

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4540

To amend title IV–A of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2021

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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other purposes.

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 “Improving Access to  
5       Child Care Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE TO SUPPORT**  
7       **WORK.**

8       Section 418(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
9       U.S.C. 618(a)(3)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “\$3,550,000,000 for each fiscal  
2           year” and inserting “\$4,158,000,000 for each of fis-  
3           cal years 2022 through 2027”; and

4           (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
5           “\$3,375,000,000” and inserting “\$3,983,000,000”.

6 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF CONTINGENCY FUND.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403 of the Social Security  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 603) is amended by striking all of sub-  
9 section (b) except paragraph (5).

10          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11           (1) TRANSFER OF NEEDY STATE DEFINI-  
12          TION.—

13           (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (5) of sec-  
14          tion 403(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 603(b)(5))  
15          is—

16           (i) amended—

17           (I) in the matter preceding sub-  
18          paragraph (A), by striking “para-  
19          graph (4)” and inserting “subpara-  
20          graph (C)”;

21           (II) in each of subparagraphs (A)  
22          and (B), by redesignating clauses (i)  
23          and (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II), re-  
24          spectively;

1 (III) by redesignating subpara-  
 2 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and  
 3 (ii), respectively;

4 (IV) by redesignating such para-  
 5 graph as subparagraph (D); and

6 (V) by moving each provision 2  
 7 ems to the right; and  
 8 (ii) as so amended, hereby transferred  
 9 into section 409(a)(3) (42 U.S.C.  
 10 609(a)(3)) and added to the end of such  
 11 section.

12 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
 13 409(a)(3)(C) (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(3)(C)) is  
 14 amended by striking “(as defined in section  
 15 403(b)(5))”.

16 (2) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY FOR FAILURE  
 17 OF STATE RECEIVING AMOUNTS FROM CONTINGENCY  
 18 FUND TO MAINTAIN 100 PERCENT OF HISTORIC EF-  
 19 FORT.—Section 409(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 20 609(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (10).

21 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendment made by this Act shall take effect  
 23 on October 1, 2022.

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