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# S. 2820

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend and expand the number of States qualifying for supplemental grants under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2008

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) 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. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF TANF SUPPLE-**  
4 **MENTAL GRANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a)(3) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)) is amended to read  
7 as follows:

1           “(3) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FOR CERTAIN  
2 STATES.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each qualifying State  
4 shall, subject to subparagraphs (B) and (F), be  
5 entitled to receive from the Secretary for each  
6 of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 the following:

7           “(i) QUALIFYING STATES THAT RE-  
8 CEIVED A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FOR FIS-  
9 CAL YEAR 2008 AND HAVE BELOW AVER-  
10 AGE TANF RESOURCES PER CHILD.—In the  
11 case of a qualifying State that is described  
12 in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (C),  
13 an amount equal to the sum of—

14           “(I) the total amount required to  
15 be paid to the State under this para-  
16 graph (as in effect on October 1,  
17 2007) for fiscal year 2008; and

18           “(II) the lesser of—

19           “(aa) the amount equal to  
20 2.5 percent of the total amount  
21 required to be paid to the State  
22 under paragraph (1) for the fis-  
23 cal year, and

24           “(bb) \$2,500,000.

1           “(ii) QUALIFYING STATES THAT DID  
2           NOT RECEIVE A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT  
3           FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND HAVE BELOW  
4           AVERAGE TANF RESOURCES PER CHILD.—  
5           In the case of a qualifying State that is  
6           only described in clause (ii) of subpara-  
7           graph (C), an amount equal to the lesser  
8           of—

9                         “(I) the amount equal to 10 per-  
10                        cent of the total amount required to  
11                        be paid to the State under paragraph  
12                        (1) for the fiscal year, and

13                       “(II) \$10,000,000.

14           “(iii) OTHER QUALIFYING STATES.—  
15           In the case of a qualifying State that is  
16           only described in clause (i) of subpara-  
17           graph (C), the total amount required to be  
18           paid to the State under this paragraph (as  
19           in effect on October 1, 2007) for fiscal  
20           year 2008.

21           “(B) LIMITATION.—The amount to be paid  
22           to a State under clause (i)(II) or (ii) of sub-  
23           paragraph (A) for any fiscal year shall be re-  
24           duced (but not below zero) by the amount that  
25           is equal to the excess, if any, of—

1           “(i) the product obtained by multi-  
2           plying—

3                   “(I) the level of welfare spending  
4                   per poor child by the State (calculated  
5                   without regard to any reduction made  
6                   under this subparagraph) for such fis-  
7                   cal year; by

8                   “(II) the number of children  
9                   under the age of 18, according to the  
10                  2006 American Community Survey,  
11                  who were residents of the State and  
12                  who were members of families whose  
13                  income was below the poverty line;  
14                  over

15           “(ii) the product obtained by multi-  
16           plying—

17                   “(I) the national average level of  
18                   State welfare spending per poor child  
19                   for such fiscal year; by

20                   “(II) the number of children  
21                   under the age of 18, according to the  
22                   2006 American Community Survey,  
23                   who were residents of the State and  
24                   who were members of families whose  
25                   income was below the poverty line.

1           “(C) QUALIFYING STATE.—For purposes  
2 of this paragraph, a State is a qualifying State  
3 for a fiscal year if—

4           “(i) the State was entitled to receive  
5 a grant under this paragraph (as in effect  
6 on October 1, 2007) for fiscal year 2008;  
7 or

8           “(ii) the level of welfare spending per  
9 poor child by the State for fiscal year 2008  
10 is less than the national average level of  
11 State welfare spending per poor child for  
12 such fiscal year.

13           “(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

14           “(i) LEVEL OF WELFARE SPENDING  
15 PER POOR CHILD.—The term ‘level of wel-  
16 fare spending per poor child’ means, with  
17 respect to a State and a fiscal year—

18           “(I) the sum of—

19           “(aa) the total amount re-  
20 quired to be paid to the State  
21 under paragraph (1) for such fis-  
22 cal year;

23           “(bb) the total amount re-  
24 quired to be paid to the State, if  
25 any, under this paragraph (as in

1 effect on October 1, 2007) for  
 2 such fiscal year; and

3 “(cc) 80 percent of the his-  
 4 toric State expenditures (as de-  
 5 fined in section  
 6 409(a)(7)(B)(iii)); divided by

7 “(II) the number of children  
 8 under the age of 18, according to the  
 9 2006 American Community Survey,  
 10 who were residents of the State and  
 11 who were members of families whose  
 12 income was below the poverty line.

13 “(ii) NATIONAL AVERAGE LEVEL OF  
 14 STATE WELFARE SPENDING PER POOR  
 15 CHILD.—The term ‘national average level  
 16 of State welfare spending per poor child’  
 17 means, with respect to a fiscal year, an  
 18 amount equal to—

19 “(I) the sum of—

20 “(aa) the total amount re-  
 21 quired to be paid to the States  
 22 under paragraph (1) for such fis-  
 23 cal year;

24 “(bb) the total amount re-  
 25 quired to be paid to the States

1 under this paragraph for such  
2 fiscal year; and

3 “(cc) the aggregate amount  
4 for all States of 80 percent of the  
5 historic State expenditures (as  
6 defined in section  
7 409(a)(7)(B)(iii)) for each State;  
8 divided by

9 “(II) the number of children  
10 under the age of 18, according to the  
11 2006 American Community Survey,  
12 who were residents of any State and  
13 who were members of families whose  
14 income was below the poverty line.

15 “(iii) STATE.—The term ‘State’  
16 means each of the 50 States of the United  
17 States and the District of Columbia.

18 “(E) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money  
19 in the Treasury of the United States not other-  
20 wise appropriated, there are appropriated for  
21 each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 such sums  
22 as are necessary for grants under this para-  
23 graph, in a total amount not to exceed  
24 \$470,000,000 for each such fiscal year.

1           “(F) GRANTS REDUCED PRO RATA IF IN-  
2           SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.—If the amount  
3           appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (E) for  
4           a fiscal year is less than the total amount of  
5           payments otherwise required to be made under  
6           this paragraph for the fiscal year, then the  
7           amount otherwise payable to any State for the  
8           fiscal year under this paragraph shall be re-  
9           duced by a percentage equal to the amount so  
10          appropriated divided by such total amount.”.

11          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12          this section shall take effect on October 1, 2008.

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