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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAHOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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:

1 “(1) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO
2 REPLACE STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS.—Funds
3 made available to States under this part on or after the
4 effective date of this subsection must be used to supple-
5 ment, not supplant, State general revenue spending on ac-
6 tivities described in this section.”.

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

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

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

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

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

12 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
14 on October 1, 2019.