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H. R. 1452

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 relating to work requirements; to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish work requirements under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Mr. BURLISON (for himself, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. ONDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ending the Cycle of
5 Dependency Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD AND NUTRITION ACT**
2 **OF 2008 RELATING TO WORK REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) WORK REQUIREMENTS.—Section 6(o) of the
4 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(6)(o))
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A) by striking clause
8 (ii) and inserting the following:

9 “(ii) over 60 years of age;”,

10 (B) in subparagraph (C) by inserting
11 “under 6 years of age;” a after “child”,

12 (C) in subparagraph (E) by striking the
13 semicolon at the end and inserting “; or”,

14 (D) by striking subparagraphs (F) and
15 (H).; and

16 (E) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as
17 subparagraph (F), and

18 (2) by striking subparagraph (4).

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 311 of title
20 II of division C of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023
21 (Public Law 118–5; 137 STAT. 36) is amended by strik-
22 ing subsection (b).

23 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHING WORK REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE**
24 **MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(i) of the Social Se-
26 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (26), by striking “; or” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (27), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; or”;

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (27) the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(28) with respect to any amount expended for
8 medical assistance for an applicable individual for a
9 month in a calendar year if such individual did not
10 meet the work requirement under section 1905(kk)
11 for 3 or more preceding months during such cal-
12 endar year while such individual was an applicable
13 individual and was enrolled in a State plan (or waiv-
14 er of such plan) under this title.”; and

15 (4) in the flush left matter at the end, by strik-
16 ing “and (18)” and inserting “(18), and (28)”.

17 (b) WORK REQUIREMENT.—Section 1905 of the So-
18 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended by adding
19 at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(kk) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICABLE INDIV-
21 VIDUALS.—

22 “(1) WORK REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—For
23 purposes of section 1903(i)(28), the work require-
24 ment described in this subsection with respect to an
25 applicable individual and a month is that such indi-

vidual satisfies at least one of the following with respect to such month:

“(A) The individual works 80 hours or more per month, or has a monthly income that is at least equal to the Federal minimum wage under section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, multiplied by 80 hours.

“(B) The individual completes 80 hours or more of community service per month.

“(C) The individual participates in a work program for at least 80 hours per month.

“(D) The individual participates in a combination of work, including community service, and a work program for a total of at least 80 hours per month.

“(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) APPLICABLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘applicable individual’ means any individual who is not—

“(i) under 19 years of age or age 60 or older;

“(ii) physically or mentally unfit for employment, as determined and verified by a physician or other medical professional;

“(iii) pregnant;

1 “(iv) the parent or caretaker of a de-
2 pendent child under the age of 6;

3 “(v) the parent or caretaker of an in-
4 capacitated person;

5 “(vi) complying with work require-
6 ments under a different program under
7 Federal law;

8 “(vii) participating in a drug or alco-
9 hol treatment and rehabilitation program
10 (as defined in section 3(h) of the Food and
11 Nutrition Act of 2008); or

12 “(viii) enrolled in an educational pro-
13 gram at least half time.

14 “(B) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.—The term
15 ‘educational program’ means—

16 “(i) an institution of higher education
17 (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher
18 Education Act of 1965);

19 “(ii) a program of career and tech-
20 nical education (as defined in section 3 of
21 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
22 Education Act of 2006); or

23 “(iii) any other educational program
24 approved by the Secretary.

1 “(C) STATE MEDICAID AGENCY.—The
2 term ‘State Medicaid agency’ means the State
3 agency responsible for administering the State
4 Medicaid plan.

5 “(D) WORK PROGRAM.—The term ‘work
6 program’ has the meaning given such term in
7 section 6(o)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act
8 of 2008.”.

9 (c) STATE OPTION TO DISENROLL CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended by adding at the end of the
11 flush left text following paragraph (87) the following:
12 “Notwithstanding any of the preceding provisions of this
13 subsection, at the option of a State, such State may elect
14 to disenroll an applicable individual for a month if, with
15 respect to medical assistance furnished to such individual
16 for such month, no Federal financial participation would
17 be available, pursuant to section 1903(i)(28).”.

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