

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1551

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to implement a minimum work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in State Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2023

Mr. LATURNER (for himself and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Jobs and Opportunities
5 for Medicaid Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS.**

7 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1396a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
2 graph (86);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 paragraph (87) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(88) beginning January 1, 2024, not provide
8 medical assistance with respect to a month to an
9 able-bodied adult (as defined in subsection (uu)(2))
10 that has not met the work requirement described in
11 subsection (uu)(1) for such month.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(uu) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED
15 ADULTS.—

16 “(1) WORK REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—For
17 purposes of subsection (a)(88), the work require-
18 ment described in this subsection with respect to an
19 able-bodied adult and a month is that such adult
20 satisfies at least one of the following with respect to
21 such month:

22 “(A) The adult works 20 hours or more
23 per week, based on a monthly average.

24 “(B) The adult volunteers for 20 hours or
25 more per week, based on a monthly average.

1 “(2) ABLE-BODIED ADULT DEFINED.—In this
2 subsection the term ‘able-bodied adult’ means any
3 individual who is not—

4 “(A) under 18 years of age or over 65
5 years of age;

6 “(B) medically certified as physically or
7 mentally unfit for employment;

8 “(C) pregnant;

9 “(D) the primary parent or caretaker of a
10 dependent child under 6 years of age;

11 “(E) the primary parent or caretaker of a
12 dependent child with a serious medical condi-
13 tion or disability, as determined by the State
14 agency established or designated to administer
15 or supervise the administration of the State
16 plan;

17 “(F) receiving unemployment compensa-
18 tion under State or Federal law and, as applica-
19 ble, complying with work requirements under
20 such State or Federal law; or

21 “(G) participating in a drug or alcohol
22 treatment and rehabilitation program (as de-
23 fined in section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition
24 Act of 2008).”.

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