

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7426

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska 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, 2025.

10 **SEC. 3. TWO-YEAR REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TEMPORARY**
11 **ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PRO-**
12 **GRAM.**

13 Activities authorized by part A of title IV (other than
14 under section 403(c) or 418) and section 1108(b) of the
15 Social Security Act shall continue through September 30,
16 2026, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2023, and
17 out of any money in the Treasury of the United States
18 not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated
19 such sums as may be necessary for such purpose.

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