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To amend the Head Start Act to include TANF, SSI, SNAP, WIC, and federal housing assistance as eligible public assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Expanding Head Start
5 Eligibility Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 Section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832)
8 is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (25) and (26)
10 as paragraphs (26) and (27), respectively, and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (24) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(25) The term ‘public assistance’, as defined
4 by the Secretary, shall include—

5 “(A) assistance received under part A of
6 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 601 et seq.);

8 “(B) benefits received under title XVI of
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et
10 seq.);

11 “(C) supplemental nutrition assistance
12 program benefits received under the Food and
13 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

14 “(D) the nutrition assistance program
15 (NAP) under section 19 of the Food and Nutri-
16 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2018) and the food
17 distribution program on Indian Reservations
18 (FDPIR) under section 4(a) of the Consumer
19 Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note);

20 “(E) State-funded food assistance pro-
21 grams, with income eligibility standards iden-
22 tical or substantially identical to those of the
23 supplemental nutrition assistance program
24 under of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
25 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

1 “(F) assistance received under section 17
2 of the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1786 et
3 seq.);

4 “(G) assistance received under section 8 of
5 the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
6 U.S.C. 1437f et seq.); and

7 “(H) additional benefits and assistance
8 provided under Federal law as determined by
9 the Secretary.”.

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