

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7446

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow States to transfer a limited amount of funds provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, for use under title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP) 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 “Reduce Duplication
5 and Improve Access to Work Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING TRANSFERS TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE**
2 **DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404(d) of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 604(d)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(C) Title I of the Workforce Innovation
8 and Opportunity Act.”; and

9 (2) in paragraph (3)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

11 (i) in the heading, by striking “1 OF
12 TITLE XX” and inserting “A OF TITLE XX
13 AND TITLE I OF WIOA”; and

14 (ii) by striking “1 of title XX” and in-
15 serting “A of title XX or title I of the
16 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
17 Act”; and

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

19 “(C) FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO TITLE I OF
20 WIOA PROGRAM.—

21 “(i) LIMITATION ON RESERVATION OF
22 FUNDS.—In the case of funds transferred
23 under paragraph (1)(C) of this subsection,
24 not more than 15 percent of the funds
25 shall be reserved for statewide workforce
26 investment activities referred to in section

1 128(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and
2 Opportunity Act.

3 “(ii) SUBMISSION OF COMBINED
4 STATE PLAN UNDER WIOA.—If a State in-
5 tends to transfer funds under paragraph
6 (1)(C) of this subsection, the State shall—

7 “(I) submit to the Secretary and
8 the Secretary of Labor a combined
9 State plan pursuant to section 103 of
10 the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
11 tunity Act that covers the State pro-
12 gram to be carried out pursuant to
13 this part; and

14 “(II) in doing so, apply section
15 102(c)(3) of such Act to the programs
16 referred to in section 103(a)(2)(B) of
17 such Act covered by the combined
18 plan.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2025.

21 **SEC. 3. TWO-YEAR REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TEMPORARY**
22 **ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PRO-**
23 **GRAM.**

24 Activities authorized by part A of title IV (other than
25 under section 403(c) or 418) and section 1108(b) of the

1 Social Security Act shall continue through September 30,
2 2026, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2023, and
3 out of any money in the Treasury of the United States
4 not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated
5 such sums as may be necessary for such purpose.

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