

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 19

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to enhance educational opportunity, increase school attendance, and promote self-sufficiency among welfare recipients.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Children’s Education  
5 Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE OPTION TO ESTABLISH LEARNFARE PRO-**  
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Social Secu-  
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
2 (44);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
4 graph (45) and inserting “and;”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
6 paragraph:

7 “(46) at the option of the State, provide that  
8 the needs of an individual will not be taken into con-  
9 sideration (or will be taken into consideration only  
10 in part) under paragraph (7) for any month, if such  
11 individual—

12 “(A) is over the age specified in the appli-  
13 cable State compulsory school attendance law at  
14 which a child must begin to attend school, but  
15 under the age of 19, and

16 “(B) has, as determined by the State agen-  
17 cy, failed without good cause to regularly attend  
18 an elementary, secondary, vocational school, or  
19 other appropriate school,

20 but if the needs of an individual are not considered  
21 (or are considered only in part) by reason of this  
22 paragraph, such individual shall still be considered  
23 to be receiving aid under this part for purposes of  
24 determining the eligibility for such aid of any other  
25 individual to whom paragraph (7) applies, and for

1 purposes of determining eligibility for medical assist-  
2 ance under the State's plan approved under title  
3 XIX.''.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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