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To reauthorize the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Joining 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.
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- Sec. 8. Inclusion of poverty reduction as a program purpose.
- Sec. 9. Modernizing State share.
- Sec. 10. Strengthening accountability through HHS approval of State plans.
- Sec. 11. Aligning and improving data reporting.
- Sec. 12. 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. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES.**

8 (a) CHILD CARE ENTITLEMENT.—Section 418(a)(3)
9 (42 U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is amended by striking “2017 and
10 2018” and inserting “2019 through 2023”.

11 (b) GRANTS TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section 1108(b)
12 (42 U.S.C. 1308(b)) is amended by striking “2017 and
13 2018” and inserting “2019 through 2023”.

14 **SEC. 5. EXPECTING UNIVERSAL ENGAGEMENT AND CASE**
15 **MANAGEMENT.**

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

18 “(b) INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITY PLANS.—

19 “(1) ASSESSMENT.—The State agency respon-
20 sible for administering the State program funded
21 under this part shall make an initial assessment of

1 the following for each work-eligible individual (as de-
2 fined in section 419(6)):

3 “(A) The education obtained, skills, prior
4 work experience, work readiness, and barriers
5 to work of the individual.

6 “(B) The well-being of the children in the
7 family of the individual and, where appropriate,
8 activities or services (such as services offered by
9 a program funded under section 511) to im-
10 prove the well-being of the children.

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

16 “(A) includes a personal responsibility
17 agreement in which the individual acknowledges
18 receipt of publicly-funded benefits and responsi-
19 bility to comply with program requirements in
20 order to receive the benefits;

21 “(B) sets forth the obligations of the indi-
22 vidual to participate in work or work prepara-
23 tion activities, and the number of hours per
24 month for which the individual will so partici-
25 pate pursuant to section 407(c);

1 “(C) sets forth an employment goal and
2 planned short-, intermediate-, and long-term ac-
3 tions to achieve the goal, and, in the case of an
4 individual who has not attained 24 years of age
5 and is in secondary school or the equivalent, the
6 intermediate action may be completion of sec-
7 ondary school or the equivalent;

8 “(D) describes the job counseling and
9 other services the State will provide to the indi-
10 vidual to enable the individual to obtain and
11 keep employment in the private sector;

12 “(E) may include referral to appropriate
13 substance abuse or mental health treatment;
14 and

15 “(F) is signed by the individual.

16 “(3) TIMING.—The State agency shall comply
17 with paragraph (1) and (2) with respect to a work-
18 eligible individual—

19 “(A) within 180 days after the effective
20 date of this subsection, in the case of an indi-
21 vidual who, as of such effective date, is a recipi-
22 ent of assistance under the State program fund-
23 ed under this part (as in effect immediately be-
24 fore such effective date); or

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

4 “(4) PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE BY INDI-
5 VIDUAL.—In addition to any other penalties required
6 under the State program funded under this part, the
7 State may reduce, by such amount as the State con-
8 siders appropriate, the amount of assistance other-
9 wise payable under the State program to a family
10 that includes an individual who fails without good
11 cause to comply with an individual opportunity plan
12 developed pursuant to this subsection, that is signed
13 by the individual.

14 “(5) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The State shall meet
15 with each work-eligible individual assessed by the
16 State under paragraph (1), not less frequently than
17 every 90 days, to—

18 “(A) review the individual opportunity plan
19 developed for the individual;

20 “(B) discuss with the individual the
21 progress made by the individual in achieving
22 the goals specified in the plan; and

23 “(C) update the plan, as necessary, to re-
24 flect any changes in the circumstances of the
25 individual since the plan was last reviewed.

1 “(6) STATE DISCRETION.—A State shall have
2 sole discretion, consistent with section 407, to define
3 and design activities for families for purposes of this
4 subsection, to develop methods for monitoring and
5 reviewing progress pursuant to this subsection, and
6 to make modifications to the plans developed pursu-
7 ant to this subsection as the State deems appro-
8 priate to assist families in increasing their degree of
9 self-sufficiency.”.

10 **SEC. 6. PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY BY MEASURING**
11 **WORK OUTCOMES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 407 (42 U.S.C. 607)), as
13 amended by subsection (c) of this section, is amended by
14 inserting before subsection (b) the following:

15 “(a) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND WORK
16 OUTCOMES.—

17 “(1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection
18 is to provide for the establishment of performance
19 accountability measures to assess the effectiveness of
20 States in increasing employment, retention, and ad-
21 vancement among families receiving assistance under
22 the State program funded under this part or any
23 other State program funded with qualified State ex-
24 penditures.

1 “(2) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a grant
2 is made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall
3 achieve the requisite level of performance on an indi-
4 cator described in paragraph (3)(B) of this sub-
5 section for the fiscal year.

6 “(3) MEASURING STATE PERFORMANCE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State, in con-
8 sultation with the Secretary, shall collect and
9 submit to the Secretary the information nec-
10 essary to measure the level of performance of
11 the State for each indicator described in sub-
12 paragraph (B), for fiscal year 2020 and each
13 fiscal year thereafter, and the Secretary shall
14 use the information collected for fiscal year
15 2020 to establish the baseline level of perform-
16 ance for each State for each such indicator.

17 “(B) INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE.—

18 The indicators described in this subparagraph,
19 for a fiscal year, are the following:

20 “(i) The percentage of individuals who
21 were work-eligible individuals as of the
22 time of exit from the program, who are in
23 unsubsidized employment during the 2nd
24 quarter after the exit.

1 “(ii) The percentage of individuals
2 who were work-eligible individuals as of the
3 time of exit from the program, who are in
4 unsubsidized employment during the 2nd
5 and 4th quarters after the exit.

6 “(iii) The median earnings of individ-
7 uals who were work-eligible individuals as
8 of the time of exit from the program, who
9 are in unsubsidized employment during the
10 2nd quarter after the exit.

11 “(iv) The percentage of individuals
12 who have not attained 24 years of age, are
13 attending high school or enrolled in an
14 equivalency program, and are work-eligible
15 individuals or were work-eligible individ-
16 uals as of the time of exit from the pro-
17 gram, who obtain a high school degree or
18 its recognized equivalent while receiving as-
19 sistance under the State program funded
20 under this part or within 1 year after the
21 exit.

22 “(C) LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE.—

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For each State
24 submitting a State plan pursuant to sec-
25 tion 402(a), there shall be established, in

1 accordance with this subparagraph, levels
2 of performance for each of the indicators
3 described in subparagraph (B).

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

6 “(I) 40 percent, in the case of
7 the indicator described in subpara-
8 graph (B)(i).

9 “(II) 25 percent, in the case of
10 the indicator described in subpara-
11 graph (B)(ii)(II).

12 “(III) 25 percent, in the case of
13 the indicator described in subpara-
14 graph (B)(iii).

15 “(IV) 10 percent, in the case of
16 the indicator described in subpara-
17 graph (B)(iv).

18 “(iii) AGREEMENT ON REQUISITE
19 PERFORMANCE LEVEL FOR EACH INDI-
20 CATOR.—

21 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
22 retary and the State shall jointly es-
23 tablish the requisite level of perform-
24 ance for the State with respect to
25 each indicator described in clause (ii),

1 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
2 2023, and in the case of each of fiscal
3 years 2021 through 2023, shall do so
4 before the beginning of the respective
5 fiscal year.

6 “(II) REQUIREMENTS IN ESTAB-
7 LISHING PERFORMANCE LEVELS.— In
8 establishing the requisite levels of per-
9 formance, the State and the Secretary
10 shall—

11 “(aa) take into account how
12 levels involved compare with the
13 levels established for other
14 States;

15 “(bb) ensure the levels in-
16 volved are adjusted, using the ob-
17 jective statistical model referred
18 to in clause (v), based on—

19 “(AA) the differences
20 among States in economic
21 conditions, including dif-
22 ferences in unemployment
23 rates or employment losses
24 or gains in particular indus-
25 tries; and

1 “(BB) the characteris-
2 ties of participants on entry
3 into the program, including
4 indicators of prior work his-
5 tory, lack of educational or
6 occupational skills attain-
7 ment, or other factors that
8 may affect employment and
9 earnings; and

10 “(CC) take into account
11 the extent to which the lev-
12 els involved promote contin-
13 uous improvement in per-
14 formance by each State.

15 “(iv) REVISIONS BASED ON ECONOMIC
16 CONDITIONS AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING
17 ASSISTANCE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.—
18 The Secretary shall, in accordance with the
19 objective statistical model referred to in
20 clause (v), revise the requisite levels of per-
21 formance for a State and a fiscal year to
22 reflect the economic conditions and charac-
23 teristics of the relevant individuals in the
24 State during the fiscal year.

1 “(v) STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENT
2 MODEL.—The Secretary shall use an objec-
3 tive statistical model to make adjustments
4 to the requisite levels of performance for
5 the economic conditions and characteristics
6 of the relevant individuals, and shall con-
7 sult with the Secretary of Labor to develop
8 a model that is the same as or similar to
9 the model described in section
10 116(b)(3)(A)(viii) of the Workforce Inno-
11 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
12 3141(b)(3)(A)(viii)).

13 “(vi) DEFINITION OF EXIT.—In this
14 subsection, the term ‘exit’ means, with re-
15 spect to a State program funded under
16 this part, ceases to receive assistance
17 under the program.

18 “(D) REGULATIONS.—In order to ensure
19 nationwide comparability of data, the Secretary,
20 after consultation the Secretary of Labor and
21 with States, shall issue regulations governing
22 the establishment of the performance account-
23 ability system under this subsection and a tem-
24 plate for performance reports to be used by all
25 States consistent with section 414.”.

1 (b) REPORTS ON STATE PERFORMANCE ON HHS
2 ONLINE DASHBOARD.—Part A of title IV (42 U.S.C. 601-
3 619) is amended by inserting after section 413 the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“SEC. 414. PUBLICATION OF STATE PERFORMANCE.**

6 “The Secretary shall, directly or through the use of
7 grants or contracts, establish and operate an Internet
8 website that is accessible to the public, with a dashboard
9 that is regularly updated and provides easy-to-understand
10 information on the performance of each State program
11 funded under this part, including a profile for each such
12 program, expressed by use of a template, which shall in-
13 clude—

14 “(1) information on the indicators and requisite
15 performance levels established for the State under
16 section 407(a), including, with respect to each such
17 level, whether the State achieves, exceeds, or fails to
18 achieve the level on an ongoing basis, including—

19 “(A) information on any adjustments made
20 to the requisite levels using the statistical ad-
21 justment model described in section
22 407(a)(3)(D)(v); and

23 “(B) a grade based on the overall perform-
24 ance of the State, as determined by the Sec-
25 retary and in consultation with the State;

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

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

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

16 “(3) a link to the State plan approved under
17 section 402; and

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

23 (c) REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OR
24 WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—Section 407 (42

1 U.S.C. 607) is amended by striking all that precedes sub-
2 section (e) and inserting the following:

3 **“SEC. 407. REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OR**
4 **WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.**

5 “(b) DUTY OF STATE.—A State to which a grant is
6 made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall require each
7 individual who is a work-eligible individual with respect
8 to a month in the fiscal year to meet the participation
9 requirement of subsection (c) for the month.

10 “(c) REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK OR
11 WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
13 vided in this subsection, an individual meets the par-
14 ticipation requirement of this subsection for a month
15 if—

16 “(A) the individual participates in work or
17 work preparation activities, as assigned in the
18 individual opportunity plan developed for the in-
19 dividual pursuant to section 408(b), for an av-
20 erage of at least 30 hours per week during the
21 month; or

22 “(B) in the case that the individual is in
23 a 2-parent family—

24 “(i) the individual and the other par-
25 ent in the family are participating in work

1 or work preparation activities for an aver-
2 age of at least 35 hours per week during
3 the month; or

4 “(ii) if the family of the individual re-
5 ceives federally-funded child care assist-
6 ance and an adult in the family is not dis-
7 abled or caring for a severely disabled
8 child, the individual and the other parent
9 in the family are participating in work or
10 work preparation activities for an average
11 of at least 55 hours per week during the
12 month.

13 “(2) SINGLE PARENT OR RELATIVE WITH
14 CHILD UNDER AGE 6 DEEMED TO BE MEETING PAR-
15 TICIPATION REQUIREMENT IF PARENT OR RELATIVE
16 IS ENGAGED IN WORK FOR 20 HOURS PER WEEK.—
17 A recipient who is the only parent or caretaker rel-
18 ative in the family of a child who has not attained
19 6 years of age is deemed to meet the participation
20 requirement of this subsection for a month if the re-
21 cipient participates in work or work preparation ac-
22 tivities for an average of at least 20 hours per week
23 during the month.

24 “(3) SINGLE TEEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD OR
25 MARRIED TEEN WHO MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY

1 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—A recipient who is married
2 or a head of household and has not attained 20
3 years of age is deemed to meet the participation re-
4 quirement of this subsection for a month if the re-
5 cipient maintains satisfactory attendance at sec-
6 ondary school or the equivalent during the month.

7 “(4) FAMILY WITH DISABLED PARENT NOT
8 TREATED AS 2-PARENT FAMILY.—A family that in-
9 cludes a disabled parent shall not be treated as a 2-
10 parent family for purposes of this subsection.

11 “(d) WORK OR WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘work or work prepara-
13 tion activities’ means—

14 “(1) unsubsidized employment;

15 “(2) subsidized private sector employment;

16 “(3) subsidized public sector employment;

17 “(4) work experience (including work associated
18 with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if
19 sufficient private sector employment is not available;

20 “(5) on-the-job training, including apprentice-
21 ship;

22 “(6) job search and job readiness assistance;

23 “(7) community service programs;

24 “(8) vocational educational training and career
25 technical training;

1 “(9) job skills training directly related to em-
2 ployment;

3 “(10) education directly related to employment,
4 in the case of a recipient who has not received a
5 high school diploma or a certificate of high school
6 equivalency;

7 “(11) satisfactory attendance at secondary
8 school or in a course of study leading to a certificate
9 of general equivalence, in the case of a recipient who
10 has not completed secondary school or received such
11 a certificate;

12 “(12) the provision of child care services to an
13 individual who is participating in a community serv-
14 ice program; and

15 “(13) any other activity that the State deter-
16 mines is necessary to improve the employment, earn-
17 ings, or other outcomes of a recipient of assistance
18 that are used in determining a level of performance
19 by the State for purposes of subsection (a).”.

20 (d) DEFINITION OF WORK-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—
21 Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619) is amended by adding at the
22 end the following:

23 “(6) WORK-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
25 subparagraph (B), the term ‘work-eligible indi-

1 vidual’ means, with respect to a month, an indi-
2 vidual who is a recipient of a TANF benefit
3 under the State program funded under this
4 part for the month, and is an adult or minor
5 child head of household.

6 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘work-eli-
7 gible individual’ shall not include—

8 “(i) a parent providing care for a dis-
9 abled family member living in the home, if
10 there is medical documentation to support
11 the need for the parent to remain in the
12 home to provide the care;

13 “(ii) an individual who receives assist-
14 ance under a program operated under a
15 tribal family assistance plan approved
16 under section 412; or

17 “(iii) at the option of a State, an indi-
18 vidual who is—

19 “(I) a single custodial parent car-
20 ing for a child who has not attained
21 12 months of age, if the State has not
22 exercised its option under this sub-
23 clause with respect to the individual
24 for 12 months;

1 “(II) a recipient of benefits
2 under the supplemental security in-
3 come program under title XVI of this
4 Act, including payments pursuant to
5 an agreement under section 1616(a)
6 of this Act or section 212(b) of Public
7 Law 93–66;

8 “(III) a recipient of aid under a
9 State plan approved under title XVI
10 of this Act (as in effect without re-
11 gard to the amendment made by sec-
12 tion 301 of the Social Security
13 Amendments of 1972); or

14 “(IV) entitled to disability insur-
15 ance benefits under section 223 of
16 this Act.”.

17 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) TO TEXT.—The following provisions are
19 each amended by inserting “or work preparation”
20 before “activities”:

21 (A) Section 407(f)(1) (42 U.S.C.
22 607(f)(1)).

23 (B) Section 407(f)(2) (42 U.S.C.
24 607(f)(2)).

25 (C) Section 407(g) (42 U.S.C. 607(g)).

1 (D) Section 411(a)(4) (42 U.S.C.
2 611(a)(4)).

3 (E) Section 412(a)(2)(C) (42 U.S.C.
4 612(a)(2)(C)).

5 (F) Section 418(b)(2) (42 U.S.C.
6 618(b)(2)).

7 (G) Section 466(a)(15)(B) (42 U.S.C.
8 666(a)(15)(B)).

9 (2) TO HEADINGS.—

10 (A) The subsection heading of section
11 407(f) (42 U.S.C. 607(f)) is amended by insert-
12 ing “OR WORK PREPARATION” before “ACTIVI-
13 TIES”.

14 (B) The paragraph heading of section
15 409(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(3)) is amended by
16 striking “MINIMUM PARTICIPATION RATES” and
17 inserting “PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS”.

18 (C) The paragraph heading of section
19 411(a)(4) (42 U.S.C. 611(a)(4)) is amended by
20 inserting “OR WORK PREPARATION” before “AC-
21 TIVITIES”.

22 (f) VERIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION.—Section
23 407(i) (42 U.S.C. 607(i)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(i) REQUIREMENT FOR STATES TO ESTABLISH
2 VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
3 WORK OR WORK PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a grant
5 is made under section 403 shall establish procedures
6 for determining, with respect to recipients of assist-
7 ance under the State program funded under this
8 part or under any other State program funded with
9 qualified State expenditures, whether activities may
10 be counted as work activities, how to count and
11 verify reported hours of work, and who is a work-
12 eligible individual, and shall establish internal con-
13 trols to ensure compliance with the procedures.

14 “(2) OVERSIGHT OF STATE PROCEDURES.—The
15 Secretary shall review the State procedures estab-
16 lished in accordance with paragraph (1) of this sub-
17 section to ensure that the procedures are adequate
18 to ensure that an individual meets the participation
19 requirement of subsection (c).”.

20 **SEC. 7. TARGETING FUNDS TO TRULY NEEDY FAMILIES**
21 **AND CORE PURPOSES.**

22 (a) GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF FUNDS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 404(a) (42 U.S.C.
24 604(a)) is amended to read as follows:

25 “(a) GENERAL RULES.—Subject to this part:

1 “(1) MANDATORY GRANT.—A State to which a
2 mandatory grant is made under section 403(a)(3)
3 may use the grant—

4 “(A) in any manner that is reasonably cal-
5 culated to accomplish the purpose of this part,
6 including to provide low income households with
7 assistance in meeting home heating and cooling
8 costs; or

9 “(B) in any manner that the State was au-
10 thorized to use amounts received under part A
11 or F, as such parts were in effect on September
12 30, 1995, or (at the option of the State) August
13 21, 1996

14 “(2) MATCHING GRANT.—A State to which a
15 matching grant is made under section 403(a)(4)
16 shall use the grant to provide assistance, case man-
17 agement, work supports and supportive services,
18 work, wage subsidies, work or work preparation ac-
19 tivities (as defined in section 407(d)), and non-re-
20 curring short-term benefits, to needy families to
21 achieve the purposes of this part.”.

22 (2) RELATED DEFINITIONS.—Section 419 (42
23 U.S.C. 619), as amended by section 6(d) of this Act,
24 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(7) ASSISTANCE.—The term ‘assistance’
2 means cash, payments, vouchers, and other forms of
3 benefits designed to meet a family’s ongoing basic
4 needs (such as for food, clothing, shelter, utilities,
5 household goods, personal care items, and general
6 incidental expenses).

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

20 “(9) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-
21 portive services’ means services such as domestic vio-
22 lence services, and mental health, substance abuse
23 and disability services, housing counseling services,
24 and other family supports.”.

1 (b) MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON USE OF
2 GRANT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.—

3 (1) LIMITATION APPLICABLE ONLY TO MANDA-
4 TORY GRANT FUNDS.—Section 404(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
5 604(b)(1)) is amended by striking “403” and insert-
6 ing “403(a)(3)”.

7 (2) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON USE OF
8 FUNDS FOR CASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sec-
9 tion 404(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 604(b)(2)) is amended to
10 read as follows:

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

13 “(A) information technology and comput-
14 erization needed for tracking, monitoring, or
15 data collection required by or under this part;
16 or

17 “(B) case management activities to carry
18 out section 408(b).”.

19 (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR FAMILIES
20 WITH INCOME GREATER THAN TWICE THE POVERTY
21 LINE, OR FOR DIRECT PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERV-
22 ICES OR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES; ELIMINATION OF
23 AUTHORITY TO TREAT INTERSTATE IMMIGRANTS UNDER
24 RULES OF FORMER STATE.—Section 404 (42 U.S.C. 604)
25 is amended by striking subsection (c), redesignating sub-

1 section (b) as subsection (c), and inserting after sub-
2 section (a) the following:

3 “(b) 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 “(2) DIRECT PROVISION OF CHILD CARE; DI-
15 RECT SPENDING ON CHILD WELFARE ACTIVITIES OR
16 SERVICES.—A State to which a grant is made under
17 this part shall not use the grant for direct spending
18 on child care activities or services or direct spending
19 on child welfare activities or services.”.

20 (d) EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER
21 FUNDS TO OTHER PROGRAMS.—Section 404(d) (42
22 U.S.C. 604(d)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1)
23 through (3) and inserting the following:

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use not more
25 than 50 percent of the mandatory grant made to the

1 State under section 403(a)(3) to carry out a State
2 program pursuant to any or all of the following pro-
3 visions of law:

4 “(A) The Child Care and Development
5 Block Grant Act of 1990.

6 “(B) Title I of the Workforce Innovation
7 and Opportunity Act.

8 “(C) Subpart 2 of part B of this title.

9 “(2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT TRANSFERRABLE
10 TO SUBPART 2 OF PART B OF THIS TITLE.—

11 “(A) In general.—A State may use not
12 more than the applicable percentage of the
13 amount of a mandatory grant made to the
14 State under section 403(a)(3) to carry out
15 State programs pursuant to subpart 2 of part
16 B.

17 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For
18 purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable
19 percentage is 10 percent.

20 “(3) APPLICABLE RULES.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
22 subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, any
23 amount paid to a State under this part that is
24 used to carry out a State program pursuant to
25 a provision of law specified in paragraph (1)

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

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

11 “(i) all of the funds will be used to
12 support families eligible for assistance
13 under the State program funded under this
14 part; and

15 “(ii) not more than 5 percent of the
16 funds will be reserved for statewide work-
17 force investment activities referred to in
18 section 128(a)(1) of the Workforce Innova-
19 tion and Opportunity Act.”.

20 **SEC. 8. INCLUSION OF POVERTY REDUCTION AS A PRO-**
21 **GRAM PURPOSE.**

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

23 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
24 (3);

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

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

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

7 **SEC. 9. MODERNIZING STATE SHARE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a) (42 U.S.C.
9 603(a)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(a) FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount specified
12 in paragraph (5) of this subsection that remains
13 after applying sections 412, 413, and 417(b) for the
14 fiscal year, each eligible State shall be entitled to re-
15 ceive from the Secretary, for each of fiscal years
16 2019 through 2023, a grant in an amount equal to
17 the State family assistance grant.

18 “(2) STATE FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANT.—The
19 State family assistance grant payable to an eligible
20 State for a fiscal year shall be the sum of the man-
21 datory grant payable to the State for the fiscal year
22 and the matching grant payable to the State for the
23 fiscal year.

24 “(3) MANDATORY GRANT.—The mandatory
25 grant payable to a State for a fiscal year is 75 per-

1 cent of the amount required to be paid to the State
2 under section 403(a)(1) (as in effect just before the
3 enactment of this paragraph) for fiscal year 2018,
4 determined without regard to any reduction under
5 section 409.

6 “(4) MATCHING GRANT.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
8 subparagraph (E), the matching grant payable
9 to a State for a fiscal year is the lesser of—

10 “(i) the adjusted Federal medical as-
11 sistance percentage for the State for the
12 fiscal year of the excess State expenditures
13 for the fiscal year; or

14 “(ii) the amount allotted to the State
15 under subparagraph (D) for the fiscal
16 year.

17 “(B) ADJUSTED FEDERAL MEDICAL AS-
18 SISTANCE PERCENTAGE.—In subparagraph
19 (A)(i) of this paragraph, the term ‘adjusted
20 Federal medical assistance percentage’ means,
21 with respect to a fiscal year, the Federal med-
22 ical assistance percentage for the State for the
23 fiscal year (as defined in section 1905(b), as
24 such section was in effect on September 30,
25 1995), reduced by the total number of percent-

1 age points by which the State family assistance
2 grant is reduced under section 409 for the fis-
3 cal year.

4 “(C) EXCESS STATE EXPENDITURES.—In
5 subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph, the term
6 ‘excess State expenditures’ means, with respect
7 to a State and a fiscal year, the amount (if
8 any) by which—

9 “(i) the total amount of State expend-
10 itures (including from funds paid under
11 this paragraph) for the fiscal year that are
12 for assistance, work or work preparation
13 activities (as defined in section 407(d)), or
14 supportive services, excluding the value of
15 all goods and services provided by a private
16 source, to the extent not taken into ac-
17 count under clause (ii) of this subpara-
18 graph; exceeds

19 “(ii) the total amount of qualified
20 State expenditures for the fiscal year not
21 exceeding 56 percent of historic State ex-
22 penditures for the fiscal year.

23 “(D) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—The amount
24 allotted to a State under this subparagraph for
25 a fiscal year shall be the amount that bears the

1 same ratio to the available amount for the fiscal
2 year as the number of children in families with
3 incomes below the poverty level in the State for
4 the fiscal year (as determined by the Bureau of
5 the Census) bears to the total number of such
6 children in all eligible States for the fiscal year.

7 “(E) AVAILABLE AMOUNT.—In subpara-
8 graph (D), the term ‘available amount’ means,
9 with respect to a fiscal year, the amount speci-
10 fied in paragraph (5) of this subsection for the
11 fiscal year, reduced by—

12 “(i) the total of the amounts payable
13 to all States under paragraph (2) of this
14 subsection for the fiscal year; and

15 “(ii) the amounts reserved under sec-
16 tions 412, 413, and 417(b) for the fiscal
17 year.

18 “(F) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIRE-
19 MENTS.—A matching grant shall not be payable
20 to a State for a fiscal year if the State failed
21 to comply with paragraph (7) or (12) of section
22 409(a) for the fiscal year.

23 “(G) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED
24 MATCHING FUNDS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary
2 determines (in accordance with clause (ii)
3 of this subparagraph) that any amounts al-
4 lotted to a State under subparagraph (D)
5 for a fiscal year will not be used by the
6 State during the fiscal year for the purpose
7 for which the amounts are allotted, the
8 Secretary shall make the amounts available
9 in the subsequent fiscal year for carrying
10 out the purpose to 1 or more eligible
11 States that apply for the funds, to the ex-
12 tent the Secretary determines that the ap-
13 plicant States will be able to use the addi-
14 tional amounts for the purpose, on the
15 matching basis provided in this paragraph.
16 The available amounts shall be redistrib-
17 uted among all such applicant States pur-
18 suant to subparagraph (D) by treating
19 only the applicant States as eligible States.

20 “(ii) TIME OF DETERMINATION AND
21 DISTRIBUTION.—The determination of the
22 Secretary under clause (i) for a fiscal year
23 shall be made not later than the end of the
24 1st quarter of the subsequent fiscal year.
25 The redistribution of amounts under clause

1 (i) shall be made as close as practicable to
2 the date the determination is made. Any
3 amount made available to a State in ac-
4 cordance with this subparagraph shall, for
5 purposes of this part, be regarded as part
6 of the matching grant paid to the State
7 under this paragraph for the fiscal year in
8 which the redistribution is made.

9 “(5) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in
10 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise ap-
11 propriated, there are appropriated for each of fiscal
12 years 2019 through 2023 \$16,566,542,000 for
13 grants under this subsection.”.

14 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT RE-
15 QUIREMENT.—Section 409(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7)) is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 “(7) FAILURE OF ANY STATE TO MAINTAIN
18 CERTAIN LEVEL OF HISTORIC EFFORT.—The Sec-
19 retary shall reduce the mandatory grant payable to
20 the State under section 403(a)(3) for a fiscal year
21 by the amount (if any) by which qualified State ex-
22 penditures for the then immediately preceding fiscal
23 year are less than 56 percent of historic State ex-
24 penditures with respect to such preceding fiscal
25 year.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) ADJUSTMENT AND RELOCATION OF DEFINI-
3 TIONS RELATING TO MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT RE-
4 QUIREMENT.—Section 419 (42 U.S.C. 619), as
5 amended by sections 6(d) and 7(a)(2) of this Act, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(10) QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
9 State expenditures’ means, with respect to a
10 State and a fiscal year, the total expenditures
11 by the State during the fiscal year, under all
12 State programs, for any of the following with
13 respect to eligible families:

14 “(i) Cash assistance, including any
15 amount collected by the State as support
16 pursuant to a plan approved under part D,
17 on behalf of a family receiving assistance
18 under the State program funded under this
19 part, that is distributed to the family
20 under section 457(a)(1)(B) and dis-
21 regarded in determining the eligibility of
22 the family for, and the amount of, such as-
23 sistance.

24 “(ii) Child care assistance.

1 “(iii) Educational activities designed
2 to increase self-sufficiency, job training,
3 and work, excluding any expenditure for
4 public education in the State except ex-
5 penditures which involve the provision of
6 services or assistance to a member of an
7 eligible family which is not generally avail-
8 able to persons who are not members of an
9 eligible family.

10 “(iv) Expenditures for a purpose de-
11 scribed in paragraph (3) or (4) of section
12 401(a).

13 “(v) Administrative costs in connec-
14 tion with the matters described in clauses
15 (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi), but only to the
16 extent that such costs do not exceed 15
17 percent of the total amount of qualified
18 State expenditures for the fiscal year.

19 “(vi) Any other use of funds allowable
20 under section 404(a)(1).

21 “(B) EXCLUSION OF TRANSFERS FROM
22 OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS.—Such
23 term does not include expenditures under any
24 State or local program during a fiscal year, ex-
25 cept to the extent that—

1 “(i) the expenditures exceed the
2 amount expended under the State or local
3 program in the fiscal year most recently
4 ending before the date of the enactment of
5 section 409 (as in effect just before the ef-
6 fective date of the Joining Opportunity
7 with Benefits and Services for Success
8 Act); or

9 “(ii) the State is entitled to a pay-
10 ment under former section 403 (as in ef-
11 fect immediately before such date of enact-
12 ment) with respect to the expenditures.

13 “(C) EXCLUSION OF AMOUNTS EXPENDED
14 TO REPLACE PENALTY GRANT REDUCTIONS.—
15 Such term does not include any amount ex-
16 pended in order to comply with section
17 409(a)(12).

18 “(D) EXCLUSION OF EXPENDITURES FOR
19 CERTAIN FAMILIES WITH INCOME GREATER
20 THAN TWICE THE POVERTY LINE.—Such term
21 does not include any amount expended to pro-
22 vide any assistance, benefits, or services to a
23 family whose monthly income exceeds, and
24 whose income for the month in which the family
25 applied for the assistance exceeded, twice the

1 poverty line (as defined by the Office of Man-
2 agement and Budget, and revised annually in
3 accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus
4 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C.
5 9902(2))) in effect with respect to the month
6 involved.

7 “(E) ELIGIBLE FAMILIES.—In subpara-
8 graph (A), the term ‘eligible families’ means
9 families eligible for assistance under the State
10 program funded under this part, families that
11 would be eligible for such assistance but for the
12 application of section 408(a)(7) of this Act, and
13 families of aliens lawfully present in the United
14 States that would be eligible for such assistance
15 but for the application of title IV of the Per-
16 sonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
17 Reconciliation Act of 1996, except any of such
18 families whose monthly income exceeds twice
19 the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
20 Management and Budget, and revised annually
21 in accordance with section 673(2) of the Omni-
22 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42
23 U.S.C. 9902(2))).

1 “(11) HISTORIC STATE EXPENDITURES.—The
2 term ‘historic State expenditures’ means, with re-
3 spect to a State, the lesser of—

4 “(A) the expenditures by the State under
5 parts A and F (as in effect during fiscal year
6 1994) for fiscal year 1994; or

7 “(B) the amount which bears the same
8 ratio to the amount described in subparagraph
9 (A) as—

10 “(i) the State family assistance grant,
11 plus the total amount required to be paid
12 to the State under former section 403 for
13 fiscal year 1994 with respect to amounts
14 expended by the State for child care under
15 subsection (g) or (i) of section 402 (as in
16 effect during fiscal year 1994); bears to

17 “(ii) the total amount required to be
18 paid to the State under former section 403
19 (as in effect during fiscal year 1994) for
20 fiscal year 1994.

21 Such term does not include any expenditures
22 under the State plan approved under part A (as
23 so in effect) on behalf of individuals covered by
24 a tribal family assistance plan approved under
25 section 412, as determined by the Secretary.

1 “(12) EXPENDITURES BY THE STATE.—The
2 term ‘expenditures by the State’ does not include—

3 “(A) any expenditure from amounts made
4 available by the Federal Government;

5 “(B) any State funds expended for the
6 medicaid program under title XIX; or

7 “(C) any State funds which are expended
8 as a condition of receiving Federal funds other
9 than under this part.”.

10 (2) CROSS-REFERENCES.—

11 (A) The following provisions are each
12 amended by striking “403(a)(1)” and inserting
13 “403(a)” each place it appears:

14 (i) Paragraphs (1)(A), (1)(B),
15 (2)(A)(i), (4), (5), (9), (11), (12), (14)(A),
16 (15), and (16)(A) of section 409(a) (42
17 U.S.C. 609(a)(1)(A), (1)(B), (2)(A)(i), (4),
18 (5), (9), (11), (12), (14)(A), (15), and
19 (16)(A)).

20 (ii) Section 409(d)(2) (42 U.S.C.
21 609(d)(2)).

22 (iii) Section 413(h) (42 U.S.C.
23 613(h)).

1 (B) Section 413(b) (42 U.S.C. 613(b)) is
2 amended by striking “403(a)(2)” and inserting
3 “403(b)”.

4 (C) The following provisions are each
5 amended by striking “(as defined in section
6 409(a)(7)(B)(i))”:

7 (i) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
8 407(e) (42 U.S.C. 607(e)(1) and (2)).

9 (ii) Section 411(a)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.
10 611(a)(1)(A)).

11 (iii) Subsections (a)(1), (d), and
12 (e)(1) of section 413 (42 U.S.C. 613(a)(1),
13 (d), and (e)(1)).

14 **SEC. 10. STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH**
15 **HHS APPROVAL OF STATE PLANS.**

16 (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; STATE PLANS
17 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY; TIMING.—
18 Section 402 (42 U.S.C. 602) is amended to read as fol-
19 lows:

20 **“SEC. 402. STATE PLANS.**

21 “(a) APPLICATION; PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—To be
22 eligible to receive a grant under this part, a State shall
23 prepare and submit to the Secretary an application, at
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-

1 tion as the Secretary shall by rule require, that includes
2 a State plan that meets the following requirements:

3 “(1) FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The plan
4 shall describe how the State will carry out a pro-
5 gram which—

6 “(A) is designed to serve all political sub-
7 divisions in the State (not necessarily in a uni-
8 form manner), provides assistance to needy
9 families with (or expecting) children and pro-
10 vides parents with job preparation, work, and
11 support services to enable them to leave the
12 program and become self-sufficient;

13 “(B) provides education and training to
14 State and local law enforcement officials, the
15 education system, and providers of relevant
16 counseling services, on the problem of statutory
17 rape so that teenage pregnancy prevention pro-
18 grams may be expanded in scope to include
19 men; and

20 “(C) ensures that recipients of assistance
21 under the program or any other State program
22 funded with qualified State expenditures may
23 access their assistance with minimal fees or
24 charges, and have an opportunity to access
25 their assistance with no fee or charges, and are

1 provided information on applicable fees and sur-
2 charges that apply to electronic fund trans-
3 actions involving the assistance, and that such
4 information is made available to the public.

5 “(2) WORK AND WORK PREPARATION REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—The plan shall describe how the State will
7 require work-eligible individuals to engage in work
8 or work preparation activities in accordance with
9 section 407, and any additional activity that will be
10 considered a work or work preparation activity
11 under section 407(d)(13).

12 “(3) CASE MANAGEMENT; UNIVERSAL ENGAGE-
13 MENT.—The plan shall describe the case manage-
14 ment practices of the State with respect to the re-
15 quirements of section 408(b), provide a copy of the
16 form that will be used to assess a work-eligible indi-
17 vidual and prepare an individual opportunity plan
18 for such an individual, describe how the State will
19 ensure that such a plan is reviewed in accordance
20 with section 408(b)(5), and describe how the State
21 will measure progress under the plan.

22 “(4) PROPOSED PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—The
23 plan shall propose the requisite levels of performance
24 for the State for purposes of section 407(a)(3)(D)
25 for each year in the 2-year period referred to in sub-

1 section (b) of this section, and explain why each
2 such level is appropriate.

3 “(5) CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.—The
4 plan shall describe how the State will engage low-in-
5 come noncustodial parents paying child support and
6 how such a parent will be provided with access to
7 work support and other services under the program
8 referred to in paragraph (1) to support their employ-
9 ment and advancement, and shall include a certifi-
10 cation by the chief executive officer of the State
11 that, during the fiscal year, the State will operate a
12 child support enforcement program under the State
13 plan approved under part D.

14 “(6) PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF OUT-OF-
15 WEDLOCK PREGNANCIES.—The plan shall describe
16 how the State will establish goals and take action
17 under the program to prevent and reduce the inci-
18 dence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, with special
19 emphasis on teenage pregnancies.

20 “(7) PREVENTION OF RECIPIENT MISUSE OF
21 FUNDS; ACCESS TO CASH ASSISTANCE.—The plan
22 shall describe how the State will prevent access to
23 assistance provided under the program or any other
24 State program funded with qualified State expendi-
25 tures through any electronic fund transaction

1 through an automated teller machine or point-of-sale
2 device located in a place described in section
3 408(a)(12), and ensure that recipients of assistance
4 under the program have adequate access to their
5 cash assistance.

6 “(8) SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.—
7 The plan shall describe how the State will restrict
8 the use and disclosure of information about individ-
9 uals and families receiving assistance under the pro-
10 gram or any other State program funded with quali-
11 fied State expenditures attributable to funds pro-
12 vided by the Federal Government.

13 “(9) PROCEDURAL PROTECTIONS.—The plan
14 shall set forth objective criteria for delivering bene-
15 fits, determining eligibility, and fair and equitable
16 treatment under the program, and explain how the
17 State will provide opportunities for recipients of ben-
18 efits under the program who are adversely affected
19 by an action taken or not taken under the program
20 to be heard in a State administrative or appeal pro-
21 cess.

22 “(10) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE
23 COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART.—The plan shall de-
24 scribe the policies and procedures that are in place
25 to ensure that the State complies with the require-

1 ments of this part, shall set forth references to the
2 provisions of State law and regulation that reflect
3 the policies and provide for the procedures, and shall
4 include an assurance that the State will comply with
5 the requirements of this part.

6 “(11) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PRO-
7 GRAMS.—The plan shall indicate whether the State
8 intends to exercise authority provided by section
9 404(d) of this Act to transfer any funds paid to the
10 State under this part, provide an assurance that, in
11 the case of a transfer to carry out a program under
12 title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
13 Act, the State will comply with section 404(d)(3)(B)
14 of this Act and coordinate with the one-stop delivery
15 system under the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
16 tunity Act, and describe how the State will coordi-
17 nate with the programs involved to provide services
18 to families receiving assistance under the program
19 referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

20 “(12) INTENTION REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO
21 OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN CERTAIN HEALTH-RE-
22 LATED OCCUPATIONS.—The plan shall indicate
23 whether the State intends to assist individuals to
24 train for, seek, and maintain employment—

1 “(A) providing direct care in a long-term
2 care facility (as such terms are defined under
3 section 2011); or

4 “(B) in other occupations related to elder
5 care determined appropriate by the State for
6 which the State identifies an unmet need for
7 service personnel, and, if so, shall include an
8 overview of that assistance.

9 “(13) CERTIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION
10 OF THE PROGRAM.—The plan shall include a certifi-
11 cation by the chief executive officer of the State
12 specifying which State agency or agencies will ad-
13 minister and supervise the program referred to in
14 paragraph (1) for the fiscal year, which shall include
15 assurances that units of general purpose local gov-
16 ernment and private sector organizations—

17 “(A) have been consulted regarding the de-
18 velopment of the plan and the design of welfare
19 services in the State so that services are pro-
20 vided in a manner appropriate to local popu-
21 lations; and

22 “(B) have had at least 45 days to submit
23 comments on the plan and the design of the
24 services.

1 “(14) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL
2 OPERATE A FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSIST-
3 ANCE PROGRAM.—The plan shall include a certifi-
4 cation by the chief executive officer of the State
5 that, during the fiscal year, the State will operate a
6 foster care and adoption assistance program under
7 the State plan approved under part E, and that the
8 State will take such actions as are necessary to en-
9 sure that children receiving assistance under such
10 part are eligible for medical assistance under the
11 State plan under title XIX.

12 “(15) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL
13 PROVIDE INDIANS WITH EQUITABLE ACCESS TO AS-
14 SISTANCE.—The plan shall include a certification by
15 the chief executive officer of the State that, during
16 the fiscal , the State will provide each member of an
17 Indian tribe, who is domiciled in the State and is not
18 eligible for assistance under a tribal family assist-
19 ance plan approved under section 412, with equi-
20 table access to assistance under the program re-
21 ferred to in paragraph (1) attributable to funds pro-
22 vided by the Federal Government.

23 “(16) CERTIFICATION OF STANDARDS AND PRO-
24 CEDURES TO ENSURE AGAINST PROGRAM FRAUD
25 AND ABUSE.—The plan shall include a certification

1 by the chief executive officer of the State that the
2 State is enforcing standards and procedures to en-
3 sure against program fraud and abuse, including
4 standards and procedures concerning nepotism, con-
5 flicts of interest among individuals responsible for
6 the administration and supervision of the State pro-
7 gram, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage.

8 “(17) OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION OF STAND-
9 ARDS AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THE
10 STATE WILL SCREEN FOR AND IDENTIFY DOMESTIC
11 VIOLENCE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the option of the
13 State, the plan may include a certification by
14 the chief executive officer of the State that the
15 State has established and is enforcing stand-
16 ards and procedures to—

17 “(i) screen and identify individuals re-
18 ceiving assistance under the program re-
19 ferred to in paragraph (1) with a history
20 of domestic violence, while maintaining the
21 confidentiality of the individuals;

22 “(ii) refer the individuals to coun-
23 seling and supportive services; and

24 “(iii) waive, pursuant to a determina-
25 tion of good cause, other requirements

1 under the program such as time limits (for
2 so long as necessary) for individuals receiv-
3 ing assistance, residency requirements,
4 child support cooperation requirements,
5 and family cap provisions, in cases where
6 compliance with the requirements would
7 make it more difficult for individuals re-
8 ceiving the assistance to escape domestic
9 violence or unfairly penalize such individ-
10 uals who are or have been victimized by
11 such violence, or individuals who are at
12 risk of further domestic violence.

13 “(B) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFINED.—In
14 subparagraph (A), the term ‘domestic violence’
15 has the same meaning as the term ‘battered or
16 subjected to extreme cruelty’, as defined in sec-
17 tion 408(a)(7)(C)(iii).

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

21 “(c) COMBINED PLAN ALLOWED.—A State may sub-
22 mit to the Secretary and the Secretary of Labor a com-
23 bined State plan that meets the requirements of sub-
24 sections (a) and (b) and that is for programs and activities
25 under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

1 “(d) PLAN AMENDMENTS.—Within 30 days after a
2 State amends a plan submitted pursuant to this section,
3 the State shall notify the Secretary of the amendment.

4 “(e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF STATE PLAN SUM-
5 MARY.—The Secretary shall make available to the public,
6 on the website established under section 414, a summary
7 of any plan or plan amendment submitted by the State
8 pursuant to this section.

9 “(f) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—The Secretary shall ap-
10 prove any plan submitted pursuant to this section that
11 meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b).”.

12 (b) RE-DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STATE.—Section
13 419 (42 U.S.C. 619), as amended by sections 6(d),
14 7(a)(2), and 9(e)(1) of this Act, is amended by adding
15 at the end the following:

16 “(13) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible
17 State’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, a State
18 with a plan submitted pursuant to section 402 that
19 is designed to be implemented during the fiscal year,
20 that has been approved by the Secretary.”.

21 (c) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

22 (1) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES; DISSEMINA-
23 TION OF INFORMATION.—Section 416 (42 U.S.C.
24 616) is amended—

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

3 (B) by adding after and below the end the
4 following:

5 “(b) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
6 shall coordinate all activities of the Department of Health
7 and Human Services relating to work and work prepara-
8 tion activities and requirements and measurement of em-
9 ployment outcomes, and, to the maximum extent prac-
10 ticable, coordinate the activities of the Department in this
11 regard with similar activities of other Federal entities.

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

17 (d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 417 (42
18 U.S.C. 617) is amended to read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 417. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide tech-
21 nical assistance to States and Indian tribes (which may
22 include providing technical assistance on a reimbursable
23 basis), which shall be provided by qualified experts on
24 practices grounded in scientifically valid research, where

1 appropriate, to carry out State and tribal programs fund-
2 ed under this part.

3 “(b) RESERVATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall
4 reserve not more than 0.25 percent of the amount appro-
5 priated by section 403(a)(5) for a fiscal year to carry out
6 subsection (a) of this section.”.

7 **SEC. 11. ALIGNING AND IMPROVING DATA REPORTING.**

8 (a) REQUIRE STATES TO REPORT FULL-POPULATION
9 DATA.—Section 411(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)), as
10 amended by section 9(e)(2)(C)(ii) of this Act, is amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) by striking subparagraph (B);

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

15 (3) by—

16 (A) redesignating—

17 (i) subparagraph (A) as paragraph
18 (1);

19 (ii) clauses (i) through (xvii) of sub-
20 paragraph (A) as subparagraphs (A)
21 through (Q), respectively;

22 (iii) subclauses (I) through (V) of
23 clause (ii) as clauses (i) through (v), re-
24 spectively;

1 (iv) subclauses (I) through (VII) of
2 clause (xi) as clauses (i) through (vii), re-
3 spectively; and

4 (v) subclauses (I) through (V) of
5 clause (xvi) as clauses (i) through (v), re-
6 spectively; and

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

9 (b) ALIGNING TANF SPENDING RULES.—

10 (1) NONDISPLACEMENT OF WORKERS.—Section
11 407(f)(1) (42 U.S.C. 607(f)(1)) is amended by strik-
12 ing “attributable to funds provided by the Federal
13 Government” and inserting “or any other State pro-
14 gram funded with qualified State expenditures”.

15 (2) LIMITS ON ACCESS TO ASSISTANCE IN CASI-
16 NOS, STRIP CLUBS, AND LIQUOR STORES.—Section
17 408(a)(12)(A) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(12)(A)) is amend-
18 ed by inserting after “State program funded under
19 this part” the following: “or any other State pro-
20 gram funded with qualified State expenditures”.

21 (3) REDUCING ASSISTANCE NOT CONSIDERED A
22 WAGE REDUCTION.—Section 408(c) (42 U.S.C.
23 608(c)) is amended by inserting after “State pro-
24 gram funded under this part” the following: “or any

1 other State program funded with qualified State ex-
2 penditures”.

3 (c) REPORT ON PARTICIPATION IN WORK OR WORK
4 PREPARATION ACTIVITIES.—Section 411(a)(1) (42
5 U.S.C. 611(a)(1)), as amended by section 9(e)(2)(C)(ii)
6 of this Act and subsection (a)(3) of this section, is amend-
7 ed by striking subparagraphs (K) and (L) and inserting
8 the following:

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

11 “(i) in the case of each work-eligible
12 individual in the family—

13 “(I) the number of hours (includ-
14 ing zero hours) per month of partici-
15 pation in—

16 “(aa) work or work prepara-
17 tion activities (as defined in sec-
18 tion 407(d)); and

19 “(bb) any other activity re-
20 quired by the State to remove a
21 barrier to employment.; and

22 “(ii) in the case of each individual in
23 the family who is not a work-eligible indi-
24 vidual, the reason for that status.

1 “(L) For each work-eligible individual and
2 each adult in the family who did not participate
3 in work or work preparation activities (as so de-
4 fined) during a month, the reason for the lack
5 of participation.”.

6 (d) REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT
7 AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES.—Section 411(c) (42 U.S.C.
8 611(c)) is amended to read as follows:

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

17 **SEC. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
19 on October 1, 2018.