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H. R. 2727

To amend title IV of the Budget Control Act of 2011 to protect the Social Security, SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, and education programs from budget cuts under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “People’s Act of 2011”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. No Social Security or SSI cuts.
Sec. 3. No Medicare cuts.
Sec. 4. No Medicaid cuts.
Sec. 5. No education cuts.

1 **SEC. 2. NO SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI CUTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Budget Control
3 Act of 2011 is amended by adding at the end the following
4 new section:

5 **“SEC. 405. NO SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI CUTS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The joint committee shall not in-
7 clude in its proposed legislative language submitted pursu-
8 ant to section 401(b)(3)(B)(iv) any provision that—

9 “(1) reduces eligibility, payments, or benefits,
10 or otherwise reduces outlays, under title II of the
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) (includ-
12 ing eligibility, payments, benefits, or outlays with re-
13 spect to annuities under subsection (a), (c), or (d)
14 of section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974
15 (45 U.S.C. 231a(a), (c), (d)) or lump sum payments
16 under section 6(b) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231e(b));
17 or

18 “(2) reduces eligibility, payments, or benefits,
19 or otherwise reduces outlays, under title XVI of the
20 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.).

21 “(b) NO APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCE-
22 DURES.—If the joint committee bill includes a provision

1 that violates subsection (a), the expedited procedures in
2 section 402 shall not apply to such bill.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
4 tents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting
5 after the item relating to section 404 the following new
6 item:

“405. No Social Security or SSI cuts.”.

7 **SEC. 3. NO MEDICARE CUTS.**

8 (a) NO CUTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE OF
9 THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Budget Con-
11 trol Act of 2011, as amended by section 2(a), is
12 amended by adding at the end the following new sec-
13 tion:

14 **“SEC. 406. NO MEDICARE CUTS.**

15 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The joint committee shall not in-
16 clude in its proposed legislative language submitted pursu-
17 ant to section 401(b)(3)(B)(iv) any provision that reduces
18 eligibility, payments, or benefits, increases premiums or
19 other cost-sharing, or otherwise reduces outlays under the
20 Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security
21 Act.

22 “(b) NO APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCE-
23 DURES.—If the joint committee bill includes a provision
24 that violates subsection (a), the expedited procedures in
25 section 402 shall not apply to such bill.”.

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents in section 1(b) of such Act, as amended by sec-
3 tion 2(b), is amended by inserting after the item re-
4 lating to section 405 the following new item:

“Sec. 406. No Medicare cuts.”.

5 (b) NO CUTS THROUGH FALLBACK SEQUESTRATION
6 PROCESS.—Section 251A(8) of the Balanced Budget and
7 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as inserted by
8 section 302(a) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, is
9 amended by striking “except that the percentage reduction
10 for the Medicare programs specified in section 256(d)
11 shall not be more than 2 percent for a fiscal year” and
12 inserting “except that there shall be no percentage reduc-
13 tion for the Medicare programs specified in section 256(d)
14 for any fiscal year and in no case shall there be a reduction
15 under such programs pursuant to a sequestration under
16 section 3101A(f)(6) of title 31, United States Code”.

17 **SEC. 4. NO MEDICAID CUTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Budget Control
19 Act of 2011, as amended by sections 2(a) and 3(a)(1),
20 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

21 **“SEC. 407. NO MEDICAID CUTS.**

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The joint committee shall not in-
23 clude in its proposed legislative language submitted pursu-
24 ant to section 401(b)(3)(B)(iv) any provision that reduces
25 eligibility, payments, or benefits, increases premiums or

1 other cost-sharing, or otherwise reduces outlays under the
2 Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security
3 Act.

4 “(b) NO APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCE-
5 DURES.—If the joint committee bill includes a provision
6 that violates subsection (a), the expedited procedures in
7 section 402 shall not apply to such bill.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
9 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
10 the item relating to section 406 the following:

“Sec. 407. No Medicaid cuts.”.

11 **SEC. 5. NO EDUCATION CUTS.**

12 (a) NO CUTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE OF
13 THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Budget Con-
15 trol Act of 2011, as amended by sections 2(a),
16 3(a)(1), and (4)(a), is amended by adding at the end
17 the following new section:

18 **“SEC. 408. NO EDUCATION CUTS.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The joint committee shall not in-
20 clude in its proposed legislative language submitted pursu-
21 ant to section 401(b)(3)(B)(iv) any provision that reduces
22 eligibility, payments, or benefits, or otherwise reduces out-
23 lays or budget authority under—

24 “(1) the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801 et
25 seq.); or

1 “(2) any program administered by the Sec-
2 retary of Education, including any program under—

3 “(A) the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.);

5 “(B) the Individuals with Disabilities Edu-
6 cation Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

7 “(C) the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.); or

9 “(D) the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29
10 U.S.C. 701 et seq.).

11 “(b) NO APPLICATION OF EXPEDITED PROCE-
12 DURES.—If the joint committee bill includes a provision
13 that violates subsection (a), the expedited procedures in
14 section 402 shall not apply to such bill.”.

15 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
16 tents in section 1(b) of such Act, as amended by sec-
17 tions 2(b), 3(a)(2), and 4(b), is amended by insert-
18 ing after the item relating to section 407 the fol-
19 lowing new item:

 “Sec. 408. No education cuts.”.

20 (b) NO CUTS THROUGH FALLBACK SEQUESTRATION
21 PROCESS.—Section 251A of the Balanced Budget and
22 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as inserted by
23 section 302(a) of the Budget Control Act of 2011, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
25 graph:

1 “(12) NO CUTS FOR EDUCATION.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of law, no sequestration
3 order issued under this section or section 3101A of
4 title 31, United States Code, or discretionary spend-
5 ing limit made under this section shall reduce eligi-
6 bility, payments, or benefits under any Act or pro-
7 gram referred to in section 405(a) of the Budget
8 Control Act of 2011.”.

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