

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2397

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds
to families in need.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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to target funds to families in need.

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 “Targeting TANF to
5 Families in Need Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TARGETING FUNDS TO FAMILIES IN NEED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 “(l) ESTABLISHING A THRESHOLD FOR FAMILIES IN
2 NEED.—A State to which a grant is made under section
3 403(a)(1) shall use the grant only to provide assistance
4 or services to a family whose income is less than twice
5 the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal
6 Register under section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget
7 Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

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