

Union Calendar No. 435

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6431

[Report No. 119-509]

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules governing the State administration of self-employment assistance programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2025

Mr. CAREY (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mr. VINDMAN

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 4, 2025]

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 “New Opportunities for*
5 *Business Ownership and Self-Sufficiency Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF RULES GOVERNING STATE AD-**
7 **MINISTRATION OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT AS-**
8 **SISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

9 *(a) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT THAT PARTICI-*
10 *PANTS ARE LIKELY TO EXHAUST REGULAR UNEMPLOY-*
11 *MENT COMPENSATION.—Section 3306(t)(3) of the Internal*
12 *Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subparagraph*
13 *(B) and by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as*
14 *subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively.*

15 *(b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO PARTICIPATE*
16 *IN SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.—Section*
17 *3306(t)(3)(B) of such Code, as redesignated by subsection*
18 *(a), is amended to read as follows:*

19 *“(B) are participating in self-employment*
20 *assistance activities which are approved by the*
21 *State agency and either—*

22 *“(i) include entrepreneurial training,*
23 *business counseling, and technical assist-*
24 *ance; or*

1 “(ii) are performed pursuant to a busi-
2 ness plan and market feasibility study sub-
3 mitted by the individual and approved by
4 the State or an agency designated by the
5 State; and”.

6 (c) *WEEKLY CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.*—Section
7 3306(t)(3)(C) of such Code, as redesignated by subsection
8 (a), is amended by inserting “and are certifying such ac-
9 tivities on at least a weekly basis to an agency designated
10 by the State” before the semicolon at the end.

11 (d) *ADJUSTMENT OF LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF IN-*
12 *DIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING.*—Section 3306(t)(4) of such
13 Code is amended by striking “5” and inserting “10”.

14 (e) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this
15 section shall apply beginning on the date that is 2 years
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, except that nothing
17 in this section shall be interpreted to prevent a State from
18 amending its law before the end of the 2-year period begin-
19 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (f) *ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.*—The Secretary of
21 Labor shall, after public notice and comment and subject
22 to approval by the Office of Management and Budget, adopt
23 regulations to administer this Act.

1 (g) *ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.*—*The Secretary of Labor*
2 *shall provide guidance to State workforce agencies that in-*
3 *cludes—*

4 (1) *a model list of self-employment assistance ac-*
5 *tivities that fulfill requirements of the program under*
6 *section 3306(t) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;*
7 *and*

8 (2) *best practices for verification of completion of*
9 *such activities.*

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