

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to implement a minimum work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in State Medicaid programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Jobs and Opportunities  
5 for Medicaid Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS.**

7       Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1396a) is amended—

9               (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
2 graph (86);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4 paragraph (87) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87) the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(88) beginning January 1, 2024, not provide  
8 medical assistance with respect to a month to an  
9 able-bodied adult (as defined in subsection (uu)(2))  
10 that has not met the work requirement described in  
11 subsection (uu)(1) for such month.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13 section:

14 “(uu) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED  
15 ADULTS.—

16 “(1) WORK REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—For  
17 purposes of subsection (a)(88), the work require-  
18 ment described in this subsection with respect to an  
19 able-bodied adult and a month is that such adult  
20 satisfies at least one of the following with respect to  
21 such month:

22 “(A) The adult works 20 hours or more  
23 per week, based on a monthly average.

24 “(B) The adult volunteers for 20 hours or  
25 more per week, based on a monthly average.

1           “(2) ABLE-BODIED ADULT DEFINED.—In this  
2 subsection the term ‘able-bodied adult’ means any  
3 individual who is not—

4           “(A) under 18 years of age or over 65  
5 years of age;

6           “(B) medically certified as physically or  
7 mentally unfit for employment;

8           “(C) pregnant;

9           “(D) the primary parent or caretaker of a  
10 dependent child under 6 years of age;

11           “(E) the primary parent or caretaker of a  
12 dependent child with a serious medical condi-  
13 tion or disability, as determined by the State  
14 agency established or designated to administer  
15 or supervise the administration of the State  
16 plan;

17           “(F) receiving unemployment compensa-  
18 tion under State or Federal law and, as applica-  
19 ble, complying with work requirements under  
20 such State or Federal law; or

21           “(G) participating in a drug or alcohol  
22 treatment and rehabilitation program (as de-  
23 fined in section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition  
24 Act of 2008).”.