

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4524

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. LAHOOD (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       Work Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATE DIVERSION OF FEDERAL**  
7       **FUNDS TO REPLACE STATE SPENDING.**

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

10       “(1) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO  
11       REPLACE STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS.—Funds

1 made available to States under this part on or after the  
 2 effective date of this subsection must be used to supple-  
 3 ment, not supplant, State general revenue spending on ac-  
 4 tivities described in this section.”.

5 **SEC. 3. TARGETING FUNDS TO CORE PURPOSES.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE 25 PER-  
 7 CENT OF TANF GRANT FOR SPENDING ON CORE ACTIVI-  
 8 TIES.—Section 408(a) (42 U.S.C. 608(a)) is amended by  
 9 adding at the end the following:

10 “(13) REQUIREMENT THAT STATES RESERVE  
 11 25 PERCENT OF TANF GRANT FOR SPENDING ON  
 12 CORE ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is  
 13 made under section 403(a) for a fiscal year shall ex-  
 14 pend not less than 25 percent of the grant on assist-  
 15 ance, case management, work supports and sup-  
 16 portive services, work, wage subsidies, work activities  
 17 (as defined in section 407(d)), and non-recurring  
 18 short-term benefits.”.

19 (b) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PERCENT OF  
 20 QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES FROM NON-PRIVATE  
 21 SOURCES BE FOR CORE ACTIVITIES.—Section 408(a) (42  
 22 U.S.C. 608(a)), as amended by subsection (a) of this sec-  
 23 tion, is amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(14) REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 25 PER-  
 25 CENT OF QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES FROM

1       NON-PRIVATE SOURCES COUNTING TOWARDS MAIN-  
2       TENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT BE FOR CORE  
3       ACTIVITIES.—Not less than 25 percent of the quali-  
4       fied State expenditures of a State during the fiscal  
5       year shall be expenditures of funds from non-private  
6       sources for assistance, case management, work sup-  
7       ports and supportive services, work, wage subsidies,  
8       work activities (as defined in section 407(d)), and  
9       non-recurring short-term benefits.”.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11       The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
12 on October 1, 2022.

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