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H. R. 7264

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

Making further additional continuing appropriations for fiscal
year 2019, and for 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 **TITLE I—CONTINUING**
4 **APPROPRIATIONS**

5 **SECTION 101. FULL-YEAR EXTENSION.**

6 Division C of Public Law 115–245 is amended by
7 striking the date specified in section 105(3) and inserting
8 “September 30, 2019”.

1 **TITLE II—TEMPORARY ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES**

3 **SEC. 201. TANF PROGRAM EXTENSIONS.**

4 (a) FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Section
5 403(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(1))
6 is amended in each of subparagraphs (A) and (C) by strik-
7 ing “2017 and 2018” and inserting “2019 and 2020”.

8 (b) HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROMOTION AND RESPON-
9 SIBLE FATHERHOOD GRANTS.—Section 403(a)(2)(D) of
10 such Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(2)(D)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “2017 and 2018” and inserting
12 “2019 and 2020”; and

13 (2) by striking “for fiscal year 2017 or 2018”.

14 (c) CONTINGENCY FUND.—Section 403(b)(2) of such
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(2)) is amended by striking “fiscal
16 year 2018” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2019 and
17 2020”.

18 (d) TRIBAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Para-
19 graphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) of section 412(a) of such Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 612(a)) are each amended by striking “2017
21 and 2018” and inserting “2019 and 2020”.

22 (e) CHILD CARE.—Section 418(a)(3) of such Act (42
23 U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is amended by striking “2017 and
24 2018” and inserting “2019 and 2020”.

1 (f) GRANTS TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section
 2 1108(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(b)(2)) is amend-
 3 ed by striking “2017 and 2018” and inserting “2019 and
 4 2020”.

5 **SEC. 202. MEASURING AND UNDERSTANDING OUTCOMES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(a) of the Social Secu-
 7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 611(a)) is amended by redesignating
 8 paragraph (7) as paragraph (8) and inserting after para-
 9 graph (6) the following:

10 “(7) REPORT ON ENGAGEMENT, EMPLOYMENT
 11 AND OUTCOMES.—

12 “(A) REPORTING AGREEMENT.—Each
 13 State and the Secretary shall enter into an
 14 agreement specifying the manner by which the
 15 information and data described in this para-
 16 graph shall be collected and reported to the
 17 Secretary beginning in fiscal year 2020.

18 “(i) OUTCOMES FOR EXITING RECIPI-
 19 ENTS.—Information and data regarding
 20 families who formerly received assistance
 21 and included a work-eligible individual
 22 (disaggregated by type of family, reason
 23 for exit, and participation in work activi-
 24 ties during the preceding fiscal year) under
 25 the State program funded under this part

1 or under any State program funded with
2 qualified State expenditures (as defined in
3 section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), with respect to
4 the following:

5 “(I) The percentage with at least
6 1 formerly work-eligible individual em-
7 ployed during the 2nd quarter after
8 exiting from the program.

9 “(II) The percentage with at
10 least 1 formerly work-eligible indi-
11 vidual employed during the 4th quar-
12 ter after exiting from the program.

13 “(III) The median earnings when
14 at least 1 formerly work-eligible indi-
15 vidual is employed during the 2nd
16 quarter after exiting from the pro-
17 gram.

18 “(IV) The percentage with at
19 least 1 formerly work-eligible indi-
20 vidual employed during any of the
21 first 4 quarters after exiting from the
22 program.

23 “(V) The distribution of income
24 and earnings, including relative to
25 poverty and deep poverty, for each of

1 the first 4 quarters ending after the
2 quarter of exit from assistance.

3 “(VI) The percentage who, at the
4 time of exit from the program, were
5 subject to the following:

6 “(aa) A penalty under sec-
7 tion 407(e).

8 “(bb) A sanction or penalty
9 described in section 404 or 408.

10 “(cc) A penalty or sanction
11 not described in item (aa) or
12 (bb).

13 “(ii) ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOY-
14 MENT OF CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—

15 “(I) WORK-ELIGIBLE INDIVID-
16 UALS.—In the case of current work-el-
17 igible individuals under the State pro-
18 gram funded under this part or under
19 any State program funded with quali-
20 fied State expenditures (as defined in
21 section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), the following
22 information relative to current quarter
23 being reported:

1 “(aa) Earnings in each of
2 the 4 quarters immediately pre-
3 ceding the quarter.

4 “(bb) Standard measures of
5 employment, earnings, receipt of
6 assistance, and participation in
7 work activities (as defined in sec-
8 tion 407(d)) in each of the first
9 4 quarters following the quarter.

10 “(II) ALL RECIPIENTS.—The
11 percentage of recipients of assistance
12 under the State program funded
13 under this part who have not attained
14 24 years of age and who obtain a high
15 school degree or its recognized equiva-
16 lent while receiving the assistance.

17 “(B) STATISTICAL ADJUSTMENT MODEL
18 FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES.—The Secretary,
19 in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and
20 relevant experts, shall develop recommendations
21 by March 1, 2020, on how to establish and dis-
22 seminate an objective statistical model that will
23 allow the Secretary to make adjustments to the
24 data reported pursuant to subclauses (I)
25 through (IV) of subparagraph (A)(i) of this

1 paragraph, based on economic conditions and
 2 the characteristics of participants. To the ex-
 3 tent practicable, the recommendations shall be
 4 compatible with the statistical adjustment
 5 model developed under section
 6 116(b)(3)(A)(viii) of the Workforce Innovation
 7 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 8 3141(b)(3)(A)(viii)) and, with respect to a
 9 State, the State adjusted levels of performance
 10 established for the State under that section.”.

11 **SEC. 203. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO DATA EXCHANGE**
 12 **STANDARDS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM COORDI-**
 13 **NATION.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(d) of the Social Secu-
 15 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 611(d)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(d) DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS FOR IMPROVED
 17 INTEROPERABILITY.—

18 “(1) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall, in
 19 consultation with an interagency work group estab-
 20 lished by the Office of Management and Budget and
 21 considering State government perspectives, by rule,
 22 designate data exchange standards to govern, under
 23 this part—

24 “(A) necessary categories of information
 25 that State agencies operating programs under

1 State plans approved under this part are re-
2 quired under applicable Federal law to elec-
3 tronically exchange with another State agency;
4 and

5 “(B) Federal reporting and data exchange
6 required under applicable Federal law.

7 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The data exchange
8 standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the ex-
9 tent practicable—

10 “(A) incorporate a widely accepted, non-
11 proprietary, searchable, computer-readable for-
12 mat, such as the eXtensible Markup Language;

13 “(B) contain interoperable standards devel-
14 oped and maintained by intergovernmental
15 partnerships, such as the National Information
16 Exchange Model;

17 “(C) incorporate interoperable standards
18 developed and maintained by Federal entities
19 with authority over contracting and financial
20 assistance;

21 “(D) be consistent with and implement ap-
22 plicable accounting principles;

23 “(E) be implemented in a manner that is
24 cost-effective and improves program efficiency
25 and effectiveness; and

1 “(F) be capable of being continually up-
2 graded as necessary.

3 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
4 this subsection shall be construed to require a
5 change to existing data exchange standards found to
6 be effective and efficient.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Not later than the date that
8 is 24 months after the date of the enactment of this sec-
9 tion, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
10 issue a proposed rule that—

11 (1) identifies federally required data exchanges,
12 include specification and timing of exchanges to be
13 standardized, and address the factors used in deter-
14 mining whether and when to standardize data ex-
15 changes; and

16 (2) specifies State implementation options and
17 describes future milestones.

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