

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2128

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of tribal governments in regard to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2019

Mr. COOK (for himself, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Tribal TANF Fairness
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. SELF-DETERMINATION AUTHORITY.**

7 Section 412 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 612) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) RULE OF INTERPRETATION.—Notwithstanding
2 subsection (e)(1), a tribal government (including a tribal
3 government participating in an intertribal consortium)
4 may lease land held in trust or in fee, at a fair market
5 rate (as verified by an independent appraisal prepared in
6 accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional
7 Appraisal Practice), for the administration of a tribal fam-
8 ily assistance grant by the tribal government or the inter-
9 tribal consortium.”.

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