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# S. 4943

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide enhanced Federal matching payments for direct support worker training programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Direct Support Worker  
5 Training Reimbursement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID FUNDING FOR DIRECT SUPPORT WORK-**  
7 **ER TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1396b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the end  
2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(F) for calendar quarters beginning on or  
4 after January 1, 2021, an amount equal to 75 per-  
5 cent of so much of the sums expended during such  
6 quarter for direct support worker training programs  
7 described in subsection (bb) (including the costs for  
8 eligible direct support workers (as defined in such  
9 subsection) to complete such programs); plus”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(bb) DIRECT SUPPORT WORKER TRAINING PRO-  
13 GRAMS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A direct support worker  
15 training program described in this subsection is a  
16 program approved by the State under which eligible  
17 homecare workers are provided with—

18 “(A) training in the core training com-  
19 petencies for personal or home care aides de-  
20 scribed in section 2008(b)(3)(A); and

21 “(B) opportunities for education, training,  
22 and career advancement.

23 “(2) ELIGIBLE DIRECT SUPPORT WORKER.—  
24 The term ‘eligible direct support worker’ means a  
25 personal or home care aide (as such term is defined

1 in section 2008(b)(6)(C)), a direct support worker,  
2 a home health aide, a nursing assistant, or a direct  
3 support professional who—

4 “(A) has at least 30 percent of the work-  
5 er’s direct support client volume (as estimated  
6 in accordance with a methodology established  
7 by the Secretary) attributable to individuals  
8 who are receiving medical assistance under this  
9 title; or

10 “(B) is employed by an agency that is a  
11 provider of direct support services that has at  
12 least 30 percent of the agency’s direct support  
13 client volume (as so estimated) attributable to  
14 such individuals.”.

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