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To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to deny aid to families with dependent children to certain individuals for any week in which the individuals work or attend courses at an educational institution for fewer than 30 hours.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM 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 “Responsible Welfare
5 Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENIAL OF AFDC BENEFITS TO CERTAIN INDIVID-**
2 **UALS SPENDING FEWER THAN 30 HOURS PER**
3 **WEEK AT WORK OR ATTENDING COURSES AT**
4 **AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (29) of section 402(a)
6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(29)) is
7 amended by inserting after paragraph (28) the following:

8 “(29) provide that—

9 “(A) during the 3-year period beginning on
10 the effective date of this paragraph the State
11 may, and thereafter the State must, require a
12 recipient of aid under the plan (other than one
13 described in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph
14 (19)(C)) to spend 30 hours per week at work
15 (whether or not paid) as directed by the State
16 or attending courses at an educational institu-
17 tion, if—

18 “(i) all of the dependent children of
19 the recipient are enrolled in a preschool
20 program or attend, full-time, an elemen-
21 tary, secondary, or vocational (or tech-
22 nical) school; or

23 “(ii) the recipient has received aid
24 under any number of State plans under
25 this part for at least 84 months (whether
26 or not consecutively); and

1 “(B) aid under this part may not be pro-
2 vided to any individual to whom the require-
3 ments of subparagraph (A) apply, for any week
4 during which the individual fails to meet such
5 requirements.”.

6 (b) STATE PAYMENTS REDUCED FOR NONCOMPLI-
7 ANCE.—Section 403 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 603) is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(o)(1) The Secretary shall reduce the amount other-
10 wise payable to a State under this section for any fiscal
11 year by the applicable percentage if the Secretary finds
12 that the State plan approved under this part was not car-
13 ried out in substantial compliance with section 402(a)(29)
14 during any calendar quarter of the immediately preceding
15 fiscal year.

16 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘appli-
17 cable percentage’ means—

18 “(A) 30 percent, if the failure to substantially
19 comply occurred for 3 or more calendar quarters;

20 “(B) 20 percent, if the failure to substantially
21 comply occurred for 2 calendar quarters; or

22 “(C) 15 percent, if the failure to substantially
23 comply occurred for 1 calendar quarter.”.

24 (c) REGULATIONS.—Within 2 years after the effective
25 date of this section, the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services shall promulgate such regulations as may be nec-
2 essary to carry out the amendments made by this section.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
5 calendar quarter that begins after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, and shall apply to payments under part
7 A of title IV of the Social Security Act for calendar quar-
8 ters beginning after such date of enactment.

