

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5838

To amend title IV–A of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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other purposes.

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 “Improving Access to
5 Work Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATE DIVERSION OF FEDERAL**
7 **FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING.**

8 Section 404 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 604) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(1) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**
11 **REPLACE STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS.—**Funds

1 made available to States under this part must be used to
 2 supplement, not supplant, State general revenue spending
 3 on activities described in this section.”.

4 **SEC. 3. TARGETING FUNDS TO CORE PURPOSES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25 PER-
 6 CENT OF TANF GRANT FOR SPENDING ON CORE ACTIVI-
 7 TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by
 8 adding at the end the following:

9 “(13) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE
 10 25 PERCENT OF TANF GRANT FOR SPENDING ON
 11 CORE ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is
 12 made under section 403(a) for a fiscal year shall ex-
 13 pend not less than 25 percent of the grant on assist-
 14 ance, case management, work supports and sup-
 15 portive services, work, wage subsidies, work activities
 16 (as defined in section 407(d)), and non-recurring
 17 short-term benefits.”.

18 (b) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF
 19 QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES FROM NON-PRIVATE
 20 SOURCES BE FOR CORE ACTIVITIES.—Section 408(a) (42
 21 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by subsection (a) of this sec-
 22 tion, is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(14) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PER-
 24 CENT OF QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES FROM
 25 NON-PRIVATE SOURCES COUNTING TOWARDS MAIN-

1 TENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT BE FOR CORE
2 ACTIVITIES.—Not less than 25 percent of the quali-
3 fied State expenditures of a State during the fiscal
4 year shall be expenditures of funds from non-private
5 sources for assistance, case management, work sup-
6 ports and supportive services, work, wage subsidies,
7 work activities (as defined in section 407(d)), and
8 non-recurring short-term benefits.”.

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
11 on October 1, 2018.

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