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To discourage States and local governments from providing general welfare assistance to able-bodied individuals unless such individuals are participating in workfare programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON (for himself, Mr. KING, and Mr. LEVY) 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. AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 603) is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(c)(1)(A) If the Secretary determines—

1 “(i) that a State is operating a general welfare
2 assistance program described in paragraph (3) dur-
3 ing a calendar quarter, or

4 “(ii) that more than 20 percent of the local gov-
5 ernments within a State that provide general welfare
6 assistance are operating programs described in para-
7 graph (3) during a calendar quarter,

8 the Secretary shall reduce by 50 percent the amount that
9 such State would otherwise receive under subsection (a)
10 with respect to expenditures made by such State during
11 such quarter for the administration of the aid to families
12 with dependent children program under this part.

13 “(B) If a State receives a reduced payment in a cal-
14 endar quarter as a result of a determination by the Sec-
15 retary under subparagraph (A)(ii)—

16 “(i) such State shall reduce for such quarter
17 the payments made to each State office administer-
18 ing the aid to families with dependent children pro-
19 gram which is located within the jurisdiction of the
20 local governments described in subparagraph (A)(ii)
21 by an amount equal to 50 percent of the of Federal
22 share of the administrative expenses of such office;
23 and

24 “(ii) such State shall not, as a result of such
25 reduced payment, reduce for such quarter the pay-

1 ments made to any State office administering the
2 aid to families with dependent children program
3 which is not located within the jurisdiction of the
4 local governments described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

5 “(2) If the Secretary determines that any local gov-
6 ernment within a State that is not described in paragraph
7 (1)(A) is operating a general welfare assistance program
8 described in paragraph (3) during a calendar quarter, the
9 State shall reduce for such quarter the payments made
10 to any State office administering the aid to families with
11 dependent children program which is located within the
12 jurisdiction of such local government by an amount equal
13 to 50 percent of the of Federal share of the administrative
14 expenses of such office and such amount shall be paid by
15 the State to the Secretary.

16 “(3) A general welfare assistance program described
17 in this paragraph is a general welfare assistance program
18 that—

19 “(A) provides benefits to able-bodied individuals
20 (as determined by the Secretary) who have attained
21 age 18 and who have no dependents (hereafter re-
22 ferred to in this subsection as ‘able-bodied individ-
23 uals’);

1 “(B) does not have a workfare program that
2 meets the participation rate requirements under
3 paragraph (4); and

4 “(C) does not meet any other requirements set
5 forth in regulations issued by the Secretary.

6 “(4)(A) The participation rate requirements under
7 this paragraph are as follows:

8 “(i) In the case of a workfare program which
9 is implemented after the date of the enactment of
10 this subsection, the participation rate for such pro-
11 gram shall be—

12 “(I) for the second year that the program
13 is operated, 10 percent; and

14 “(II) for any succeeding year, the percent-
15 age for the preceding year plus 2 percent.

16 “(ii) In the case of a workfare program which
17 is operating on the date of the enactment of this
18 subsection, the participation rate for such program
19 shall be—

20 “(I) for 1994—

21 “(aa) in the case of a program with a
22 participation rate below 10 percent for
23 1993, 10 percent; and

24 “(bb) in the case of a program with a
25 participation rate between 10 percent and

1 50 percent for 1993, the program's partici-
2 pation rate for 1993 plus 2 percent; and

3 “(II) for any succeeding year, the percent-
4 age for the preceding year plus 2 percent.

5 “(B) The participation rates required under clauses
6 (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall not exceed 50 per-
7 cent.

8 “(C) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘par-
9 ticipation rate’ means the percentage of the able-bodied
10 individuals who receive general welfare assistance partici-
11 pating in a workfare program.

12 “(5) On or before the date which is 5 years after the
13 date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
14 shall conduct a review of State and local participation
15 rates and submit to Congress a report containing any of
16 the Secretary's recommendations with respect to the par-
17 ticipation rate requirements established under paragraph
18 (4).”.

19 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.**

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the amend-
21 ment made by section 1 shall apply to calendar quarters
22 beginning on or after July 1, 1994.

23 (b) In the case of a State which the Secretary deter-
24 mines requires State legislation (other than legislation au-
25 thorizing or appropriating funds) in order to comply with

1 the amendments made by section 1, the State shall not
2 be regarded as failing to comply with such amendments
3 solely on the basis of its failure to meet the requirements
4 of such amendments before the first day of the first cal-
5 endar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular
6 session of the State legislature that begins after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the preced-
8 ing sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legis-
9 lative session, each year of such session shall be deemed
10 to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

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