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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.

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

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 2015”.

- 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. State assessments of barriers to employment and financial support of children.
 Sec. 102. Grants to States to conduct demonstration projects to promote economic opportunity for low-income parents.
 Sec. 103. Healthy marriage promotion and responsible fatherhood programs.
 Sec. 104. TANF work participation improvements.
 Sec. 105. Ban on recovery of Medicaid costs for births.
 Sec. 106. Improved collection and distribution of child support.
 Sec. 107. Collection of child support under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.
 Sec. 108. Grants supporting healthy family partnerships for domestic violence intervention and preventions.
 Sec. 109. Procedures to address domestic violence.
 Sec. 110. TANF Employment Fund.
 Sec. 111. Sense of Congress.

TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISION

Sec. 201. Increase in credit percentage under earned income tax credit for eligible individuals with no qualifying children.

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-
 9 ical, intellectual, and behavioral development. Chil-
 10 dren with positive relationships with fathers, even if
 11 they do not live in the same household, have strong-
 12 er mental health, economic success, and academic
 13 achievement with lower rates of youth delinquency,
 14 school dropout, and teen pregnancy.

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

4 (3) Family patterns in the United States have
5 resulted in fewer children living with their fathers.
6 The March 2015 Child Trends report on family
7 structure shows the proportion of all children who
8 have not attained the age of 18 living with both par-
9 ents has decreased over the last 54 years, from 87.7
10 percent in 1960 to 64.4 percent in 2014, with 24
11 percent of children who have not attained the age of
12 18 living with their mother only and 4 percent of
13 children who have not attained the age of 18 living
14 with their father only.

15 (4) A 2011 United States Census analysis of
16 children's living arrangements and characteristics
17 showed that a child in a father-absent home is al-
18 most 4 times more likely to live in poverty than a
19 child in a married-couple family.

20 (5) Father engagement does not depend on liv-
21 ing in the same house as the child, with many non-
22 residential fathers being actively involved with their
23 children and supportive of their children's mothers.
24 However, low-income fathers experience multiple
25 challenges to contributing financially and emotion-

1 ally to their children due to limited education and
2 job skills, unstable employment opportunities, child
3 support enforcement policies, incarceration, and
4 strained relationships with the children's mothers.
5 Multiple approaches are needed to address these
6 barriers to create opportunities for fathers to sustain
7 their engagement and closeness with their children
8 and families.

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

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

5 **SEC. 101. STATE ASSESSMENTS OF BARRIERS TO EMPLOY-**
6 **MENT AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CHIL-**
7 **DREN.**

8 (a) STATE ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS.—As a con-
9 dition of the continued approval of a State plan under part
10 D of title IV of the Social Security Act, each State with
11 such an approved plan, acting through the appropriate
12 State agencies, shall assess the State policies with respect
13 to the issues described in subsection (b) and submit a re-
14 port to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on
15 the results of the assessment not later than October 1,
16 2016.

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

19 (1) The process of setting and modifying child
20 support obligations, particularly with respect to low-
21 income parents, including—

22 (A) the role and criteria for using imputed
23 income in determining child support obligations;

24 (B) the process of modifying obligations;

1 (C) the consideration of income and em-
2 ployment status, including efforts to identify
3 unreported income;

4 (D) the consideration of incarceration;

5 (E) the consideration of disability;

6 (F) the treatment of arrearages, including
7 interest charged, and laws or procedures that
8 interfere with forgiveness, adjustment, waiver,
9 or compromise of arrears owed to the State by
10 low-income noncustodial parents who lack suffi-
11 cient assets or physical ability to pay such ar-
12 rearages;

13 (G) the procedures related to retroactive
14 support; and

15 (H) State pass-through and disregard poli-
16 cies for recipients of means-tested public bene-
17 fits.

18 (2) 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 following arrest, conviction, or incarcer-
22 ation, including—

23 (A) any efforts, including counseling or
24 employment support, to assist ex-prisoners with

1 reentry to a community and successful reunifi-
2 cation with their families; 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 ex-prisoners, and
7 to examine State occupational licensing and cer-
8 tification procedures.

9 (3) An assessment of the effect of debt on em-
10 ployment retention, including child support and non-
11 child support debts imposed to recover costs related
12 to welfare and criminal justice.

13 (4) An assessment of State practices related to
14 providing prisoners and ex-prisoners with valid iden-
15 tification documents upon release from prison.

16 (5) Identification of any other barriers to
17 healthy family formation or sustainable economic op-
18 portunity for custodial and noncustodial parents that
19 are created or exacerbated by Federal or State laws,
20 policies, or procedures, including an examination of
21 the rules of Federal and State means-tested pro-
22 grams, the operation of the State workforce system,
23 the availability of financial education services, and
24 the availability of domestic violence services and
25 child support procedures to help victims of domestic

1 violence stay safe and obtain the child support they
2 are owed.

3 (c) GRANTS TO STATES FOR COMMISSIONS ON STATE
4 LAW IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CHIL-
5 DREN AND FAMILIES.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall award grants to States to establish
7 or support commissions to review the State assessment
8 conducted in accordance with subsection (a) and to make
9 recommendations on ways to improve State law in the best
10 interest of children and families.

11 (d) APPROPRIATIONS.—Out of any money in the
12 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
13 there are appropriated to the Secretary of Health and
14 Human Services for each of fiscal years 2016 through
15 2020, \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, for
16 the purpose of making—

17 (1) payments to States to offset all or a portion
18 of the costs of conducting the State assessments and
19 reports required under subsection (a); and

20 (2) grants to States under subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 102. GRANTS TO STATES TO CONDUCT DEMONSTRA-**
2 **TION PROJECTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC OP-**
3 **PORTUNITY FOR LOW-INCOME PARENTS.**

4 (a) COURT-SUPERVISED OR IV-D AGENCY-SUPER-
5 VISED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR NONCUSTODIAL
6 PARENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—To assist States in imple-
8 menting section 466(a)(15) of the Social Security
9 Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
10 shall award grants to States to conduct demonstra-
11 tion projects to establish, in coordination with coun-
12 ties and other local or tribal governments, court-su-
13 pervised or IV-D agency-supervised employment
14 programs for noncustodial parents who have barriers
15 to employment and a history of nonpayment of child
16 support obligations, as determined by a court or the
17 IV-D agency, and who are determined by the court
18 or agency to be in need of employment services or
19 placement in order to pay child support obligations.
20 A noncustodial parent described in the preceding
21 sentence who is an ex-offender shall be eligible to
22 participate in a program established under this sub-
23 section.

24 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

25 (A) OPTION TO PARTICIPATE PRIOR TO
26 CONTEMPT FINDING.—A State shall not be eli-

1 gible to receive a grant under this subsection
2 unless any program established with funds
3 made available under the grant provides a non-
4 custodial parent described in paragraph (1)
5 with an option to participate in the program
6 prior to the court or agency entering a finding
7 that the noncustodial parent is in contempt for
8 failure to pay a child support obligation and,
9 potentially subject to criminal penalties.

10 (B) PROGRAM GOALS.—An employment
11 program established with funds made available
12 under a grant awarded under this subsection
13 shall be designed to do the following:

14 (i) To assist a noncustodial parent de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1) obtain and main-
16 tain unsubsidized employment.

17 (ii) To increase the amount of finan-
18 cial support received by children.

19 (iii) To help a noncustodial parent de-
20 scribed in paragraph (1) improve relation-
21 ships with their children and their chil-
22 dren's custodial parent.

23 (C) 6 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS, TIMELY
24 PAYMENTS.—An employment program estab-
25 lished with funds made available under this

1 subsection shall not permit a noncustodial par-
2 ent placed in the program to graduate from the
3 program and avoid penalties for failure to pay
4 a child support obligation until the noncustodial
5 parent completes at least 6 months of contin-
6 uous, timely payment of the parent's child sup-
7 port obligations.

8 (D) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 (i) Services provided under an employ-
10 ment program established with funds made
11 available under this subsection must in-
12 clude the following:

13 (I) Job placement, including job
14 development and supervised job search
15 as necessary.

16 (II) Case management, including
17 educational assessment and advising,
18 vocational assessment and career ex-
19 ploration services, and court liaison
20 services.

21 (III) Counseling on responsible
22 parenthood.

23 (IV) Referral for support and
24 educational services.

1 (V) Employment retention serv-
2 ices.

3 (ii) Services provided under an em-
4 ployment program established with funds
5 made available under this subsection may
6 include the following:

7 (I) Remedial education services
8 or educational referral.

9 (II) Support funds for services
10 such as transportation, child care, or
11 short-term training.

12 (III) Transitional jobs programs.

13 (IV) Public-private career path-
14 way partnerships established in ac-
15 cordance with subsection (b)(2).

16 (V) Occupational skill training,
17 including college credit programs.

18 (VI) Curricula development.

19 (E) ADMINISTRATION.—A State that re-
20 ceives a grant under this subsection may con-
21 tract with a public or private nonprofit organi-
22 zation, including a faith-based or community-
23 based organization, to administer (in conjunc-
24 tion with the court of jurisdiction or the IV–D

1 agency) the court-supervised or IV–D agency-
2 supervised employment program.

3 (b) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services may not award a grant to a State
6 under this section unless the State agrees that, with
7 respect to the costs to be incurred by the State in
8 conducting a demonstration project with funds pro-
9 vided under the grant, the State will provide to carry
10 out the project non-Federal contributions valued at
11 10 percent of the amount of Federal funds paid to
12 the State under such grant.

13 (2) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—In this
14 subsection, the term “non-Federal contributions” in-
15 cludes contributions by the State and by public and
16 private entities that may be in cash or in kind, but
17 does not include any amounts provided by the Fed-
18 eral Government, or services assisted or subsidized
19 to any significant extent by the Federal Government,
20 or any amount expended by a State before October
21 1, 2015.

22 (c) WORKER PROTECTIONS AND LABOR STAND-
23 ARDS.—

24 (1) RATE OF PAY; BENEFITS AND WORKING
25 CONDITIONS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—An employer of a par-
2 ticipant in a program or activity funded under
3 this section shall pay the participant at the rate
4 paid to an employee of the employer who is not
5 a participant in the program or activity and
6 who performs comparable work at the worksite,
7 including periodic increases where appropriate.
8 If no other employee of the employer performs
9 comparable work at the worksite, the employer
10 shall pay the participant not less than the ap-
11 plicable Federal or State minimum wage,
12 whichever is higher.

13 (B) BENEFITS AND CONDITIONS.—A State
14 receiving a grant under this section shall ensure
15 that an individual employed through participa-
16 tion in a program or activity funded by the
17 grant is provided with benefits and working
18 conditions at the same level and to the same ex-
19 tent as the benefits and conditions are provided
20 to other employees of the employer of the indi-
21 vidual who have worked a similar length of time
22 and perform the same work.

23 (2) NONDUPLICATION.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving a
25 grant under this section shall ensure that the

1 grant funds are used only for a program or ac-
2 tivity that does not duplicate, and is in addition
3 to, a program or activity otherwise available in
4 the locality of the program or activity.

5 (B) PRIVATE, NONPROFIT ENTITY.—A
6 State receiving a grant under this section shall
7 ensure that the grant funds are not provided to
8 a private nonprofit entity to conduct a program
9 or activity that is the same as or substantially
10 equivalent to a program or activity provided by
11 a State or local government agency in the area
12 in which the entity is located, unless the re-
13 quirements of paragraph (3) are met.

14 (3) NONDISPLACEMENT.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—An employer shall not
16 displace an employee or position (including par-
17 tial displacement such as reduction in hours,
18 wages, or employment benefits) or impair con-
19 tracts for services or collective bargaining
20 agreements, as a result of the use by the em-
21 ployer of a participant in a program or activity
22 funded under this section, and no participant in
23 the program or activity shall be assigned to fill
24 any established unfilled position vacancy.

1 (B) JOB OPPORTUNITIES.—A job oppor-
2 tunity shall not be created under this paragraph
3 that will infringe on the promotional oppor-
4 tunity of an employed individual.

5 (C) LIMITATION ON SERVICES.—

6 (i) SUPPLANTATION OF HIRING.—A
7 participant in a program or activity funded
8 under this section shall not perform any
9 service or duty, or engage in any activity,
10 that will supplant the hiring of an em-
11 ployee that is not a participant in the pro-
12 gram or activity.

13 (ii) DUTIES FORMERLY PERFORMED
14 BY ANOTHER EMPLOYEE.—A participant
15 in a program or activity funded under this
16 section shall not perform any service or
17 duty, or engage in any activity, that is a
18 service, duty, or activity that had been per-
19 formed by or was assigned to any employee
20 who—

21 (I) resigned or was discharged
22 less than 3 months before the date on
23 which the participant performs the
24 service or duty or engages in the ac-
25 tivity;

1 (II) is subject to a reduction in
2 force;

3 (III) has recall rights pursuant
4 to a collective bargaining agreement
5 or applicable personnel procedures;

6 (IV) is on leave (such as ter-
7 minal, temporary, vacation, emer-
8 gency, or sick leave);

9 (V) is on strike; or

10 (VI) is being locked out.

11 (D) CONCURRENCE OF LOCAL LABOR OR-
12 GANIZATION.—A State conducting a demonstra-
13 tion project funded under this section shall en-
14 sure that no participant in a program or activ-
15 ity of the project is placed with an employer
16 until the entity conducting the program or ac-
17 tivity has obtained the written concurrence of
18 any local labor organization representing em-
19 ployees who are engaged in the same or sub-
20 stantially similar work as that proposed to be
21 carried out for the employer with whom a par-
22 ticipant is to be placed under the program or
23 activity.

24 (4) NO EFFECT ON UNION ORGANIZING.—A
25 State conducting a demonstration project funded

1 under this section shall provide the Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services with assurance certified
3 by both the State and the entity conducting a pro-
4 gram or activity funded under this section that none
5 of the funds shall be used to assist or deter union
6 organizing.

7 (5) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving a
9 grant under this section shall not use the grant
10 funds to subsidize training or employment with
11 an employer that has a demonstrable record of
12 noncompliance with Federal labor, civil rights,
13 workplace safety, or related laws.

14 (B) CERTIFIED SATISFACTORY RECORD.—

15 Employers who receive training or wage sub-
16 sidies under programs or activities funded
17 under this section shall have a satisfactory
18 record in labor relations and employment prac-
19 tices, as certified by the Secretary of Labor.

20 (C) APPLICATION OF WORKER PROTEC-

21 TION LAWS.—A participant in a program or ac-
22 tivity funded under this section shall be consid-
23 ered to be an employee of any employer that
24 the participant is placed with for all purposes
25 under Federal and State law, including laws re-

1 lating to health and safety, civil rights, and
2 worker's compensation.

3 (D) OTHER JOB QUALITY STANDARDS.—

4 Employers who receive training or wage sub-
5 sidies under programs or activities funded
6 under this section shall meet all applicable
7 State or local job or employer quality standards
8 regarding such issues as wages, benefits, ad-
9 vancement opportunities, and turnover rates es-
10 tablished for programs funded under the Work-
11 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801
12 et seq.).

13 (6) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.—An entity con-

14 ducting a program or activity funded under this sec-
15 tion shall establish and maintain a procedure for the
16 filing and adjudication of grievances by employees of
17 worksite employers who are not participants in the
18 program, or such employees' representatives, or by
19 participants in such a program or activity alleging a
20 violation of a provision of this subsection, that is
21 similar to the grievance procedure established by a
22 State for purposes of section 407(f)(3) of the Social
23 Security Act.

24 (7) NONPREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.—The

25 provisions of this subsection shall not be construed

1 to preempt any provision of State law that affords
2 greater protections to employees or participants than
3 are afforded by this subsection.

4 (8) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID TO PAR-
5 TICIPANTS.—Amounts paid to a participant in a
6 program or activity funded under this section shall
7 be—

8 (A) considered earned income for purpose
9 of determining the participant's eligibility for
10 the child tax credit established under section 24
11 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the
12 earned income tax credit established under sec-
13 tion 32 of such Code, and any other tax benefit
14 under such Code the eligibility for which is
15 based on earned income; and

16 (B) disregarded for purposes of deter-
17 mining the participant's, the participant's fam-
18 ily's, or the participant's household's eligibility
19 for, or amount of, assistance or benefits pro-
20 vided under any means-tested program funded
21 in whole or in part with Federal funds.

22 (d) APPLICATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—A State desiring to receive a
24 grant to conduct a demonstration project under this
25 section shall submit an application to the Secretary

1 of Health and Human Services, at such time and in
2 such manner as the Secretary may require, which
3 shall include—

4 (A) evidence of an agreement between the
5 State and 1 or more counties to establish an
6 employment program that meets the require-
7 ments of subsection (a);

8 (B) the number of potential noncustodial
9 parents to be served by the program;

10 (C) the purposes specific to that State's
11 program;

12 (D) the median income of potential individ-
13 uals to be served by the program; and

14 (E) such additional information or assur-
15 ances as the Secretary may require.

16 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH WORKER PROTECTIONS
17 AND LABOR STANDARDS.—The application shall in-
18 clude an assurance that the State and any entity, in
19 conducting a program or activity under the project,
20 shall comply with the worker protections and labor
21 standards established in accordance with such pro-
22 tections under subsection (c).

23 (3) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The application
24 shall include an assurance that the State and any
25 entity, in conducting a program or activity under the

1 demonstration project, shall comply with section
2 188(a)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
3 (29 U.S.C. 2938(a)(2)) to the same extent that such
4 section would apply to the entity if the program or
5 activity was considered to be funded or otherwise fi-
6 nancially assisted under that Act.

7 (4) ASSURANCE GRANT WILL SUPPLEMENT,
8 NOT SUPPLANT, OTHER STATE FUNDING.—The ap-
9 plication shall include an assurance from the chief
10 executive officer of the State that funds made avail-
11 able under the grant will supplement, and not sup-
12 plant, other funds used by the State to establish or
13 support employment placements for low-income par-
14 ents.

15 (5) APPLICATIONS BY INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIB-
16 AL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and
17 Human Services may exempt an Indian tribe or trib-
18 al organization from any requirement of this section
19 that the Secretary determines would be inappro-
20 priate to apply to the Indian tribe or tribal organiza-
21 tion, taking into account the resources, needs, and
22 other circumstances of the Indian tribe or tribal or-
23 ganization.

24 (e) PRIORITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDING
25 GRANTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
2 and (3), the State shall give priority to making a
3 grant under this section to an entity that—

4 (A) demonstrates success with respect to
5 meeting the goals of quality job placement,
6 long-term unsubsidized job retention, and,
7 where applicable, increasing child support pay-
8 ments, decreasing unpaid child support arrear-
9 ages, and increasing the involvement of low-in-
10 come noncustodial parents with their children
11 through their participation in responsible fa-
12 therhood activities, including participation in
13 programs that provide culturally relevant cur-
14 ricula in core subjects including—

- 15 (i) conducting activities with children;
16 (ii) improving communication skills;
17 (iii) child support management;
18 (iv) providing financially for the fam-
19 ily's security and well-being;
20 (v) managing stress and anger;
21 (vi) maintaining physical and mental
22 health;
23 (vii) parenting and relationship skills;
24 (viii) child development; and

1 (ix) barriers to responsible parent-
2 hood, including substance abuse, unem-
3 ployment, criminal justice system involve-
4 ment, and inadequate housing; and

5 (B) coordinates with, and links individuals
6 as applicable to, other public and private bene-
7 fits and employment services for low-income
8 adults, including the criminal justice system,
9 programs funded under title IV of the Social
10 Security Act, educational assistance and stu-
11 dent aid programs, and job training or employ-
12 ment services, including State employment
13 agencies.

14 (2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—In making a
15 grant under this section, the Secretary of Health
16 and Human Services shall ensure that a grantee
17 demonstrates a plan for implementing measures to
18 track their performance with respect to meeting the
19 goals of quality job placement, long-term unsub-
20 sidized job retention, and, where applicable, increas-
21 ing child support payments, decreasing child support
22 arrearages, and increasing the involvement of low-in-
23 come noncustodial parents with their children.

24 (3) REFLECTIVE OF TARGET POPULATIONS.—
25 In making a grant under this section, the Secretary

1 of Health and Human Services shall give priority to
2 a State with a proposed demonstration project that
3 is designed to target low-income adults, including
4 custodial and noncustodial parents, and low-income
5 married couples.

6 (f) REGULATORY AND POLICY FLEXIBILITY.—The
7 Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination
8 with the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General,
9 shall work with grantees under this section to resolve pol-
10 icy barriers that may impede blending of Federal re-
11 sources to support these demonstration projects.

12 (g) EVALUATION.—The Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services shall provide for an independent and rig-
14 orous evaluation of the demonstration projects conducted
15 under this section that includes, to the maximum extent
16 feasible, random assignment or other appropriate statis-
17 tical techniques, in order to assess the effectiveness of the
18 projects.

19 (h) GENERAL DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
21 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Com-
22 monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
23 Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, and includes
24 an Indian tribe or tribal organization.

1 (2) IV–D AGENCY.—The term “IV–D agency”
 2 means the State or local agency responsible for ad-
 3 ministering the State program established pursuant
 4 to part D of title IV of the Social Security Act.

5 (3) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—
 6 The terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization”
 7 have the meaning given the terms in section 4 of the
 8 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
 9 Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

10 (i) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the
 11 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,
 12 there are appropriated to carry out this section
 13 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

14 **SEC. 103. HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPON-**
 15 **SIBLE FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—

17 (1) ASSURANCE.—Section 403(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)
 18 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 19 603(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended—

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

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

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

24 “(cc) if the entity is a State
 25 or an Indian tribe or tribal orga-

1 nization, to not condition the re-
2 ceipt of assistance under the pro-
3 gram funded under this part,
4 under a program funded with
5 qualified State expenditures (as
6 defined in section
7 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), or under any
8 other program funded under this
9 title, on enrollment in any such
10 programs or activities; and

11 “(dd) to permit any partici-
12 pant in a program or activity
13 funded under this paragraph, in-
14 cluding an individual whose par-
15 ticipation is specified in the indi-
16 vidual responsibility plan devel-
17 oped for the individual in accord-
18 ance with section 408(b), to
19 transfer to another such program
20 or activity upon notification to
21 the entity and the State agency
22 responsible for administering the
23 State program funded under this
24 part.”.

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

4 “(13) BAN ON CONDITIONING RECEIPT OF
5 TANF OR CERTAIN OTHER BENEFITS ON PARTICIPA-
6 TION IN A HEALTHY MARRIAGE OR RESPONSIBLE
7 FATHERHOOD PROGRAM.—A State to which a grant
8 is made under section 403 shall not condition the re-
9 ceipt of assistance under the State program funded
10 under this part, under a program funded with quali-
11 fied State expenditures (as defined in section
12 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), or under any other program fund-
13 ed under this title, on participation in a healthy
14 marriage promotion activity (as defined in section
15 403(a)(2)(A)(iii)) or in an activity promoting re-
16 sponsible fatherhood (as defined in section
17 403(a)(2)(C)(ii)).”.

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

21 “(17) PENALTY FOR CONDITIONING RECEIPT
22 OF TANF OR CERTAIN OTHER BENEFITS ON PARTICI-
23 PATION IN A HEALTHY MARRIAGE OR RESPONSIBLE
24 FATHERHOOD PROGRAM.—If the Secretary deter-
25 mines that a State has violated section 408(a)(13)

1 during a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce the
2 grant payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)
3 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year by an
4 amount equal to 5 percent of the State family assist-
5 ance grant.”.

6 (b) ACTIVITIES PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHER-
7 HOOD.—Section 403(a)(2)(C)(ii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
8 603(a)(2)(C)(ii)) is amended—

9 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “marriage or
10 sustain marriage” and insert “healthy relationships
11 and marriages or to sustain healthy relationships or
12 marriages”;

13 (2) in subclause (II), by inserting “educating
14 youth who are not yet parents about the economic,
15 social, and family consequences of early parenting,
16 helping participants in fatherhood programs work
17 with their own children to break the cycle of early
18 parenthood,” after “child support payments,”; and

19 (3) in subclause (III), by striking “fathers” and
20 inserting “low-income fathers and other low-income
21 noncustodial parents who are not eligible for assist-
22 ance under the State program funded under this
23 part”.

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

1 (1) by striking “fiscal year 2012” the 1st place
 2 it appears and inserting “each of fiscal years 2016
 3 through 2020”; and

4 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2012” the 2nd place
 5 it appears and inserting “a fiscal year”.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 7 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2015.

8 **SEC. 104. TANF WORK PARTICIPATION IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

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

14 (A) in subsection (a)—

15 (i) beginning in the heading, by strik-
 16 ing “PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIRE-
 17 MENTS” and all that follows through “A
 18 State” in paragraph (1) and inserting
 19 “PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.—
 20 A State”; and

21 (B) in subsection (b)—

22 (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
 23 “subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “sub-
 24 section (a)”;

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

(iii) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by striking “paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B)” and inserting “determining monthly participation rates under paragraph (1)(B)”; and

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

(2) MINIMUM WEEKLY HOURS REQUIREMENT.—Section 407(c)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking “GENERAL RULES” and all that follows through “For purposes of” in subparagraph (A) and inserting “GENERAL RULES—For purposes of”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B).

(3) LIMITATION ON PENALTY IMPOSITION.—In applying section 409(a)(3) of the Social Security Act for any of fiscal years 2007 through 2015, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall disregard the requirement imposed by section 407(a)(2) of such Act.

1 (b) ELIMINATION OF DISTINCTION BETWEEN CORE
2 AND OTHER WORK ACTIVITIES.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 407(c)(1) of such
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(1)), as amended by sub-
5 section (a)(2) of this section, is further amended by
6 striking “not fewer than” and all that follows
7 through “subsection (d),”.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 407(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)) is
10 amended by striking subparagraph (C).

11 (c) ELIMINATION OF CAP ON TREATING VOCATIONAL
12 EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AS WORK PARTICIPATION.—
13 Section 407(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)) is
14 amended by striking subparagraph (D).

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

20 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 this section shall take effect on October 1 of the first fiscal
22 year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act
23 and shall apply to the determination of minimum partici-
24 pation rates for months beginning on or after that date.

1 **SEC. 105. BAN ON RECOVERY OF MEDICAID COSTS FOR**
2 **BIRTHS.**

3 (a) BAN ON RECOVERY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 454 of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654), is amended—

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

8 (B) by striking the period at the end of
9 paragraph (34) and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (34) the
11 following:

12 “(35) provide that, except as provided in sec-
13 tion 1902(a)(25)(F)(ii), the State shall not use the
14 State program operated under this part to collect
15 any amount owed to the State by reason of costs in-
16 curred under the State plan approved under title
17 XIX for the birth of a child for whom support rights
18 have been assigned pursuant to section 471(a)(17)
19 or 1912; and”.

20 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sec-
21 tion 454(35) of such Act, as added by paragraph
22 (1), shall be construed as affecting the application of
23 section 1902(a)(25) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
24 1396a(a)(25)) with respect to a State (relating to
25 the State Medicaid plan requirement for the State to
26 take all reasonable measures to ascertain the legal li-

1 ability of third parties to pay for care and services
2 available under the plan).

3 (b) CLARIFICATION THAT BAN ON RECOVERY DOES
4 NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE OF A PARENT
5 WITH AN OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT.—Clause
6 (ii) of section 1902(a)(25)(F) of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(25)(F)) is amended by inserting
8 “only if such third-party liability is derived through insur-
9 ance,” before “seek”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
13 take effect on October 1, 2015.

14 (2) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
15 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a State
16 plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act
17 which the Secretary of Health and Human Services
18 determines requires State legislation in order for the
19 plan to meet the additional requirements imposed by
20 the amendments made by this section, the State
21 plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply with
22 the requirements of such title solely on the basis of
23 its failure to meet these additional requirements be-
24 fore the first day of the first calendar quarter begin-
25 ning after the close of the first regular session of the

1 State legislature that begins after the date of enact-
 2 ment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sen-
 3 tence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legis-
 4 lative session, each year of the session is considered
 5 to be a separate regular session of the State legisla-
 6 ture.

7 **SEC. 106. IMPROVED COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF**
 8 **CHILD SUPPORT.**

9 (a) DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT.—

10 (1) FULL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT
 11 COLLECTED; REFORM OF RULES FOR DISTRIBUTION
 12 OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF
 13 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—

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

16 (i) by striking subsection (a) and in-
 17 serting the following:

18 “(a) FULL DISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED
 19 ON BEHALF OF ANY FAMILY.—Subject to subsection (c),
 20 the entire amount collected on behalf of any family as sup-
 21 port by a State pursuant to a plan approved under this
 22 part shall be paid by the State to the family.”; and

23 (ii) by striking subsections (c)
 24 through (e) and inserting the following:

1 “(c) AMOUNTS COLLECTED FOR CHILD FOR WHOM
 2 FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS ARE MADE.—
 3 Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section,
 4 amounts collected by a State as child support for months
 5 in any period on behalf of a child for whom a public agen-
 6 cy is making foster care maintenance payments under part
 7 E shall be paid to the public agency responsible for super-
 8 vising the placement of the child, which may use the pay-
 9 ments in the manner it determines will serve the best in-
 10 terests of the child, including setting such payments aside
 11 for the child’s future needs or use.”.

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

15 (i) by inserting “and consistent with
 16 the child’s case plan” after “where appro-
 17 priate”; and

18 (ii) by striking “secure an assignment
 19 to the State of any rights to support” and
 20 inserting “establish paternity and estab-
 21 lish, modify, and enforce child support ob-
 22 ligations”.

23 (C) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AMEND-
 24 MENTS.—

1 (i) CHILD SUPPORT STATE PLAN
 2 AMENDMENT.—Section 454 of such Act
 3 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by section
 4 105(a)(1) of this Act, is amended by in-
 5 serting after paragraph (35) the following:

6 “(36) provide that a State shall pay all col-
 7 lected child support to the payee, except as provided
 8 in section 457(c).”.

9 (ii) DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAY-
 10 MENTS.—Section 454B(c) of such Act (42
 11 U.S.C. 654b(c)) is amended by adding at
 12 the end the following:

13 “(3) DISBURSEMENT TO FAMILIES.—The State
 14 disbursement unit shall pay all collected child sup-
 15 port to the payee, except as otherwise provided in
 16 section 457.”.

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(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
 23 654(5)) is amended by striking “(A) in any
 24 case” and all that follows through “(B)”.

1 (C) Section 466(a)(3)(B) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 666(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

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

8 (ii) by inserting “or to the public
9 agency responsible for supervising the
10 placement of the child, which may use the
11 payments in the manner the public agency
12 determines will serve the best interest of
13 the child” before the semicolon.

14 (b) PROHIBITION ON CONDITIONING RECEIPT OF
15 TANF ON ASSIGNMENT OF SUPPORT.—Section 408(a)(3)
16 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(3)) is amend-
17 ed—

18 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “No
19 ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES NOT” and inserting
20 “PROHIBITION ON CONDITIONING ASSISTANCE FOR
21 FAMILIES ON”;

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

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

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

3 (c) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD PERCENTAGE OF
4 CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN DETERMINING AMOUNT
5 AND TYPE OF TANF ASSISTANCE.—Section 408(a) of
6 such Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by section
7 103(a)(2) of this Act and subsection (b) of this section,
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
9 graph:

10 “(14) REQUIREMENT TO DISREGARD PERCENT-
11 AGE OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED IN DETER-
12 MINING AMOUNT AND TYPE OF TANF ASSISTANCE.—
13 A State to which a grant is made under section 403
14 shall disregard at least the same percentage of
15 amounts collected as support on behalf of a family
16 as the percentage of earned income that the State
17 disregards, in determining the amount or type of as-
18 sistance provided to the family under the State pro-
19 gram funded under this part or under a program
20 funded with qualified State expenditures (as defined
21 in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)).”.

22 (d) RESTORATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING.—Effec-
23 tive on the date of enactment of this Act, section 7309
24 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–
25 171; 120 Stat. 147) is repealed and part D of title IV

1 of the Social Security Act shall be applied as if the amend-
2 ment made by subsection (a) of that section had not been
3 enacted.

4 (e) REPEAL OF MANDATORY FEE FOR CHILD SUP-
5 PORT COLLECTION.—Effective on the date of enactment
6 of this Act, section 7310 of the Deficit Reduction Act of
7 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 147) is repealed
8 and part D of title IV of the Social Security Act shall
9 be applied as if the amendments made by that section had
10 not been enacted.

11 (f) PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERING A PERIOD OF IN-
12 CARCERATION VOLUNTARY UNEMPLOYMENT.—Section
13 466(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)) is
14 amended by inserting after paragraph (19) the following:

15 “(20) PROCEDURES RELATING TO PERIODS OF
16 INCARCERATION OF NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Procedures which re-
18 quire that, in determining or modifying the
19 amount of, or terms and conditions of, any sup-
20 port obligation of a noncustodial parent, the
21 State—

22 “(i) shall not consider any period of
23 incarceration of such parent as a period of
24 voluntary unemployment that disqualifies
25 the parent from obtaining a modification

1 of the support obligation consistent with
2 the parent's ability to pay child support;
3 and

4 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (B) in
5 the case of an incarcerated parent, may—

6 “(I) temporarily suspend any
7 support obligation on the parent and
8 the enforcement of any support obli-
9 gation of the parent existing prior to
10 the period of incarceration; and

11 “(II) temporarily prohibit the ac-
12 crual of any interest on any support
13 obligation of the parent existing prior
14 to the period of incarceration during
15 any such period.

16 “(B) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CHAL-
17 LENGE SUSPENSION.—Such procedures shall re-
18 quire the State to provide a custodial parent
19 with—

20 “(i) notice of any suspension of re-
21 view, adjustment, or enforcement of a sup-
22 port obligation and of any prohibition on
23 interest accrual on such obligation that is
24 imposed in accordance with subparagraph
25 (A)(ii); and

1 “(ii) an opportunity to request that
2 the suspension or prohibition be termi-
3 nated or modified on the basis that the
4 noncustodial parent has sufficient income
5 or resources to continue payment of the
6 support obligation during the noncustodial
7 parent’s period of incarceration.”.

8 (g) REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT
9 ARREARAGES UPON REQUEST.—Section 466(a)(10) of
10 such Act (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(10)) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following:

12 “(D) REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF AR-
13 REARAGES.—Procedures which require the
14 State to review, and if appropriate, reduce the
15 balance of arrearages permanently assigned to
16 the State under part A or E of this title, or
17 under title XIX, pursuant to standards and
18 procedures established by the State, in cases
19 where the obligor lacks sufficient ability to pay
20 the arrears, adjustment will promote timely
21 payment of current support, or barriers, such
22 as incarceration, may have limited the ability of
23 the obligor to timely seek a modification of the
24 order, and it is in the best interests of the child
25 to make such reduction. Nothing in the pre-

1 ceding sentence shall be construed as affecting
2 arrearages that have not been permanently as-
3 signed to the State under any such part or
4 title.”.

5 (h) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than October 1,
6 2016, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
7 study and submit a report to Congress regarding the fol-
8 lowing:

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

13 (A) the ability of young parents to pay
14 child support;

15 (B) compliance with child support orders;
16 and

17 (C) the relationship between young non-
18 custodial parents and their children.

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

22 (A) the ability of noncustodial parents to
23 pay child support;

24 (B) compliance with child support orders;
25 and

1 (C) the relationship between noncustodial
2 parents and their children.

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

7 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
9 vided in this section, the amendments made by this
10 section shall take effect on October 1, 2016, and
11 shall apply to payments under parts A and D of title
12 IV of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters
13 beginning on or after that date, without regard to
14 whether regulations to implement the amendments
15 are promulgated by such date.

16 (2) STATE OPTION TO ACCELERATE EFFECTIVE
17 DATE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a State
18 may elect to have the amendments made by the pre-
19 ceding provisions of this section apply to the State
20 and to amounts collected by the State (and to pay-
21 ments under such parts), on and after such date as
22 the State may select that is not later than Sep-
23 tember 30, 2016.

1 **SEC. 107. COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT UNDER THE**
2 **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE**
3 **PROGRAM.**

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

7 (1) in subsection (e)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and
9 (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively;

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

13 (C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
14 following:

15 “(5) DEDUCTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT RE-
16 CEIVED.—

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

23 “(B) ORDER OF DETERMINING DEDUC-
24 TIONS.—A deduction under this paragraph shall
25 be determined before the computation of the ex-

1 cess shelter deduction under paragraph (7).”;
2 and

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

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

8 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
9 “STATE OPTIONS TO SIMPLIFY”, and inserting
10 “SIMPLIFIED”; and

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

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

17 “(A) a deduction under subsection (e)(4);
18 or

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

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

22 (c) INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PRO-
23 GRAMS IN DEFINITION OF WORK PROGRAM.—Section
24 6(o)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
25 2015(o)(2)) is amended—

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

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

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

6 “(E) participate in and comply with the re-
 7 quirements of a demonstration project under
 8 section 102 of the Julia Carson Responsible Fa-
 9 therhood and Healthy Families Act of 2015;”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amend-
 12 ments made by this section take effect on October
 13 1, 2015.

14 (2) IMPLEMENTATION.—A State shall imple-
 15 ment the amendments made by subsections (a) and
 16 (b) for participating households at the 1st certifi-
 17 cation, or 1st recertification, of the household that
 18 occurs on or after October 1, 2015.

19 **SEC. 108. GRANTS SUPPORTING HEALTHY FAMILY PART-**
 20 **NERSHIPS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER-**
 21 **VENTION AND PREVENTIONS.**

22 Section 403(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 23 603(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
 24 new paragraph:

1 “(6) GRANTS SUPPORTING HEALTHY FAMILY
2 PARTNERSHIPS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTER-
3 VENTION AND PREVENTION.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
5 award grants on a competitive basis to healthy
6 family partnerships to develop and implement
7 promising practices for—

8 “(i) assessing and providing services
9 to individuals and families affected by do-
10 mestic violence, including through case-
11 worker training, the provision of technical
12 assistance to community partners, and the
13 implementation of safe visitation and ex-
14 change programs; or

15 “(ii) preventing domestic violence,
16 particularly as a barrier to economic secu-
17 rity, and fostering healthy relationships.

18 “(B) EDUCATION SERVICES.—In awarding
19 grants under subparagraph (A), the Secretary
20 shall ensure that 10 percent of the funds made
21 available under such grants are used for high
22 schools and other secondary educational institu-
23 tions and institutions of higher education to
24 provide education services on the value of
25 healthy relationships, responsible parenting,

1 and healthy marriages characterized by mutual
2 respect and nonviolence, and the importance of
3 building relationships skills such as communica-
4 tion, conflict resolution, and budgeting.

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

12 “(i) a description of how the partner-
13 ship intends to carry out the activities de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A);

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

21 “(iii) such other information as the
22 Secretary may require.

23 “(D) GENERAL RULES GOVERNING USE OF
24 FUNDS.—The rules of section 404, other than

1 subsection (b) of that section, shall not apply to
 2 a grant made under this paragraph.

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

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

7 “(ii) HEALTHY FAMILY PARTNER-
 8 SHIP.—The term ‘healthy family partner-
 9 ship’ means a partnership between—

10 “(I) an entity receiving funds
 11 under a grant made under paragraph
 12 (2) to promote healthy marriage or re-
 13 sponsible fatherhood; and

14 “(II) an organization with dem-
 15 onstrated expertise working with sur-
 16 vivors of domestic violence.

17 “(F) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money
 18 in the Treasury of the United States not other-
 19 wise appropriated, there are appropriated for
 20 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020,
 21 \$25,000,000 to carry out this paragraph.”.

22 **SEC. 109. PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

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

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and
2 (E) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and
3 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
4 lowing:

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

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

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

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

22 “(II) the procedures for respond-
23 ing to such instances or risk, includ-
24 ing making service referrals and pro-
25 viding protections and appropriate as-

1 assistance for identified individuals and
2 families;

3 “(III) how confidentiality issues
4 will be addressed; and

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

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

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

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 403(a)(2)
20 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)), as amended by section
21 103(d) of this Act and subsection (a)(1) of this section,
22 is amended—

23 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

24 (A) by striking “and (E)” and inserting
25 “(D), and (G)”; and

1 (B) by striking “(D)” and inserting “(F)”;
2 and
3 (2) in subparagraphs (B)(i) and (C)(i), by
4 striking “(D)” each place it appears and inserting
5 “(F)”.

6 **SEC. 110. TANF EMPLOYMENT FUND.**

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

9 “(b) EMPLOYMENT FUND.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-
11 lished in the Treasury of the United States a fund
12 which shall be known as the ‘Employment Fund for
13 Needy Families’ (in this subsection referred to as
14 the ‘Fund’.)

15 “(2) DEPOSITS INTO FUND.—Out of any money
16 in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise
17 appropriated, there are appropriated for each of fis-
18 cal years 2017 and 2018, \$608,000,000 for payment
19 to the Fund, which shall remain available until ex-
20 pended.

21 “(3) GRANTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal
23 years 2017 and 2018, the Secretary shall make
24 a grant to any qualifying entity as provided in
25 this paragraph.

1 “(B) QUALIFYING ENTITY.—For purposes
2 of this paragraph, a qualifying entity for a fis-
3 cal year is a State, territory, Indian tribe, or
4 tribal organization that submits to the Sec-
5 retary an application for a grant under this
6 paragraph for the fiscal year, in such manner
7 and at such time as the Secretary may require.

8 “(C) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—

9 “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The
10 Secretary shall reserve \$10,000,000 out of
11 the amounts made available under para-
12 graph (2) for each fiscal year to provide
13 technical assistance to qualifying entities
14 receiving a grant under this paragraph for
15 the fiscal year.

16 “(ii) TERRITORIES AND INDIAN
17 TRIBES.—The Secretary shall reserve,
18 from the amount made available under
19 paragraph (2) for a fiscal year that re-
20 mains after applying clause (i), 3 percent
21 for grants under this paragraph for the fis-
22 cal year to qualifying entities that are ter-
23 ritories and 1 percent for grants under this
24 paragraph for the fiscal year to qualifying
25 entities that are Indian tribes or tribal or-

ganizations, to be allotted in a manner the
Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(iii) STATES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The amount
of a grant under this paragraph payable for a fiscal year to a qualifying entity that is a State shall be the amount that bears the same ratio to the aggregate amount as the number of individuals residing in the State who have attained 18 years of age but have not attained 67 years of age who are not employed, as determined by the Secretary, bears to the total number of such individuals residing in all qualifying entities that are States.

“(II) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—For purposes of this clause, the term ‘aggregate amount’ means the amount made available for a fiscal year under paragraph (2) that remains after applying clauses (i) and (ii).

“(iv) UNUSED FUNDS.—

“(I) REASONABLE LIMITS ON
CARRYING OVER FUNDS.—The Sec-

retary shall set reasonable limits on the amount of funds a State receiving a grant under this paragraph may carry over for expenditure in fiscal years after the fiscal year for which the grant is awarded.

“(II) REDISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—Any portion of the amount of a grant made to a State under clause (iii) that the Secretary determines will not be used by the State shall be redistributed among the States that the Secretary determines will not have such an unused amount, using the rules specified in clause (iii). Any amount so redistributed to a State is deemed part of the grant made to the State under the preceding provisions of this paragraph.

“(D) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(i) EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.—

“(I) SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.—A qualifying entity awarded a grant under this paragraph shall use the grant funds to conduct a sub-

1 sidized employment program to assist
2 recipients of TANF cash assistance
3 and TANF-eligible individuals who
4 are not recipients of cash assistance
5 in obtaining paid employment.

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

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

20 “(I) Administrative expenses.

21 “(II) Supportive services, includ-
22 ing transportation and child care, to
23 enable individuals to participate in a
24 program described in clause (i).

1 “(III) Wages and associated pay-
2 roll costs for individuals participating
3 in the subsidized employment program
4 described in clause (i)(I).

5 “(iii) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSIST-
6 ANCE.—

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

21 “(II) RECIPIENT OF TANF CASH
22 ASSISTANCE.—In this subparagraph,
23 the term ‘recipient of TANF cash as-
24 sistance’ means an individual who—

1 “(aa) has attained 18 years
2 of age and has not attained 67
3 years of age; and

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

10 “(AA) is a member of a
11 family that receives cash as-
12 sistance under the State
13 program funded under this
14 part or any other State pro-
15 gram funded with qualified
16 State expenditures (as de-
17 fined in section
18 409(a)(7)(B)(i)); or

19 “(BB) is a noncustodial
20 parent of a minor child re-
21 siding with a family de-
22 scribed in item (aa), in a
23 case in which the parent is
24 not considered by the State

1 to be a member of the fam-
2 ily.

3 “(III) TANF-ELIGIBLE INDI-
4 VIDUAL WHO IS NOT A RECIPIENT OF
5 CASH ASSISTANCE.—In this subpara-
6 graph, the term ‘TANF-eligible indi-
7 vidual who is not a recipient of cash
8 assistance’ means an individual who—

9 “(aa) has attained 18 years
10 of age and has not attained 67
11 years of age;

12 “(bb) is not employed and is
13 determined by the qualifying en-
14 tity to have been unsuccessful at
15 obtaining paid employment after
16 participating in a job search pro-
17 gram;

18 “(cc) is not an individual de-
19 scribed in subitems (AA) or (BB)
20 of subclause (II)(bb); and

21 “(dd) is a member of a fam-
22 ily that includes a minor child re-
23 siding with the family (including
24 a noncustodial parent of the
25 child) if the family has an income

1 that is less than the poverty line
2 (as defined in section 673(2) of
3 the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-
4 ation Act of 1981, including any
5 revision required by such section,
6 applicable to a family of the size
7 involved).

8 “(E) ANNUAL REPORT.—

9 “(i) SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.—For
10 each fiscal year for which an eligible entity
11 receives a grant under this paragraph, the
12 entity shall submit to the Secretary a re-
13 port on the subsidized employment pro-
14 gram described in subparagraph (D)(i)(I),
15 including a description of—

16 “(I) the design of the wage sub-
17 sidy provided to individuals receiving
18 employment assistance under the pro-
19 gram (in this clause referred to as
20 ‘subsidized employees’);

21 “(II) requirements imposed on
22 employers by the State as a condition
23 of participating in the program;

24 “(III) the types of jobs in which
25 subsidized employees are placed;

1 “(IV) demographic information
2 for subsidized employees and for the
3 target population the entity seeks to
4 assist under the program;

5 “(V) the total number of sub-
6 sidized employees participating in the
7 program during the fiscal year;

8 “(VI) the average number of
9 hours worked per week by a sub-
10 sidized employee;

11 “(VII) the average length of time
12 for which a subsidized employee par-
13 ticipates in the program; and

14 “(VIII) the employment out-
15 comes for subsidized employees after
16 participating in the program, includ-
17 ing the number of individuals hired by
18 an employer with which the individual
19 was placed during the program and
20 the number of individuals hired by
21 other employers.

22 “(ii) SECTORAL SKILLS TRAINING.—If
23 an eligible entity elects to conduct a sec-
24 toral skills training program described in
25 subparagraph (D)(i)(II), the report re-

1 quired under clause (i) of this subpara-
2 graph shall also include a description of—

3 “(I) the design of the program;

4 “(II) the industries in which indi-
5 viduals receiving assistance under the
6 program (in this clause referred to as
7 ‘trainees’) receive training;

8 “(III) demographic information
9 for trainees and for the target popu-
10 lation the entity seeks to assist under
11 the program;

12 “(IV) the total number of train-
13 ees participating in the program dur-
14 ing the fiscal year;

15 “(V) the average number of
16 hours per week for which a trainee re-
17 ceives training;

18 “(VI) the average length of time
19 for which a trainee participates in the
20 program; and

21 “(VII) the employment outcomes
22 for trainees after participating in the
23 program.

24 “(F) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall
25 establish and implement a rigorous system for

1 evaluating the success of subsidized employment
2 programs and sectoral training programs con-
3 ducted pursuant to this paragraph.

4 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

5 “(A) INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZA-
6 TION.—The terms ‘Indian tribe’ and ‘tribal or-
7 ganization’ have the meaning given such terms
8 in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
9 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C.
10 450b).

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

17 “(C) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means
18 each of the 50 States of the United States and
19 the District of Columbia.

20 “(D) TERRITORIES.—The term ‘territories’
21 means Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States
22 Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands,
23 and American Samoa.”.

24 (b) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS COUNTED TOWARD
25 WORK PARTICIPATION RATE.—Section 407(b) of such Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 607(b)), as amended by section 104(a)(1)(B)
2 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “(5) STATE OPTION TO INCLUDE SUBSIDIZED
4 EMPLOYMENT AND SECTORAL SKILLS TRAINING
5 PARTICIPANTS.—

6 “(A) If an individual who is not a recipient
7 of assistance under the State program funded
8 under this part (or any other State program
9 funded with qualified State expenditures (as de-
10 fined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)) participates in
11 work activities for not less than the minimum
12 average number of hours per week specified in
13 the table in subsection (c)(1) of this section
14 during a month as part of a State’s subsidized
15 employment or sectoral skills training program
16 funded under section 403(b), the State may
17 count the individual as a family that includes
18 an adult or a minor child head of household
19 who is engaged in work for the month for pur-
20 poses of paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection.”.

21 (c) STATE PLAN REQUIRED TO INCLUDE DESCRIP-
22 TION OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.—Section
23 402(a)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(1)(B)) is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(vi) The document shall indicate
 2 whether the State intends to apply for a
 3 grant to conduct a subsidized employment
 4 program and, if the State so chooses, a
 5 sectoral skills training program, under sec-
 6 tion 403(b). If so, the document shall in-
 7 clude a description of the program or pro-
 8 grams the State intends to conduct using
 9 the grant funds and a description of how
 10 the program or programs will serve non-
 11 custodial parents of minor children.”.

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

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

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

21 (A) in clause (i), by striking “section
 22 409(a)(7)(B)(i))” and inserting “clause (iii)”;
 23 and

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

1 “(iii) NEEDY STATE.—For purposes
2 of clause (i), a State is a needy State for
3 a month if—

4 “(I) the average rate of—

5 “(aa) total unemployment in
6 such State (seasonally adjusted)
7 for the period consisting of the
8 most recent 3 months for which
9 data for all States are published
10 equals or exceeds 6.5 percent;
11 and

12 “(bb) total unemployment in
13 such State (seasonally adjusted)
14 for the 3-month period equals or
15 exceeds 110 percent of such aver-
16 age rate for either (or both) of
17 the corresponding 3-month peri-
18 ods ending in the 2 preceding
19 calendar years; or

20 “(II) as determined by the Sec-
21 retary of Agriculture (in the discretion
22 of the Secretary of Agriculture), the
23 monthly average number of individ-
24 uals (as of the last day of each
25 month) participating in the supple-

1 mental nutrition assistance program
2 in the State in the then most recently
3 concluded 3-month period for which
4 data are available exceeds by not less
5 than 10 percent the lesser of—

6 “(aa) the monthly average
7 number of individuals (as of the
8 last day of each month) in the
9 State that would have partici-
10 pated in the supplemental nutri-
11 tion assistance program in the
12 corresponding 3-month period in
13 fiscal year 1994 if the amend-
14 ments made by titles IV and VIII
15 of the Personal Responsibility
16 and Work Opportunity Reconcili-
17 ation Act of 1996 had been in ef-
18 fect throughout fiscal year 1994;
19 or

20 “(bb) 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 1995 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
8 1995.”.

9 (2) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO REDUCE
10 WORK PARTICIPATION RATE PENALTY DUE TO CIR-
11 CUMSTANCES THAT CAUSED STATE TO BECOME
12 NEEDY STATE.—Section 409(a)(3)(C) of such Act
13 (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(3)(C)) is amended by striking
14 “section 403(b)(5)” and inserting “section
15 407(c)(2)(A)(iii)”.

16 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal years begin-
18 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 111. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of the Congress that a State to which
21 a grant is made under section 403 of the Social Security
22 Act should consider a noncustodial parent of a minor
23 child, if the child is a recipient of assistance under a State
24 program funded under part A of title IV of such Act (or
25 under any other State program funded with qualified

1 State expenditures (as defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)
 2 of such Act), to be a member of the family of the child
 3 for purposes of providing assistance to the family, the
 4 child, and the noncustodial parent under the program.

5 **TITLE II—REVENUE PROVISION**

6 **SEC. 201. INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE UNDER** 7 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE** 8 **INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHIL-** 9 **DREN.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The row in the table in section
 11 32(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating
 12 to no qualifying children is amended to read as follows:

“No qualifying children	20	7.65”.
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13 (b) INCOME PHASEOUT FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
 14 WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—The table in section
 15 32(b)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking
 16 “\$5,280” and inserting “\$11,500”.

17 (c) REDUCTION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY MADE PER-
 18 MANENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(b)(2)(B) of such
 20 Code is amended to read as follows:

21 “(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a
 22 joint return filed by an eligible individual and
 23 such individual’s spouse, the phaseout amount

1 determined under subparagraph (A) shall be in-
2 creased by \$5,000.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 32(b)
4 of such Code is amended by striking paragraph (3).

5 (d) INCREASE IN AGE RANGE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILD.—Section
6 32(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of such Code is amended—
7 32(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of such Code is amended—

8 (1) by striking “age 25” and inserting “age
9 21”, and

10 (2) by striking “age 65” and inserting “age
11 68”.

12 (e) TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN IF QUALIFYING
13 CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.—Section 32(c)(1)(F) of such Code is amended to
14 CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.—Section 32(c)(1)(F) of such Code is amended to
15 BERS.—Section 32(c)(1)(F) of such Code is amended to
16 read as follows:

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

21 “(i) no qualifying child of such indi-
22 vidual is taken into account under sub-
23 section (b) by reason of paragraph (3)(D),
24 and

1 “(ii) no child of such individual is
 2 taken into account for purposes of any
 3 other child tax benefit under this chapter,
 4 for purposes of the credit allowed under this
 5 section, such individual may be considered an
 6 eligible individual without a qualifying child.”.

7 (f) EXPANDING THE EITC FOR CERTAIN FORMER
 8 FOSTER YOUTH.—Section 32(c)(1) of such Code, as
 9 amended by subsection (e), is amended by adding at the
 10 end the following:

11 “(G) FOSTER YOUTH.—

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

16 “(ii) QUALIFIED FOSTER YOUTH DE-
 17 FINED.—For purposes of clause (i), the
 18 term ‘qualified foster youth’ means an in-
 19 dividual who—

20 “(I) has attained age 18 but not
 21 attained age 21 before the close of the
 22 taxable year, and

23 “(II) on or after attaining the
 24 age of 14 was placed in a foster fam-
 25 ily home by an agency of a State or

1 a political subdivision thereof or by a
2 qualified foster care placement agency
3 (as defined by section 131(b)(3)).”.

4 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
6 December 31, 2015.

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