HOURS REQUIRE-  
5 MENT.—Section 407(c)(1) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(1)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “GENERAL RULES” and all  
8 that follows through “For purposes of” in sub-  
9 paragraph (A) and inserting “GENERAL  
10 RULES.—For purposes of”; and

11 (B) by striking subparagraph (B).

12 (3) LIMITATION ON PENALTY IMPOSITION.—In  
13 applying section 409(a)(3) of the Social Security Act  
14 for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2007  
15 and ending with the fiscal year in which occurs the  
16 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
17 of Health and Human Services shall disregard the  
18 requirement imposed by section 407(a)(2) of the So-  
19 cial Security Act.

20 (b) ELIMINATION OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN CORE  
21 AND OTHER WORK ACTIVITIES.—Section 407(c)(1) of  
22 such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(1)), as amended by subsection  
23 (a)(2) of this section, is further amended by striking “not  
24 fewer than” and all that follows through “subsection (d),”.

1 (c) ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL WORK PARTICIPATION  
2 RULE FOR TEENS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL.—  
3 Section 407(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)) is  
4 amended by striking subparagraph (C).

5 (d) ELIMINATION OF CAP ON TREATING VOCATIONAL  
6 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AS WORK PARTICIPATION.—  
7 Section 407(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)), as  
8 amended by subsection (c) of this section, is further  
9 amended by striking subparagraph (D).

10 (e) INCREASE IN MONTHS OF EDUCATIONAL VOCA-  
11 TIONAL TRAINING THAT MAY BE COUNTED AS WORK  
12 PARTICIPATION.—Section 407(d)(8) of such Act (42  
13 U.S.C. 607(d)(8)) is amended by striking “12 months”  
14 and inserting “24 months”.

15 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall take effect on October 1 of the first fiscal  
17 year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act  
18 and shall apply to the determination of minimum partici-  
19 pation rates for months beginning on or after that date.

20 **SEC. 202. TANF EMPLOYMENT FUND.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(b) of the Social Secu-  
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 603(b)) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(b) EMPLOYMENT FUND.—

24 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-  
25 lished in the Treasury of the United States a fund

1 which shall be known as the Employment Fund for  
2 Needy Families (in this subsection referred to as the  
3 ‘Fund’).

4 “(2) DEPOSITS INTO FUND.—Out of any money  
5 in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise  
6 appropriated, there are appropriated for each of fis-  
7 cal years 2017 through 2023, \$608,000,000 for pay-  
8 ment to the Fund, which shall remain available until  
9 expended.

10 “(3) GRANTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal  
12 years 2017 through 2023, the Secretary shall  
13 make grants, on a competitive basis, to quali-  
14 fying entities as provided in this paragraph.

15 “(B) QUALIFYING ENTITY.—For purposes  
16 of this paragraph, a qualifying entity for a fis-  
17 cal year is a State, territory, Indian tribe, or  
18 tribal organization, operating a State program  
19 funded under this part (or any other State pro-  
20 gram funded with qualified State expenditures  
21 (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i))), that  
22 submits to the Secretary an application for a  
23 grant under this paragraph for the fiscal year,  
24 in such manner and at such time as the Sec-  
25 retary may require.

1 “(C) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—

2 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The  
3 Secretary shall reserve \$10,000,000 out of  
4 the amounts made available under para-  
5 graph (2) for each fiscal year to provide  
6 technical assistance to qualifying entities  
7 receiving a grant under this paragraph for  
8 the fiscal year.

9 “(ii) TERRITORIES AND INDIAN  
10 TRIBES.—The Secretary shall reserve,  
11 from the amount made available under  
12 paragraph (2) for a fiscal year that re-  
13 mains after applying clause (i), 3 percent  
14 for grants under this paragraph for the fis-  
15 cal year to qualifying entities that are ter-  
16 ritories and 1 percent for grants under this  
17 paragraph for the fiscal year to qualifying  
18 entities that are Indian tribes or tribal or-  
19 ganizations, to be allotted in a manner the  
20 Secretary determines to be appropriate.

21 “(iii) STATES.—

22 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The amount  
23 of a grant under this paragraph pay-  
24 able for a fiscal year to a qualifying  
25 entity that is a State shall be the

1 amount that bears the same ratio to  
2 the aggregate amount as the number  
3 of individuals residing in the State  
4 who have attained 18 years of age but  
5 have not attained 67 years of age who  
6 are not employed or underemployed  
7 (such as involuntarily working part-  
8 time), as determined by the Secretary,  
9 bears to the total number of such in-  
10 dividuals residing in all qualifying en-  
11 tities that are States.

12 “(II) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—For  
13 purposes of this clause, the term ‘ag-  
14 gregate amount’ means the amount  
15 made available for a fiscal year under  
16 paragraph (2) that remains after ap-  
17 plying clauses (i) and (ii).

18 “(iv) UNUSED FUNDS.—

19 “(I) REASONABLE LIMITS ON  
20 CARRYING OVER FUNDS.—The Sec-  
21 retary shall set reasonable limits on  
22 the amount of funds a State receiving  
23 a grant under this paragraph may  
24 carry over for expenditure in fiscal

1 years after the fiscal year for which  
2 the grant is awarded.

3 “(II) REDISTRIBUTION OF UN-  
4 USED FUNDS.—Any portion of the  
5 amount of a grant made to a State  
6 under clause (iii) that the Secretary  
7 determines will not be used by the  
8 State shall be redistributed among the  
9 States that the Secretary determines  
10 will not have such an unused amount,  
11 using the rules specified in clause (iii).  
12 Any amount so redistributed to a  
13 State is deemed part of the grant  
14 made to the State under the preceding  
15 provisions of this paragraph.

16 “(D) USE OF FUNDS.—

17 “(i) EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.—

18 “(I) SUBSIDIZED EMPLOY-  
19 MENT.—A qualifying entity awarded a  
20 grant under this paragraph shall use  
21 the grant funds to conduct a sub-  
22 sidized employment program to assist  
23 recipients of TANF cash assistance  
24 and TANF-eligible individuals who



1 are not recipients of cash assistance  
2 in obtaining paid employment.

3 “(II) SECTORAL SKILLS TRAIN-  
4 ING.—A qualifying entity may use not  
5 more than 15 percent of funds award-  
6 ed to the entity under this paragraph  
7 for a fiscal year to conduct a sectoral  
8 skills training program to provide sec-  
9 toral skills training to recipients of  
10 TANF cash assistance and TANF-eli-  
11 gible individuals who are not recipi-  
12 ents of cash assistance.

13 “(ii) ALLOWABLE EXPENSES.—A  
14 qualifying entity may use funds awarded  
15 under this paragraph to carry out clause  
16 (i), including the following activities:

17 “(I) Administrative expenses.

18 “(II) Supportive services, includ-  
19 ing transportation and childcare, to  
20 enable individuals to participate in a  
21 program described in clause (i).

22 “(III) Wages and associated pay-  
23 roll costs for individuals participating  
24 in the subsidized employment program  
25 described in clause (i)(I).

1                   “(iii) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSIST-  
2 ANCE.—

3                   “(I) REQUIREMENT TO USE 75  
4 PERCENT OF FUNDS TO ASSIST RE-  
5 CIPIENTS OF TANF CASH ASSIST-  
6 ANCE.—A qualifying entity shall use  
7 not less than 75 percent of funds  
8 awarded to the entity under this para-  
9 graph to assist under the program de-  
10 scribed in clause (i)(I) (and, if the en-  
11 tity so elects, the program described  
12 in clause (i)(II)) recipients of TANF  
13 cash assistance and may use the re-  
14 mainder of the funds to assist TANF-  
15 eligible individuals who are not recipi-  
16 ents of cash assistance.

17                   “(II) RECIPIENT OF TANF CASH  
18 ASSISTANCE.—In this subparagraph,  
19 the term ‘recipient of TANF cash as-  
20 sistance’ means an individual who—

21                   “(aa) has attained 18 years  
22 of age and has not attained 67  
23 years of age; and

24                   “(bb) is not employed and is  
25 determined by the qualifying en-

1           tity to have been unsuccessful at  
2           obtaining paid employment after  
3           participating in a job search pro-  
4           gram; and—

5                   “(AA) is a member of a  
6                   family that receives cash as-  
7                   sistance under the State  
8                   program funded under this  
9                   part or any other State pro-  
10                  gram funded with qualified  
11                  State expenditures (as de-  
12                  fined in section  
13                  409(a)(7)(B)(i)); or

14                  “(BB) is a noncustodial  
15                  parent of a minor child re-  
16                  siding with a family de-  
17                  scribed in subitem (AA), in  
18                  a case in which the parent is  
19                  not considered by the State  
20                  to be a member of the fam-  
21                  ily.

22                  “(III) TANF-ELIGIBLE INDI-  
23                  VIDUAL WHO IS NOT A RECIPIENT OF  
24                  CASH ASSISTANCE.—In this subpara-  
25                  graph, the term ‘TANF-eligible indi-

1                   vidual who is not a recipient of cash  
2                   assistance’ means an individual who—

3                   “(aa) has attained 18 years  
4                   of age and has not attained 67  
5                   years of age;

6                   “(bb) is not employed and is  
7                   determined by the qualifying en-  
8                   tity to have been unsuccessful at  
9                   obtaining paid employment after  
10                  participating in a job search pro-  
11                  gram;

12                  “(cc) is not an individual de-  
13                  scribed in subitems (AA) or (BB)  
14                  of subclause (II)(bb); and

15                  “(dd) is a member of a fam-  
16                  ily that includes a minor child re-  
17                  siding with the family (including  
18                  a noncustodial parent of the  
19                  child) if the family has an income  
20                  that is less than the poverty line  
21                  (as defined in section 673(2) of  
22                  the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-  
23                  ation Act of 1981, including any  
24                  revision required by such section,

1 applicable to a family of the size  
2 involved).

3 “(E) ANNUAL REPORT.—

4 “(i) SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.—For  
5 each fiscal year for which a qualifying enti-  
6 ty receives a grant under this paragraph,  
7 the entity shall submit to the Secretary,  
8 within 6 months after the end of the fiscal  
9 year, a report on the subsidized employ-  
10 ment program described in subparagraph  
11 (D)(i)(I), which shall—

12 “(I) describe the structure of the  
13 activities of the entity to use the grant  
14 funds to subsidize employment for in-  
15 dividuals participating in the program  
16 (in this clause referred to as ‘sub-  
17 sidized employees’), including the  
18 amount and duration of the subsidies  
19 provided;

20 “(II) for each month of the fiscal  
21 year, specify the number of individ-  
22 uals whose employment is subsidized  
23 with these funds and the percentage  
24 of such individuals whose employment

1 is in an area that matches their pre-  
2 vious training and work experience;

3 “(III) describe the qualifying en-  
4 tity’s policies in effect during the fis-  
5 cal year—

6 “(aa) to ensure nondisplace-  
7 ment as required under para-  
8 graph (4)(A); and

9 “(bb) to implement griev-  
10 ance procedures as required in  
11 (4)(B), including information on  
12 the number of grievance claims  
13 filed in the preceding fiscal year  
14 and the aggregate results of  
15 those claims;

16 “(IV) describe requirements im-  
17 posed on employers by the State as a  
18 condition of participating in the pro-  
19 gram;

20 “(V) describe the types of jobs in  
21 which subsidized employees are  
22 placed;

23 “(VI) provide demographic infor-  
24 mation for subsidized employees and

1 for the target population the entity  
2 seeks to assist under the program;

3 “(VII) specify the average num-  
4 ber of hours worked per week by a  
5 subsidized employee;

6 “(VIII) specify the average  
7 length of time for which a subsidized  
8 employee participates in the program;

9 “(IX) describe the employment  
10 outcomes for subsidized employees  
11 after participating in the program, in-  
12 cluding the number of individuals  
13 hired by an employer with which the  
14 individual was placed during the pro-  
15 gram and the number of individuals  
16 hired by other employers;

17 “(X) specify the percentage of  
18 subsidized employees who are in un-  
19 subsidized employment during the sec-  
20 ond quarter after the subsidy ended;

21 “(XI) specify the percentage of  
22 subsidized employees who are in un-  
23 subsidized employment during the  
24 fourth quarter after the subsidy  
25 ended;

1           “(XII) specify the median earn-  
2           ings of subsidized employees who are  
3           in unsubsidized employment during  
4           the second quarter after the subsidy  
5           ended; and

6           “(XIII) specify the number of  
7           subsidized employees who concurrently  
8           received other Federal or State  
9           means-tested benefits during their  
10          subsidized employment.

11          “(ii) **SECTORAL SKILLS TRAINING.**—If  
12          a qualifying entity elects to conduct a sec-  
13          toral skills training program described in  
14          subparagraph (D)(i)(II), the report re-  
15          quired under clause (i) of this subpara-  
16          graph shall also include a description of—

17                 “(I) the design of the program;

18                 “(II) the industries in which indi-  
19                 viduals receiving assistance under the  
20                 program (in this clause referred to as  
21                 ‘trainees’) receive training;

22                 “(III) demographic information  
23                 for trainees and for the target popu-  
24                 lation the entity seeks to assist under  
25                 the program;



1           “(IV) the total number of train-  
2           ees participating in the program dur-  
3           ing the fiscal year;

4           “(V) the average number of  
5           hours per week for which a trainee re-  
6           ceives training;

7           “(VI) the average length of time  
8           for which a trainee participates in the  
9           program; and

10          “(VII) the employment outcomes  
11          for trainees after participating in the  
12          program.

13          “(F) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall  
14          establish and implement a rigorous system for  
15          evaluating the success of subsidized employment  
16          programs and sectoral training programs con-  
17          ducted pursuant to this paragraph.

18          “(4) LIMITATIONS.—

19               “(A) NONDISPLACEMENT.—A State to  
20               which a grant is made under this subsection  
21               shall ensure that no participant in a subsidized  
22               job program funded in whole or in part under  
23               this subsection is employed or assigned to a job  
24               under the program—

1           “(i) when any other individual is on  
2           layoff from the same or any substantially  
3           equivalent job; or

4           “(ii) if the employer has terminated  
5           the employment of any regular employee or  
6           otherwise caused an involuntary reduction  
7           of its workforce in order to fill the vacancy  
8           so created with a participant in such sub-  
9           sidized job program.

10          “(B) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.—A State  
11          with a program funded under this subsection  
12          shall establish and maintain a grievance proce-  
13          dure for resolving complaints of alleged viola-  
14          tions of subparagraph (A).

15          “(C) NO PREEMPTION.—Nothing in this  
16          paragraph shall preempt or supersede any pro-  
17          vision of State or local law that provides greater  
18          protection for employees from displacement.

19          “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20          “(A) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZA-  
21          TION.—The terms ‘Indian tribe’ and ‘tribal or-  
22          ganization’ have the meaning given such terms  
23          in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
24          and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.  
25          450b).

1           “(B) SECTORAL SKILLS TRAINING.—The  
2           term ‘sectoral skills training’ means training  
3           that implements a sectoral skills training strat-  
4           egy established by an industry or sector part-  
5           nership (as defined in section 3(26) of the  
6           Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act).

7           “(C) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means  
8           each of the 50 States of the United States and  
9           the District of Columbia.

10           “(D) TERRITORIES.—The term ‘territories’  
11           means Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States  
12           Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands,  
13           and American Samoa.”.

14           (b) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS COUNTED TOWARD  
15           WORK PARTICIPATION RATE.—Section 407(b) of such Act  
16           (42 U.S.C. 607(b)), as amended by section 201(a)(1)(B)  
17           of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the  
18           following:

19           “(5) STATE OPTION TO INCLUDE SUBSIDIZED  
20           EMPLOYMENT AND SECTORAL SKILLS TRAINING  
21           PARTICIPANTS.—If an individual who is not a recipi-  
22           ent of assistance under the State program funded  
23           under this part (or any other State program funded  
24           with qualified State expenditures (as defined in sec-  
25           tion 409(a)(7)(B)(i))) participates in work activities

1 for not less than the minimum average number of  
2 hours per week specified in the table in subsection  
3 (c)(1) of this section during a month as part of a  
4 State’s subsidized employment or sectoral skills  
5 training program funded under section 403(b), the  
6 State may count the individual as a family that in-  
7 cludes an adult or a minor child head of household  
8 who is engaged in work for the month for purposes  
9 of paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection.”.

10 (c) STATE PLAN REQUIRED TO INCLUDE DESCRIP-  
11 TION OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.—Section  
12 402(a)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(1)(B)) is  
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(vi) The document shall indicate  
15 whether the State intends to apply for a  
16 grant to conduct a subsidized employment  
17 program and, if the State so chooses, a  
18 sectoral skills training program, under sec-  
19 tion 403(b). If so, the document shall in-  
20 clude a description of the program or pro-  
21 grams the State intends to conduct using  
22 the grant funds and a description of how  
23 the program or programs will serve non-  
24 custodial parents of minor children.”.

1 (d) GRANTS EXEMPTED FROM TERRITORIAL PAY-  
2 MENT CEILING.—Section 1108(a)(2) of such Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by inserting “403(b),”  
4 after “403(a)(5),”.

5 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO RETAIN DEFINI-  
6 TION OF A NEEDY STATE.—

7 (1) NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR WHICH JOB  
8 SEARCH COUNTS AS WORK.—Section 407(c)(2)(A) of  
9 such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

10 (A) in clause (i), by striking “section  
11 409(a)(7)(B)(i)” and inserting “clause (iii)”;  
12 and

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

14 “(iii) NEEDY STATE.—For purposes  
15 of clause (i), a State is a needy State for  
16 a month if—

17 “(I) the average rate of—

18 “(aa) total unemployment in  
19 such State (seasonally adjusted)  
20 for the period consisting of the  
21 most recent 3 months for which  
22 data for all States are published  
23 equals or exceeds 6.5 percent;  
24 and

1           “(bb) total unemployment in  
2           such State (seasonally adjusted)  
3           for the 3-month period equals or  
4           exceeds 110 percent of such aver-  
5           age rate for either (or both) of  
6           the corresponding 3-month peri-  
7           ods ending in the 2 preceding  
8           calendar years; or

9           “(II) as determined by the Sec-  
10          retary of Agriculture (in the discretion  
11          of the Secretary of Agriculture), the  
12          monthly average number of individ-  
13          uals (as of the last day of each  
14          month) participating in the supple-  
15          mental nutrition assistance program  
16          in the State in the then most recently  
17          concluded 3-month period for which  
18          data are available exceeds by not less  
19          than 10 percent the lesser of—

20               “(aa) the monthly average  
21               number of individuals (as of the  
22               last day of each month) in the  
23               State that would have partici-  
24               pated in the supplemental nutri-  
25               tion assistance program in the

1 corresponding 3-month period in  
2 fiscal year 1994 if the amend-  
3 ments made by titles IV and VIII  
4 of the Personal Responsibility  
5 and Work Opportunity Reconcili-  
6 ation Act of 1996 had been in ef-  
7 fect throughout fiscal year 1994;  
8 or

9 “(bb) the monthly average  
10 number of individuals (as of the  
11 last day of each month) in the  
12 State that would have partici-  
13 pated in the supplemental nutri-  
14 tion assistance program in the  
15 corresponding 3-month period in  
16 fiscal year 1995 if the amend-  
17 ments made by titles IV and VIII  
18 of the Personal Responsibility  
19 and Work Opportunity Reconcili-  
20 ation Act of 1996 had been in ef-  
21 fect throughout fiscal year  
22 1995.”.

23 (2) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO REDUCE  
24 WORK PARTICIPATION RATE PENALTY DUE TO CIR-  
25 CUMSTANCES THAT CAUSED STATE TO BECOME





1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
2 graph (33);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4 paragraph (34) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (34) the  
6 following:

7 “(35) provide that, except as provided in sec-  
8 tion 1902(a)(25)(F)(ii), the State shall not use the  
9 State program operated under this part to collect  
10 any amount owed to the State by reason of costs in-  
11 curred under the State plan approved under title  
12 XIX for the birth of a child for whom support rights  
13 have been assigned pursuant to section 1912.”.

14 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sec-  
15 tion 454(35) of such Act, as added by paragraph  
16 (1), shall be construed as affecting the application of  
17 section 1902(a)(25) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 1396a(a)(25)) with respect to a State (relating to  
19 the State Medicaid plan requirement for the State to  
20 take all reasonable measures to ascertain the legal li-  
21 ability of third parties to pay for care and services  
22 available under the plan).

23 (b) CLARIFICATION THAT BAN ON RECOVERY DOES  
24 NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE OF A PARENT  
25 WITH AN OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT.—Clause

1 (ii) of section 1902(a)(25)(F) of the Social Security Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(25)(F)) is amended by inserting  
3 “only if such third-party liability is derived through insur-  
4 ance,” before “seek”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
7 graph (2), the amendments made by this section  
8 take effect on October 1, 2017.

9 (2) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
10 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a State  
11 plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act  
12 which the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
13 determines requires State legislation in order for the  
14 plan to meet the additional requirements imposed by  
15 the amendments made by this section, the State  
16 plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply with  
17 the requirements of such title solely on the basis of  
18 its failure to meet these additional requirements be-  
19 fore the first day of the first calendar quarter begin-  
20 ning after the close of the first regular session of the  
21 State legislature that begins after the date of enact-  
22 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sen-  
23 tence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legis-  
24 lative session, each year of the session is considered

1 to be a separate regular session of the State legisla-  
2 ture.

3 **SEC. 302. STATE ASSESSMENTS OF BARRIERS TO EMPLOY-**  
4 **MENT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CHIL-**  
5 **DREN.**

6 (a) STATE ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS.—As a con-  
7 dition of the continued approval of a State plan under part  
8 D of title IV of the Social Security Act, each State with  
9 such an approved plan, acting through the appropriate  
10 State agencies, shall assess the State policies with respect  
11 to the issues described in subsection (b) that affect the  
12 ability of parents to pay child support, and shall submit  
13 a report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
14 on the results of the assessment not later than two years  
15 after the date of the enactment of this section.

16 (b) ISSUES DESCRIBED.—The issues described in  
17 this subsection are the following:

18 (1) The effect of State criminal laws and law  
19 enforcement practices on the employment acquisi-  
20 tion, retention, and advancement prospects of an in-  
21 dividual who is a parent of a minor child following  
22 arrest, conviction, or imprisonment, including—

23 (A) any efforts, including counseling or  
24 employment support, to assist individuals re-  
25 leased from custody with reentry to a commu-

1           nity and successful reunification with their fam-  
2           ilies; and

3                   (B) an assessment of any efforts to seal or  
4           expunge arrest and conviction records and any  
5           efforts to grant certificates or other acknowl-  
6           edgments of rehabilitation to parents returning  
7           from incarceration, and to examine State occu-  
8           pational licensing and certification procedures.

9           (2) An assessment of State practices related to  
10          the collection of debts owed by individuals to the  
11          State, including criminal justice fees and fines and  
12          child support debt.

13           (3) An assessment of State practices related to  
14          providing parents returning from incarceration with  
15          valid identification documents upon release from  
16          prison.

17           (4) Identification of any other barriers to  
18          healthy family formation, family reunification, copar-  
19          enting, or sustainable economic opportunity for cus-  
20          todial and noncustodial parents that are created or  
21          exacerbated by Federal or State laws, policies, or  
22          procedures, including an examination of the rules of  
23          Federal and State means-tested programs, the oper-  
24          ation of the State workforce system, the availability  
25          of financial education services, and the availability of

1 domestic violence services and child support proce-  
2 dures to help victims of domestic violence stay safe  
3 and obtain the child support they are owed.

4 **SEC. 303. PUBLIC REPORTING ON CONSEQUENCES FOR**  
5 **NONPAYMENT.**

6 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Section 452(a)(10) of  
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)) is amend-  
8 ed—

9 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at  
10 the end; and

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

12 “(J) the number of cases, by State, in  
13 which each of the following consequences for  
14 nonpayment of support was incurred by an obli-  
15 gor:

16 “(i) a loss of liberty due to a criminal  
17 conviction or finding of civil contempt;

18 “(ii) a suspension of a driver’s license;

19 “(iii) a suspension of a professional,  
20 occupational, or recreational license;

21 “(iv) withholding of a passport; or

22 “(v) late payment fees, interest  
23 charged (including the amount and rate of  
24 interest), and other financial sanctions;  
25 and”.

1           (b) STATE PLAN.—Section 454 of such Act (42  
2 U.S.C. 654), as amended by section 301(a)(1) of this Act,  
3 is further amended—

4           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
5 (34);

6           (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
7 graph (35) and inserting “; and”; and

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

9           “(36) provide that the State will maintain a full  
10 record of child support enforcement activities, in-  
11 cluding the consequences incurred by obligors as de-  
12 scribed in section 452(a)(10)(J).”.

13           (c) COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF CHILD SUP-  
14 PORT ENFORCEMENT DATA.—Section 469 of such Act  
15 (42 U.S.C. 669) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing:

17           “(e) CONSEQUENCES FOR NONPAYMENT.—The Sec-  
18 retary shall collect and maintain up-to-date statistics, by  
19 State, and on a fiscal year basis, on the number of cases  
20 in which each consequence for nonpayment of support de-  
21 scribed in section 452(a)(10)(J) was incurred by an obli-  
22 gor.”.

1 **SEC. 304. EARLY INTERVENTION TO ENSURE REGULAR**  
2 **PAYMENT OF SUPPORT AND PREVENT OVER-**  
3 **DUE SUPPORT.**

4 (a) PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE JOB SERVICES FOR  
5 NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS.—Section 466(a) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)) is amended by inserting  
7 after paragraph (19) the following:

8 “(20) PROCEDURES TO INTERVENE EARLY TO  
9 ENSURE REGULAR PAYMENT OF SUPPORT AND PRE-  
10 VENT OVERDUE SUPPORT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the State elects to  
12 provide job services to noncustodial parents (as  
13 described in the State plan pursuant to section  
14 454(37)), procedures—

15 “(i) under which the State shall  
16 prioritize early intervention efforts and  
17 make such services available on a vol-  
18 untary basis prior to a determination that  
19 the individual owes overdue support as  
20 specified in paragraph (15);

21 “(ii) under which the State shall es-  
22 tablish criteria for eligibility to receive  
23 such services, which shall restrict eligibility  
24 to noncustodial parents—

25 “(I) with respect to whom there  
26 is an open child support case under

1 the State program funded under this  
2 part;

3 “(II) who are unemployed or un-  
4 deremployed;

5 “(III) who are not making reg-  
6 ular child support payments;

7 “(IV) who do not receive assist-  
8 ance under a State program funded  
9 under part A (or under any other  
10 State program funded with qualified  
11 State expenditures (as defined in sec-  
12 tion 409(a)(7)(B)(i)));

13 “(V) who do not participate in an  
14 employment and training program  
15 under section 6(d)(4) of the Food and  
16 Nutrition Act of 2008 (but who may  
17 receive supplemental nutrition assist-  
18 ance benefits under such Act); and

19 “(VI) who do not receive the  
20 same job services under the Workforce  
21 Innovation and Opportunity Act;

22 “(iii) under which the State agency  
23 administering a program under a State  
24 plan approved under this part shall pro-  
25 vide, including through contract or cooper-



1           ative agreement, job services that may in-  
2           clude—

3                   “(I) job search assistance;

4                   “(II) job readiness training;

5                   “(III) job development and job  
6           placement services;

7                   “(IV) skills assessments to facili-  
8           tate job placement;

9                   “(V) job retention services;

10                  “(VI) certificate programs and  
11           other skills training directly related to  
12           employment, which may include activi-  
13           ties to improve literacy and basic  
14           skills, such as programs to complete  
15           high school or a General Education  
16           Development (GED) certificate, as  
17           long as such activities and programs  
18           are included in the State job services  
19           plan pursuant to section 454(37);

20                  “(VII) long-term and short-term  
21           subsidized employment or public-pri-  
22           vate career pathway partnerships;

23                  “(VIII) substance abuse treat-  
24           ment;

25                  “(IX) mental health services;

1                   “(X) occupational skills training,  
2                   including college credit programs; and

3                   “(XI) work supports, such as  
4                   transportation assistance, uniforms,  
5                   and tools; and

6                   “(iv) under which the State shall en-  
7                   sure that participation in any such services  
8                   is voluntary and shall inform potential par-  
9                   ticipants that such participation is vol-  
10                  untary.

11                  “(B) DEFINITION.—An Indian tribe or  
12                  tribal organization (as defined in subsections  
13                  (e) and (l) of section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-  
14                  mination and Education Assistance Act (25  
15                  U.S.C. 450b)) operating a child support en-  
16                  forcement program funded by a grant under  
17                  this part may elect, as part of such program, to  
18                  provide job services to noncustodial parents,  
19                  consistent with the requirements of this para-  
20                  graph and section 455(f).”.

21                  (b) PERFORMANCE TRACKING.—Section 452(a) of  
22                  such Act (42 U.S.C. 652(a)) is amended—

23                         (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the  
24                         end;

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

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

4           “(12)(A) consult with States, Indian tribes, and  
5 tribal organizations (as defined in subsections (e)  
6 and (l) of section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
7 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)),  
8 with a plan approved under this part, to develop  
9 data elements to ensure that the child support agen-  
10 cy of any State, Indian tribe, or tribal organization  
11 administering a voluntary job services program  
12 under section 466(a)(20) demonstrates a plan for  
13 implementing measures to track the performance of  
14 such program with respect to meeting the goals of  
15 quality job placement, long-term unsubsidized job re-  
16 tention, increasing child support payments, decreas-  
17 ing child support arrearages, and increasing the in-  
18 volvement of low-income noncustodial parents with  
19 their children; and

20           “(B) in carrying out section 466(a), collaborate  
21 with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of  
22 Agriculture to identify best practices and minimize  
23 duplication of services under employment and train-  
24 ing programs for noncustodial parents administered

1 by the Departments of Health and Human Services,  
2 Labor, and Agriculture.”.

3 (c) STATE PLAN.—Section 454 of such Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 301(a)(1) and  
5 303(b) of this Act, is further amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (35), by striking “and” at the  
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (36), by striking the period at  
9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (36) the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(37) include—

13 “(A) a description of work activities in  
14 which the State requires noncustodial parents  
15 to participate pursuant to section 466(a)(15);

16 “(B) a description of any job services the  
17 State elects to provide to noncustodial parents,  
18 and criteria for eligibility to receive such serv-  
19 ices, under section 466(a)(20), or an expla-  
20 nation of why the State elects not to provide  
21 such services;

22 “(C) an explanation of how the State will  
23 coordinate job services and work activities pro-  
24 vided under this title with the State workforce  
25 development system (as such term is defined in

1 section 3(67) of the Workforce Innovation and  
2 Opportunity Act), local responsible fatherhood  
3 programs (including such programs funded by a  
4 grant awarded under section 403(a)(2)), local  
5 prisoner reentry programs, and other local em-  
6 ployment and training programs; and

7 “(D) if applicable, a description of the  
8 State plan for implementing measures for  
9 tracking the successful performance of the  
10 State voluntary job services program consistent  
11 with section 452(a)(12)(A).”.

12 (d) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—Section 455(a)(1)(A) of  
13 such Act (42 U.S.C. 655(a)(1)(A)) is amended by adding  
14 at the end “including public and private non-Federal  
15 funds,”.

16 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall take effect on the date that is one year  
18 after the date of the enactment of this section.

19 **SEC. 305. IMPROVED COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF**  
20 **CHILD SUPPORT.**

21 (a) DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT.—

22 (1) FULL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT  
23 COLLECTED; REFORM OF RULES FOR DISTRIBUTION  
24 OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF  
25 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 457 of the So-  
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 657) is amended—

3 (i) by amending subsection (a) to read  
4 as follows:

5 “(a) FULL DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED  
6 ON BEHALF OF ANY FAMILY.—Subject to subsections (b)  
7 and (c), the entire amount of support collected by a State  
8 on behalf of any family receiving services pursuant to a  
9 plan approved under this part shall be paid to the family  
10 in accordance with this section.”;

11 (ii) by amending subsection (b) to  
12 read as follows:

13 “(b) CONTINUATION OF ASSIGNMENTS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any rights to support obli-  
15 gations that are assigned to a State under this part  
16 on behalf of a family receiving assistance and in ef-  
17 fect before the implementation date of this section  
18 may remain assigned after such date and distributed  
19 under the provisions and limitations of the Deficit  
20 Reduction Act of 2005.

21 “(2) OPTION TO TERMINATE ASSIGNMENTS.—A  
22 State may choose to discontinue any assignment of  
23 a support obligation described in paragraph (1) and  
24 may treat amounts collected pursuant to the assign-  
25 ment as if the amounts had never been assigned and

1 may distribute the amounts to the family in accord-  
2 ance with subsection (a).”;

3 (iii) by striking subsections (c) and  
4 (d) and redesignating subsection (e) as  
5 subsection (c); and

6 (iv) in subsection (c) (as so redesign-  
7 nated), by striking paragraph (1) and all  
8 that follows and inserting the following:

9 “(1) shall be used to provide supplemental serv-  
10 ices that serve the best interests of such child in a  
11 manner that best meets the future needs and edu-  
12 cational, health, and employment interests of the  
13 child, or be deposited in—

14 “(A) an account of the type described in  
15 section 1631(a)(2)(F) of this Act;

16 “(B) an ABLE account established under  
17 section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code of  
18 1986;

19 “(C) an individual development account es-  
20 tablished pursuant to Federal or State law; or

21 “(D) any other account in which benefits  
22 for the child may be conserved in a manner  
23 that the State determines, consistent with this  
24 paragraph, is in the best interests of the child;  
25 and

1           “(2) shall supplement and not supplant any  
2 other Federal funds or programs that may be avail-  
3 able for the benefit of the child.”.

4           (B) FOSTER CARE STATE PLAN AMEND-  
5 MENT.—Section 471(a)(17) of such Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 671(a)(17)) is amended—

7           (i) by inserting “and consistent with  
8 the child’s case plan” after “where appro-  
9 priate”; and

10           (ii) by striking “secure an assignment  
11 to the State of any rights to support” and  
12 inserting “establish paternity and estab-  
13 lish, modify, and enforce child support ob-  
14 ligations”.

15           (C) CHILD SUPPORT STATE PLAN AMEND-  
16 MENT.—Section 454 of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 654), as amended by sections 301(a)(1),  
18 303(b), and 304(c) of this Act, is further  
19 amended—

20           (i) in paragraph (36), by striking  
21 “and” at the end;

22           (ii) in paragraph (37), by striking the  
23 period and inserting “; and”; and

24           (iii) by inserting after paragraph (37)  
25 the following:



1           “(38) provide that a State shall pay all col-  
2           lected child support to the family in accordance with  
3           section 457.”.

4           (D) SUPPORT PAYMENTS COLLECTED  
5           PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 454(5) of  
6           such Act (42 U.S.C. 654(5)) is amended by  
7           striking “such payments” and all that follows  
8           through “support payments collected” and in-  
9           serting “entered into prior to the effective date  
10          of section 204 of the Julia Carson Responsible  
11          Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2017,  
12          the individual will be notified on a monthly  
13          basis of the amount of the support payments  
14          collected and retained by the State under sec-  
15          tion 457(a)(1)(B) (as in effect prior to the ef-  
16          fective date of such section)”.

17          (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18          (A) Section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)(I)(aa) of such  
19          Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)(B)(i)(I)(aa)) is  
20          amended by striking “457(a)(1)(B)” and in-  
21          serting “457(a)”.

22          (B) Section 454(34) of such Act (42  
23          U.S.C. 654(34)) is amended by striking  
24          “457(a)(2)(B)” each place it appears and in-  
25          serting “457(b)”.

1 (C) Section 456(a)(1) of such Act (42  
2 U.S.C. 656(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “and  
3 shall be distributed in accordance with section  
4 457” after “local processes”.

5 (D) Section 466(a)(3)(B) of such Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 666(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

7 (i) by striking “shall be distributed in  
8 accordance with section 457 in the case of  
9 overdue support assigned to a State pursu-  
10 ant to section 408(a)(3) or 471(a)(17), or,  
11 in any other case,”; and

12 (ii) by inserting “or to the public  
13 agency responsible for supervising the  
14 placement of the child receiving foster care  
15 maintenance payments under section 472,  
16 which may use such payments in the man-  
17 ner the public agency determines will serve  
18 the best interest of the child, consistent  
19 with section 457(c)” before the semicolon.

20 (b) PROHIBITION ON CONDITIONING RECEIPT OF  
21 TANF ON ASSIGNMENT OF SUPPORT.—Section 408(a)(3)  
22 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(3)) is amend-  
23 ed—

24 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “No  
25 ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES NOT” and inserting

1 “PROHIBITION ON CONDITIONING ASSISTANCE FOR  
2 FAMILIES ON”;

3 (2) by inserting “not” after “shall”;

4 (3) by inserting “or under a program funded  
5 with qualified State expenditures (as defined in sec-  
6 tion 409(a)(7)(B)(i))” after “this part”; and

7 (4) by striking “, not exceeding the total  
8 amount of assistance so paid to the family,”.

9 (c) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD PERCENTAGE OF  
10 CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN DETERMINING AMOUNT  
11 AND TYPE OF TANF ASSISTANCE.—Section 408(a) of  
12 such Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by section  
13 101(a)(2) of this Act and subsection (b) of this section,  
14 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
15 graph:

16 “(14) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD PERCENT-  
17 AGE OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN DETER-  
18 MINING AMOUNT AND TYPE OF TANF ASSISTANCE.—  
19 A State to which a grant is made under section 403  
20 shall disregard at least the same percentage of  
21 amounts collected as support on behalf of a family  
22 as the percentage of earned income that the State  
23 disregards, in determining the amount or type of as-  
24 sistance provided to the family under the State pro-  
25 gram funded under this part or under a program

1 funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined  
2 in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)).”.

3 (d) RESTORATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING.—Effec-  
4 tive on the date of enactment of this Act, section 7309  
5 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–  
6 171; 120 Stat. 147) is repealed, and part D of title IV  
7 of the Social Security Act shall be applied as if the amend-  
8 ment made by subsection (a) of that section had not been  
9 enacted.

10 (e) REPEAL OF MANDATORY FEE FOR CHILD SUP-  
11 PORT COLLECTION.—Effective on the date of enactment  
12 of this Act, section 7310 of the Deficit Reduction Act of  
13 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 147) is repealed,  
14 and part D of title IV of the Social Security Act shall  
15 be applied as if the amendments made by that section had  
16 not been enacted.

17 (f) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than October 1,  
18 2018, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
19 study and submit a report to Congress regarding the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 (1) The effect of age eligibility restrictions for  
22 the earned income tax credit established under sec-  
23 tion 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for in-  
24 dividuals without qualifying children on—

1 (A) the ability of young parents to pay  
2 child support;

3 (B) compliance with child support orders;  
4 and

5 (C) the relationship between young non-  
6 custodial parents and their children.

7 (2) The impact of State earned income tax  
8 credit programs, especially such programs with tar-  
9 geted benefits for noncustodial parents, on—

10 (A) the ability of noncustodial parents to  
11 pay child support;

12 (B) compliance with child support orders;  
13 and

14 (C) the relationship between noncustodial  
15 parents and their children.

16 (3) The challenges faced by legal immigrants  
17 and individuals for whom English is not their pri-  
18 mary language in fulfilling child support and other  
19 noncustodial parenting obligations.

20 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
22 vided in this section, the amendments made by this  
23 section shall take effect on October 1, 2018, and  
24 shall apply to payments under parts A and D of title  
25 IV of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters

1 beginning on or after that date, without regard to  
2 whether regulations to implement the amendments  
3 are promulgated by such date.

4 (2) STATE OPTION TO ACCELERATE EFFECTIVE  
5 DATE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a State  
6 may elect to have the amendments made by the pre-  
7 ceding provisions of this section apply to the State  
8 and to amounts collected by the State (and to pay-  
9 ments under such parts), on and after such date as  
10 the State may select that is not later than Sep-  
11 tember 30, 2018.

12 **SEC. 306. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NON-**  
13 **CUSTODIAL PARENTING TIME.**

14 (a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Section 452(a)(10) of  
15 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)), as amend-  
16 ed by section 303(a), is further amended—

17 (1) in subsection (J), by striking “and” at the  
18 end; and

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

20 “(K) a summary of efforts by the State to  
21 provide early intervention services and activities  
22 that aim to improve the ability and willingness  
23 of noncustodial parents to support their chil-  
24 dren, including by—

1           “(i) supporting and improving pater-  
2           nity establishment, child support order es-  
3           tablishment, and collections outcomes; and

4           “(ii) facilitating and assisting parents  
5           in accessing court processes to establish  
6           parenting time arrangements, assisting ob-  
7           ligors with employment needs, or providing  
8           other allowable services or activities to  
9           carry out the State responsibilities under  
10          this part: and”.

11          (b) STATE PLAN.—Section 454 of such Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 301(a)(1), 303(b),  
13 304(c), and 305(a)(1)(C) of this Act, is further amend-  
14 ed—

15           (1) in paragraph (37), by striking “and” at the  
16          end;

17           (2) in paragraph (38), by striking the period at  
18          the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

20           “(39) describe efforts by the State to provide  
21          early intervention services and activities that aim to  
22          improve the ability and willingness of noncustodial  
23          parents to support their children, including by—

1           “(A) supporting and improving paternity  
2 establishment, child support order establish-  
3 ment, and collections outcomes; and

4           “(B) facilitating and assisting parents in  
5 accessing court processes to establish parenting  
6 time arrangements, assisting obligors with em-  
7 ployment needs, or providing other allowable  
8 services or activities to carry out the State re-  
9 sponsibilities under this part.”.

10       (c) DETERMINATIONS OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS  
11 PERFORMANCE LEVEL.—Section 458(b)(6)(E) is amend-  
12 ed—

13           (1) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);

14       and

15           (2) by inserting after clause (i) the following:

16                   “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR AMOUNT SPENT  
17                   ON EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES AND  
18                   ACTIVITIES.—For the purposes of sub-  
19                   section (i), the total amount expended dur-  
20                   ing the fiscal year under the State plan  
21                   shall be reduced by an amount equal to the  
22                   amount expended by the State for the fis-  
23                   cal year on early intervention services and  
24                   activities intended to improve the ability



1 and willingness of noncustodial parents to  
2 support their children, including by—

3 “(I) improving paternity estab-  
4 lishment, child support order estab-  
5 lishment, and collections outcomes;  
6 and

7 “(II) offering parenting time ar-  
8 rangements, assisting obligors with  
9 employment needs, or providing other  
10 allowable services or activities to carry  
11 out the State responsibilities under  
12 this part,

13 except that such reduced amount may not  
14 exceed 10 percent of such total amount ex-  
15 pended during the fiscal year under the  
16 State plan.”.

17 (d) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES FOR ACCESS AND VISI-  
18 TATION PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 469B(c)(1) of such  
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 669b(c)(1)) is amended by striking  
20 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”.

1 **TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISION**

2 **SEC. 401. INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE UNDER**  
 3 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE**  
 4 **INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHIL-**  
 5 **DREN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The row in the table in section  
 7 32(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating  
 8 to no qualifying children is amended to read as follows:

“No qualifying children .....	20	7.65”.
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9 (b) INCOME PHASEOUT FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS  
 10 WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—The table in section  
 11 32(b)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking  
 12 “\$5,280” and inserting “\$11,500”.

13 (c) REDUCTION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY MADE PER-  
 14 MANENT.—Section 32(b)(2)(B) of such Code is amended  
 15 to read as follows:

16 “(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a  
 17 joint return filed by an eligible individual and  
 18 such individual’s spouse, the phaseout amount  
 19 determined under subparagraph (A) shall be in-  
 20 creased by \$5,000.”.

21 (d) INCREASE IN AGE RANGE FOR ELIGIBLE INDI-  
 22 VIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILD.—Section  
 23 32(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of such Code is amended—

1           (1) by striking “age 25” and inserting “age  
2           21”; and

3           (2) by striking “age 65” and inserting “age  
4           68”.

5           (e) TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT FOR INDIVID-  
6           UALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN IF QUALIFYING  
7           CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUM-  
8           BERS.—Section 32(c)(1)(F) of such Code is amended to  
9           read as follows:

10                   “(F) INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT INCLUDE  
11                   TIN, ETC., OF ANY QUALIFYING CHILD.—In the  
12                   case of any eligible individual who has one or  
13                   more qualifying children, if—

14                           “(i) no qualifying child of such indi-  
15                           vidual is taken into account under sub-  
16                           section (b) by reason of paragraph (3)(D),  
17                           and

18                                   “(ii) no child of such individual is  
19                                   taken into account for purposes of any  
20                                   other child tax benefit under this chapter,  
21                                   for purposes of the credit allowed under this  
22                                   section, such individual may be considered an  
23                                   eligible individual without a qualifying child.”.

24           (f) EXPANDING THE EITC FOR CERTAIN FORMER  
25           FOSTER YOUTH.—Section 32(c)(1) of such Code, as

1 amended by subsection (e), is amended by adding at the  
2 end the following:

3 “(G) FOSTER YOUTH.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of  
5 subparagraph (A), the term ‘eligible indi-  
6 vidual’ shall include an individual who is a  
7 qualified foster youth.

8 “(ii) QUALIFIED FOSTER YOUTH DE-  
9 FINED.—For purposes of clause (i), the  
10 term ‘qualified foster youth’ means an in-  
11 dividual who—

12 “(I) has attained age 18 but not  
13 attained age 21 before the close of the  
14 taxable year, and

15 “(II) on or after attaining the  
16 age of 14 was placed in a foster fam-  
17 ily home by an agency of a State or  
18 a political subdivision thereof or by a  
19 qualified foster care placement agency  
20 (as defined by section 131(b)(3)).”.

21 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
23 December 31, 2017.

1           **TITLE V—SUPPLEMENTAL**  
2           **NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**

3   **SEC. 501. COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT UNDER THE**  
4                   **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**  
5                   **PROGRAM.**

6           (a) ENCOURAGEMENT OF COLLECTION OF CHILD  
7 SUPPORT.—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
8 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

9                   (1) in subsection (e)—

10                           (A) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and  
11                           (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively;

12                           (B) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking  
13                           “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph  
14                           (7)”; and

15                           (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
16                           following:

17                           “(5) DEDUCTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT RE-  
18                           CEIVED.—

19                                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—A household shall be  
20                                   allowed a deduction of 20 percent of all legally  
21                                   obligated child support payments received from  
22                                   an identified or putative parent of a child in the  
23                                   household if that parent is not a household  
24                                   member.

1           “(B) ORDER OF DETERMINING DEDUC-  
2           TIONS.—A deduction under this paragraph shall  
3           be determined before the computation of the ex-  
4           cess shelter deduction under paragraph (7).”;  
5           and

6           (2) in subsection (k)(4)(B), by striking “sub-  
7           section (e)(6)” and inserting “subsection (e)(7)”.

8           (b) SIMPLIFIED VERIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT  
9           PAYMENTS.—Section 5(n) of the Food and Nutrition Act  
10          of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(n)) is amended—

11           (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
12           “STATE OPTIONS TO SIMPLIFY”, and inserting  
13           “SIMPLIFIED”; and

14           (2) by striking “Regardless of whether” and in-  
15           serting the following:

16           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A household that is paying  
17           legally obligated child support through the program  
18           under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act  
19           (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) shall receive—

20           “(A) a deduction under subsection (e)(4);

21           or

22           “(B) an exclusion under subsection (d)(6);  
23           for child support payments made.

24           “(2) STATE OPTIONS.—Regardless of whether”.

1           (c) INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PRO-  
2 GRAMS IN DEFINITION OF WORK PROGRAM.—Section  
3 6(o)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.  
4 2015(o)(2)) is amended—

5           (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at  
6 the end;

7           (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period  
8 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

10                   “(E) participate in and comply with the re-  
11 quirements of a State program to provide job  
12 services to noncustodial parents as provided in  
13 section 466(a)(20) of the Social Security Act;”.

14           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amend-  
16 ments made by this section take effect on October  
17 1, 2017.

18           (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—A State shall imple-  
19 ment the amendments made by subsections (a) and  
20 (b) for participating households at the 1st certifi-  
21 cation, or 1st recertification, of the household that  
22 occurs on or after October 1, 2017.

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