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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LANGEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE JOHN H.**  
4 **CHAFEE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM FOR SUC-**  
5 **CESSFUL TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD IN RE-**  
6 **SPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

7 (a) INCREASE IN FUNDING.—

1           (1) GENERALLY.—The dollar amount specified  
2           in section 477(h)(1) of the Social Security Act for  
3           fiscal year 2020 is deemed to be \$483,000,000—

4                   (A) of which \$340,000,000 shall be avail-  
5                   able through the end of fiscal year 2021 for the  
6                   purpose described in section 477(a)(4) of such  
7                   Act; and

8                   (B) the remainder of which shall be avail-  
9                   able as provided in such section 477(h)(1).

10          (2) EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS.—  
11          The dollar amount specified in section 477(h)(2) of  
12          the Social Security Act for fiscal year 2020 is  
13          deemed to be \$220,000,000—

14                   (A) of which \$160,000,000 is authorized to  
15                   be available through the end of fiscal year 2021  
16                   for the purpose described in section 477(a)(5)  
17                   of such Act; and

18                   (B) the remainder of which is authorized  
19                   to be available as provided in such section  
20                   477(h)(2).

21          (b) INAPPLICABILITY OF STATE MATCHING RE-  
22          QUIREMENT TO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—

23                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In making payments under  
24                   subsections (a)(4) and (e) of section 474 of the So-  
25                   cial Security Act from the additional funds, the per-

1 centage specified in subsections (a)(4)(A)(i) and  
2 (e)(1) of such section are, respectively, deemed to be  
3 100 percent.

4 (2) ADDITIONAL FUNDS DEFINED.—In para-  
5 graph (1) of this subsection, the term “additional  
6 funds” means the amounts deemed by subsection (a)  
7 of this section to be specified in each of paragraphs  
8 (1) and (2) of section 477(h) of the Social Security  
9 Act, to the extent the amount involved exceeds the  
10 amount specified in the respective paragraph without  
11 regard to such subsection (a).

12 (c) FULL AND EXPEDITIOUS DISBURSEMENT OF  
13 FUNDS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services  
14 shall fully disburse the amounts payable to States under  
15 section subsections (a)(4) and (e) of section 474 of the  
16 Social Security Act, and the amounts payable to Indian  
17 tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal consortia under sec-  
18 tion 477(j) of such Act, for fiscal years 2020 and 2021  
19 as expeditiously as possible.

20 (d) MAXIMUM AGE LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR  
21 ASSISTANCE.—During fiscal years 2020 and 2021, a child  
22 may be eligible for services and assistance under section  
23 477 of the Social Security Act until the child attains 26  
24 years of age, notwithstanding any contrary certification  
25 made under such section.

1 (e) WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS ON PERCENTAGE OF  
2 FUNDS USED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE; ELIGIBILITY  
3 FOR FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sections 477(b)(3)(B) and  
4 477(b)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act, a State may use  
5 more than 30 percent of the funds paid to the State from  
6 its allotment under section 477(c) of such Act for fiscal  
7 year 2020 for room or board, and the funds may be used  
8 for youth eligible for services under section 477 of such  
9 Act who have attained 18 years of age and who experi-  
10 enced foster care at 14 years of age or older.

11 (f) ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—  
12 Section 477(i)(3) of the Social Security Act shall have no  
13 force or effect during fiscal year 2020 or 2021.

14 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID OUTREACH.**

15 The agency of each State that is responsible for ad-  
16 ministering the State plan approved under part E of title  
17 IV of the Social Security Act, in consultation with such  
18 other agencies as are appropriate or interested, shall es-  
19 tablish and conduct an outreach program designed to in-  
20 crease the enrollment of individuals who are eligible for  
21 medical assistance under the State plan approved under  
22 title XIX of such Act by reason of section  
23 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of such Act.

1 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HUD FAM-**  
2 **ILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM.**

3 In addition to any amounts otherwise made available  
4 for fiscal year 2021 for the family unification program  
5 under section 8(x) of the United States Housing Act of  
6 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)), there is authorized to be ap-  
7 propriated for fiscal year 2021 \$20,000,000 for assistance  
8 under such section for use only for youths eligible for such  
9 assistance under paragraph (2)(B) of such section.