

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2969

To eliminate the separate participation rate for 2-parent families receiving TANF assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2015

Mr. HOLDING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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

A BILL

To eliminate the separate participation rate for 2-parent families receiving TANF assistance.

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 “TANF Marriage Pen-
5 alty Elimination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF TANF PARTICIPATION RATE RE-**
7 **QUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE PARTICIPATION
9 RATE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2-PARENT FAMILIES.—Sec-

tion 407 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking all through “A State” the first place it appears and inserting the following:

“(a) PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.—A State”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “RATES” and inserting “RATE”;

(B) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;

(C) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively;

(D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking “paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(B)”; and

(E) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by striking “rates” and inserting “rate”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking all through “For pur-
 2 poses of subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)” and in-
 3 serting the following:

4 “(1) GENERAL RULES.—For purposes of sub-
 5 section (b)(1)(B)(i)”; and

6 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and
 7 (B) in paragraph (2)(D)—

8 (i) by striking “paragraphs (1)(B)(i)
 9 and (2)(B) of subsection (b)” and insert-
 10 ing “subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)”; and

11 (ii) by striking “in all families and in
 12 2-parent families, respectively,”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) The paragraph heading for section
 15 409(a)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(3)) is
 16 amended by striking “RATES” and inserting “RATE”.

17 (2) Section 411(b)(1)(A) of such Act (42
 18 U.S.C. 611(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “rates”
 19 and inserting “rate”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
 22 on October 1, 2015.

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