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To require State agencies to use Federal tax return information to verify income eligibility for Medicaid, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Income Verification

5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF TANF INCOME ELIGIBILITY.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 408(a) of the Social Se-
3 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(13) VERIFICATION OF INCOME USING FED-
6 ERAL TAX RETURN INFORMATION.—A State to
7 which a grant is made under section 403 shall use
8 return information disclosed to the State agency re-
9 sponsible for administering the State program fund-
10 ed under this part in accordance with section
11 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to
12 verify the determination of an individual’s or fam-
13 ily’s income for purposes of determining the individ-
14 ual’s or family’s eligibility for, and amount of, as-
15 sistance under the State program funded under this
16 part.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days
19 after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. VERIFICATION OF MEDICAID INCOME ELIGIBILITY.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(e)(14) of the Social
22 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(14)) is amended by add-
23 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

24 “(L) VERIFICATION OF INCOME USING FED-
25 ERAL TAX RETURN INFORMATION.—A State shall
26 use return information disclosed to the State agency

1 responsible for administering the State plan under
2 this title in accordance with section 6103(l)(7) of the
3 Internal Revenue Code to verify a determination of
4 income eligibility for any individual—

5 “(i) whose eligibility for medical assistance
6 is determined based on the application of modified
7 adjusted gross income under subparagraph
8 (A);

9 “(ii) who is described in subclause (II),
10 (IV), or (V) of subparagraph (D)(i); or
11 “(iii) to whom clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of
12 subparagraph (D) applies.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 4. VERIFICATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION AS-**
17 **SISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) ELIGIBILITY.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(e) of the Food and
19 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)) is amended—
20 (1) in paragraph (25)(B)(ii), by striking “and”
21 at the end;

22 (2) in paragraph (26)(C)(ii), by striking the pe-
23 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and
24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(27) that in determining the eligibility of an
2 applicant household under paragraph (3), the State
3 agency shall verify the income of the household
4 using return information for that household dis-
5 closed to the State agency under section 6103(l)(7)
6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall take effect on the date that is 180 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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