The stay-the-course plan is piloted by my good friend from Mississippi Senator COCHRAN, who approaches the farm bill with the conviction that our work in 1985 was sound and that we should continue with this course while making changes necessary to balance the budget.

The reduction-in-support strategy was outlined by Chairman LUGAR early in the debate, and combines a reduction in target prices with the call for planting flexibility and elimination of set-asides—two points that are a priority in Kansas and much of the Midwest.

The freedom-to-farm concept is endorsed by my good friend and colleague Representative PAT ROBERTS. In typical Kansas fashion, he has taken the bull by the horns. In the Roberts freedom-to-farm plan, budget balancing is done with a cap on farm spending which guarantees farmers less income support but is coupled with full planting flexibility and regulatory relief.

I urge all Senators to take advantage of the August recess and reconnect with the concerns of rural Americans. Like many of my colleagues, I am still evaluating each of these approaches as well as other policy options. But I realize that we must reach agreement in September. In my view, there are certain guiding principles we must adhere to as we pursue that goal.

First, fiscal responsibility. We must achieve a balanced budget and do it in a manner that is fair and equitable to farmers. We have worked hard to balance the budget. The line-item veto was a first step toward that goal. A balanced budget amendment failed by just one vote. We hope we can pick up that vote in the next several months. In September, we will begin work on a plan to balance the Federal budget over the next 7 years. Farmers around the country remind me that they are taxpayers too. And as taxpayers, farmers want a balanced budget. All they ask is that spending cuts are fair and equitable. Everyone will take his or her fair share, whether it be food stamps or farm programs. And let me add that there will be equity in commodity program spending reductions and policy changes. The AG community will face its fair share of spending reductions as we move to fully implement a balanced budget.

Second, unleash our productive capacity. We must allow farmers to decide what and how much to plant each year. Planting restrictions and idling acreage based on budget mandates instead of supply management must end. Through the new markets and new opportunities opened by GATT and NAFTA, we must be able to meet demand. The farm policy that drives the U.S. into the 21st century should not be based on the supply management concepts of the 1930's. A framer's business decisions should not be based on Government policy, but instead on market signals, agronomic practices and personal choice.

Third, simplicity. Farm programs and environmental regulations should be simpler and more sensible. They should reflect a basic respect for private property rights and the work ethic of the family farmer. For several years now, as I traveled through Kansas and throughout the country, farmers have been telling me the same thing—keep it simple. All farm programs—and especially all regulations—must be simpler and less intrusive. Our efforts to provide regulatory relief for rural America have been blocked by those on the other side of the aisle. I hope that when my colleagues return to their States in August, they will listen to their constituents' pleas to rein in the Federal Government.

American agriculture does not operate in a vacuum. Rural Americans share the Republican conviction that Congress must balance the budget, and that we must provide tax relief, regulatory relief and health care reform. Rural Americans realize that there are important policies outside the farm bill that greatly affect their bottom lines. Mr. President, we are actively working to provide the needed relief that rural America is asking for. And we will not stop. The reconciliation debate in September will focus national attention on issues vital to rural America. This is our opportunity to make real progress.

When it comes to policy for rural America, I can not help but be reminded of the peanuts cartoon, where Lucy pulls the football away from Charlie Brown at the last minute.

Unfortunately, just like Charlie Brown, the American farmer keeps running at the ball and Congress keeps pulling it away. A workable policy for rural America is not achieved by taunting the American farmer. It is achieved by everyone—agriculture, Congress and USDA—playing together on the same team.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There being no further morning business, morning business is closed.

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Mr. DOLE. I call for regular order with respect to the welfare bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending, and reduce welfare dependence, which had been reported from the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2280, AS FURTHER MODIFIED

Mr. DOLE. I have a modification at the desk. I have a right to modify my amendment, and I ask that it be so modified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is so modified.

So the amendment (No. 2280), as modified, is as follows:

On page 1, line 3, of the bill, after ''SECTION 1.'', strike all through the end and insert the following:

SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ''Work Opportunity Act of 1995''.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

TITLE I—BLOCK GRANTS FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Sec. 100. References to Social Security Act.
Sec. 101. Block grants to States.
Sec. 102. Services provided by charitable, religious, or private organizations.
Sec. 103. Limitations on use of funds for certain purposes.
Sec. 104. Continued application of current standards under medicaid program.
Sec. 105. Census data on grandparents as primary caregivers for their grandchildren.
Sec. 106. Conforming amendments to the Social Security Act.
Sec. 107. Conforming amendments to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and related provisions.
Sec. 108. Conforming amendments to other laws.
Sec. 109. Study of effect of welfare reform on grandparents as primary caregivers.
Sec. 110. Disclosure of receipt of Federal funds.
Sec. 111. Secretarial submission of legislative proposal for technical and conforming amendments.
Sec. 112. Effective date; transition rule.

TITLE II—SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Subtitle A—Eligibility Restrictions

Sec. 201. Denial of supplemental security income benefits by reason of disability to drug addicts and alcoholics.
Sec. 202. Limited eligibility of noncitizens for SSI benefits.
Sec. 203. Denial of SSI benefits for 10 years to individuals found to have fraudulently misrepresented residence in order to obtain benefits simultaneously in 2 or more States.
Sec. 204. Denial of SSI benefits for fugitive felons and probation and parole violators.
Sec. 205. Effective dates; application to current recipients.

Subtitle B—Benefits for Disabled Children

Sec. 211. Definition and eligibility rules.
Sec. 212. Eligibility redeterminations and continuing disability reviews.
Sec. 213. Additional accountability requirements.

Subtitle C—Studies Regarding Supplemental Security Income Program

Sec. 221. Annual report on the supplemental security income program.

Sec. 222. Improvements to disability evaluation.
Sec. 223. Study of disability determination process.
Sec. 224. Study by General Accounting Office.

Subtitle D—National Commission on the Future of Disability

Sec. 231. Establishment.
Sec. 232. Duties of the Commission.
Sec. 233. Membership.
Sec. 234. Staff and support services.
Sec. 235. Powers of Commission.
Sec. 236. Reports.
Sec. 237. Termination.

Subtitle E—State Supplementation Programs

Sec. 241. Repeal of maintenance of effort requirements applicable to optional State programs for supplementation of SSI benefits.

TITLE III—FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Subtitle A—Food Stamp Reform

Sec. 301. Certification period.
Sec. 302. Treatment of children living at home.
Sec. 303. Optional additional criteria for separate household determinations.
Sec. 304. Adjustment of thrifty food plan.
Sec. 305. Definition of homeless individual.
Sec. 306. State options in regulations.
Sec. 307. Earnings of students.
Sec. 308. Energy assistance.
Sec. 309. Deductions from income.
Sec. 310. Amount of vehicle asset limitation.
Sec. 311. Benefits for aliens.
Sec. 312. Disqualification.
Sec. 313. Caretaker exemption.
Sec. 314. Employment and training.
Sec. 315. Comparable treatment for disqualification.
Sec. 316. Cooperation with child support agencies.
Sec. 317. Disqualification for child support arrears.
Sec. 318. Permanent disqualification for participating in 2 or more States.
Sec. 319. Work requirement.
Sec. 320. Electronic benefit transfers.
Sec. 321. Minimum benefit.
Sec. 322. Benefits on recertification.
Sec. 323. Optional combined allotment for expedited households.
Sec. 324. Failure to comply with other welfare and public assistance programs.
Sec. 325. Allotments for households residing in institutions.
Sec. 326. Operation of food stamp offices.
Sec. 327. State employee and training standards.
Sec. 328. Exchange of law enforcement information.
Sec. 329. Expedited coupon service.
Sec. 330. Fair hearings.
Sec. 331. Income and eligibility verification system.
Sec. 332. Collection of overissuances.
Sec. 333. Termination of Federal match for optional information activities.
Sec. 334. Standards for administration.
Sec. 335. Work supplementation or support program.
Sec. 336. Waiver authority.
Sec. 337. Authorization of pilot projects.
Sec. 338. Response to waivers.
Sec. 339. Private sector employment initiatives.
Sec. 340. Reauthorization of appropriations.
Sec. 341. Reauthorization of Puerto Rico nutrition assistance program.
Sec. 342. Simplified food stamp program.
Sec. 343. Optional State food assistance block grant.
Sec. 344. Effective date.

Subtitle B—Anti-Fraud and Trafficking

Sec. 351. Expanded definition of coupon.
Sec. 352. Doubled penalties for violating food stamp program requirements.
Sec. 353. Authority to establish authorization periods.
Sec. 354. Specific period for prohibiting participation of stores based on lack of business integrity.
Sec. 355. Information for verifying eligibility for authorization.
Sec. 356. Waiting period for stores that initially fail to meet authorization criteria.
Sec. 357. Bases for suspensions and disqualifications.
Sec. 358. Disqualification of stores pending judicial and administrative review.
Sec. 359. Disqualification of retailers who are disqualified under the WIC program.
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Sec. 361. Expanded criminal forfeiture for violations.
Sec. 362. Effective date.

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Sec. 401. Termination of additional payment for lunches served in high free and reduced price participation schools.
Sec. 402. Value of food assistance.
Sec. 403. Lunches, breakfasts, and supplements.
Sec. 404. Summer food service program for children.
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Sec. 407. Conforming reimbursement for paid breakfasts and lunches.

Subtitle B—Grant Programs

Sec. 411. School breakfast startup grants.
Sec. 412. Nutrition education and training programs.
Sec. 413. Effective date.

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Sec. 424. Reducing required reports to State agencies and schools.

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Sec. 501. State option to prohibit assistance for certain aliens.
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Sec. 504. Limited eligibility of noncitizens for SSI benefits.
Sec. 505. Treatment of noncitizens.

TITLE VI—CHILD CARE

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Sec. 603. Repeals and technical and conforming amendments.

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TITLE I—BLOCK GRANTS FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

SEC. 100. REFERENCES TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, wherever in this title an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

SEC. 101. BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES.

(a) REPEALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Parts A and F of title IV (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq. and 682 et seq.) are hereby repealed.

(2) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall ensure that any rules and regulations relating to the provisions of law repealed in paragraph (1) shall cease to have effect on and after the date of the repeal of such provisions.

(b) BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—Title IV (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by inserting before part B the following:

"PART A—BLOCK GRANTS TO STATES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES WITH MINOR CHILDREN

"SEC. 400. NO INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENT.

''Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no individual is entitled to any assistance under this part.

"SEC. 401. PURPOSE.

''The purpose of this part is to increase the flexibility of States in operating a program designed to—

''(1) provide assistance to needy families with minor children;

''(2) provide job preparation and opportunities for such families; and

''(3) prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, with a special emphasis on teenage pregnancies, and establish annual goals for preventing and reducing such pregnancies with respect to fiscal years 1996 through 2000.

"SEC. 402. ELIGIBLE STATES; STATE PLAN.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—As used in this part, the term 'eligible State' means, with respect to a fiscal year, a State that has submitted to the Secretary a plan that includes the following:

''(1) OUTLINE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—A written document that outlines how the State intends to do the following:

''(A) Conduct a program designed to serve all political subdivisions in the State to—

''(i) provide assistance to needy families with not less than 1 minor child (or any expectant family); and

''(ii) provide a parent or caretaker in such families with work experience, assistance in finding employment, and other work preparation activities and support services that the State considers appropriate to enable such families to leave the program and become self-sufficient.

''(B) Require a parent or caretaker receiving assistance under the program to engage in work (as defined by the State) when the State determines the parent or caretaker is ready to engage in work, or after 24 months (whether or not consecutive) of receiving assistance under the program, whichever is earlier.

''(C) Satisfy the minimum participation rates specified in section 404.

''(D) Treat—

''(i) families with minor children moving into the State from another State; and

''(ii) noncitizens of the United States.

''(E) Safeguard and restrict the use and disclosure of information about individuals and families receiving assistance under the program.

''(F) Establish goals and take action to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, with special emphasis on teenage pregnancies.

''(2) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL OPERATE A CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State that, during the fiscal year, the State will operate a child support enforcement program under the State plan approved under part D.

''(3) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL OPERATE A CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State that, during the fiscal year, the State will operate a child protection program under the State plan approved under part B.

''(4) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL OPERATE A FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State that, during the fiscal year, the State will operate a foster care and adoption assistance program under the State plan approved under part E.

''(5) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State that, during the fiscal year, the State will participate in the income and eligibility verification system required by section 1137.

''(6) CERTIFICATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State specifying which State agency or agencies are responsible for the administration and supervision of the State program for the fiscal year and ensuring that local governments and private sector organizations have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in the State so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations.

''(7) CERTIFICATION THAT REQUIRED REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED.—A certification by the chief executive officer of the State that the State shall provide the Secretary with any reports required under this part.

''(8) ESTIMATE OF FISCAL YEAR STATE AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES.—An estimate of the total amount of State and local expenditures under the State program for the fiscal year.

''(b) CERTIFICATION THAT THE STATE WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO INDIANS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In recognition of the Federal Government's trust responsibility to, and government-to-government relationship with, Indian tribes, the Secretary shall ensure that Indians receive at least their equitable share of services under the State program, by requiring a certification by the chief executive officer of each State described in paragraph (2) that, during the fiscal year, the State shall provide Indians in each Indian tribe that does not have a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 414 for a fiscal year with equitable access to assistance under the State program funded under this part.

''(2) STATE DESCRIBED.—For purposes of paragraph (1), a State described in this paragraph is a State in which there is an Indian tribe that does not have a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 414 for a fiscal year.

''(c) DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PLAN.—

''(1) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF SUMMARY.—The State shall make available to the public a summary of the State plan submitted under this section.

''(2) COPY TO AUDITOR.—The State shall provide the approved entity conducting the audit under section 408 with a copy of the State plan submitted under this section.

''(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this part, the following definitions shall apply:

''(1) ADULT.—The term 'adult' means an individual who is not a minor child.

''(2) MINOR CHILD.—The term 'minor child' means an individual—

''(A) who—

''(i) has not attained 18 years of age; or

''(ii) has not attained 19 years of age and is a full-time student in a secondary school (or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training); and

''(B) who resides with such individual's custodial parent or other caretaker relative.

''(3) FISCAL YEAR.—The term 'fiscal year' means any 12-month period ending on September 30 of a calendar year.

''(4) INDIAN, INDIAN TRIBE, AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms 'Indian', 'Indian tribe', and 'tribal organization' have the meaning given such terms by section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

''(5) STATE.—Except as otherwise specifically provided, the term 'State' includes the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

"SEC. 403. PAYMENTS TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES.

''(a) GRANT AMOUNT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (5), section 407 (relating to penalties), and section 414(g), for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, the Secretary shall pay—

''(A) each eligible State a grant in an amount equal to the State family assistance grant for the fiscal year; and

''(B) each Indian tribe with an approved tribal family assistance plan a tribal family assistance grant in accordance with section 414.

''(2) STATE FAMILY ASSISTANCE GRANT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), a State family assistance grant for any State for a fiscal year is an amount equal to the total amount of the Federal payments to the State under section 403 for fiscal year 1994 (as such section was in effect during such fiscal year and as such payments were reported by the State on February 14, 1995), reduced by the amount (if any) determined under subparagraph (B).

''(B) AMOUNT ATTRIBUTABLE TO CERTAIN INDIAN FAMILIES SERVED BY INDIAN TRIBES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the amount determined under this subparagraph is an amount equal to the Federal payments to the State under section 403 for fiscal year 1994 (as in effect during such fiscal year) attributable to expenditures by the State under parts A and F of this title (as so in effect) for Indian families described in clause (ii).

''(ii) INDIAN FAMILIES DESCRIBED.—For purposes of clause (i), Indian families described in this clause are Indian families who reside in a service area or areas of an Indian tribe receiving a tribal family assistance grant under section 414.

''(C) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 months prior to the payment of each quarterly installment of a State grant under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall notify the State of the amount of the reduction determined under subparagraph (B) with respect to the State.

''(3) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AMOUNT FOR POPULATION INCREASES IN CERTAIN STATES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the grant payable under paragraph (1) to a qualifying State for each of fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 shall be increased by an amount equal to 2.5 percent of the amount that the State received under this section in the preceding fiscal year.

''(B) INCREASE TO REMAIN IN EFFECT EVEN IF STATE FAILS TO QUALIFY IN LATER YEARS.—Subject to section 407, in no event shall the amount of a grant payable under paragraph (1) to a State for any fiscal year be less than the amount the State received under this section for the preceding fiscal year.

''(C) QUALIFYING STATE.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualifying State', with respect to any fiscal year, means a State that—

''(I) had an average level of State welfare spending per poor person in the preceding fiscal year that was less than the national average level of State welfare spending per poor person in the preceding fiscal year; and

''(II) had an estimated rate of State population growth as determined by the Bureau of the Census for the most recent fiscal year for which information is available that was greater than the average rate of population growth for all States as determined by the Bureau of the Census for such fiscal year.

''(ii) CERTAIN STATES DEEMED QUALIFYING STATES.—For purposes of this paragraph, a State shall be deemed to be a qualifying State for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 if the level of State welfare spending per poor person in fiscal year 1996 was less than 35 percent of the national average level of State welfare spending per poor person in fiscal year 1996.

''(iii) STATE MUST QUALIFY IN FISCAL YEAR 1997.—A State shall not be eligible to be a qualifying State under clause (i) for fiscal

years after 1997 if the State was not a qualifying State under clause (i) in fiscal year 1997.

''(D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph:

''(i) LEVEL OF STATE WELFARE SPENDING PER POOR PERSON.—The term 'level of State welfare spending per poor person' means, with respect to a State for any fiscal year—

''(I) the amount of the grant received by the State under this section (prior to the application of section 407); divided by

''(II) the number of the individuals in the State who had an income below the poverty line according to the 1990 decennial census.

''(ii) NATIONAL AVERAGE LEVEL OF STATE WELFARE SPENDING PER POOR PERSON.—The term 'national average level of State welfare spending per poor person' means an amount equal to—

''(I) the amount paid in grants under this section (prior to the application of section 407); divided by

''(II) the number of individuals in all States with an income below the poverty line according to the 1990 decennial census.

''(iii) POVERTY LINE.—The term 'poverty line' has the same meaning given such term in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

''(iv) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States of the United States.

''(4) APPROPRIATION.—

''(A) STATES.—There are authorized to be appropriated and there are appropriated $16,795,323,000 for each fiscal year described in paragraph (1) for the purpose of paying—

''(i) grants to States under paragraph (1)(A); and

''(ii) tribal family assistance grants under paragraph (1)(B).

''(B) ADJUSTMENT FOR QUALIFYING STATES.—For the purpose of increasing the amount of the grant payable to a State under paragraph (1) in accordance with paragraph (3), there are authorized to be appropriated and there are appropriated—

''(i) for fiscal year 1997, $85,860,000;

''(ii) for fiscal year 1998, $173,276,000;

''(iii) for fiscal year 1999, $263,468,000; and

''(iv) for fiscal year 2000, $355,310,000.

''(5) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If a State does not expend amounts in fiscal year 1996 or 1997 under the State programs described in subparagraph (B) at a level at least equal to 75 percent of the level of historic State expenditures, the amount of the grant otherwise determined under paragraph (1) for fiscal year 1997 or 1998 (as applicable) shall be reduced by the amount by which the State's expenditures in the preceding fiscal year are less than such level.

''(B) PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.—The programs described in this subparagraph are—

''(i) the State program funded under this part; and

''(ii) any program for low-income individuals.

For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'low-income individual' means an individual who has an annual income at or below 240 percent of the poverty line (as such term is defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).

''(C) HISTORIC STATE EXPENDITURES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'historic State expenditures' means payments of cash assistance to recipients of aid to families with dependent children under the State plan under part A of title IV for fiscal year 1994, as in effect during such fiscal year.

''(D) DETERMINING STATE EXPENDITURES.—For purposes of this paragraph, State expenditures shall not include any expenditures from amounts made available by the Federal Government.

''(b) USE OF GRANT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to this part, a State to which a grant is made under this section may use the grant—

''(A) in any manner that is reasonably calculated to accomplish the purpose of this part; or

''(B) in any manner that such State used amounts received under part A or F of this title, as such parts were in effect before October 1, 1995.

''(2) AUTHORITY TO TREAT INTERSTATE IMMIGRANTS UNDER RULES OF FORMER STATE.—A State to which a grant is made under this section may apply to a family some or all of the rules (including benefit amounts) of the program operated under this part of another State if the family has moved to the State from the other State and has resided in the State for less than 12 months.

''(3) AUTHORITY TO RESERVE CERTAIN AMOUNTS FOR ASSISTANCE.—A State may reserve amounts paid to the State under this part for any fiscal year for the purpose of providing, without fiscal year limitation, assistance under the State program operated under this part.

''(4) AUTHORITY TO OPERATE EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT PROGRAM.—A State to which a grant is made under this section may use a portion of the grant to make payments (or provide job placement vouchers) to State-approved public and private job placement agencies that provide employment placement services to individuals who receive assistance under the State program funded under this part.

''(5) TRANSFERABILITY OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—A State may use up to 30 percent of amounts received from a grant under this part for a fiscal year to carry out State activities under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.) (relating to child care block grants).

''(c) TIMING OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall pay each grant payable to a State under this section in quarterly installments.

''(d) FEDERAL LOAN FUND FOR STATE WELFARE PROGRAMS.—

''(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving loan fund which shall be known as the 'Federal Loan Fund for State Welfare Programs' (hereafter for purposes of this section referred to as the 'fund').

''(2) DEPOSITS INTO FUND.—

''(A) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, $1,700,000,000 are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 1996 for payment to the fund.

''(B) LOAN REPAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall deposit into the fund any principal or interest payment received with respect to a loan made under this subsection.

''(3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the fund are authorized to remain available without fiscal year limitation for the purpose of making loans and receiving payments of principal and interest on such loans, in accordance with this subsection.

''(4) USE OF FUND.—

''(A) LOANS TO STATES.—The Secretary shall make loans from the fund to any loan-eligible State, as defined in subparagraph (D), for a period to maturity of not more than 3 years.

''(B) RATE OF INTEREST.—The Secretary shall charge and collect interest on any loan made under subparagraph (A) at a rate equal to the Federal short-term rate, as defined in section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

''(C) MAXIMUM LOAN.—The cumulative amount of any loans made to a State under subparagraph (A) during fiscal years 1996 through 2000 shall not exceed 10 percent of the State family assistance grant under subsection (a)(2) for a fiscal year.

''(D) LOAN-ELIGIBLE STATE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a loan-eligible State is a State which has not had a penalty described in section 407(a)(1) imposed against it at any time prior to the loan being made.

''(5) LIMITATION ON USE OF LOAN.—A State shall use a loan received under this subsection only for any purpose for which grant amounts received by the State under subsection (a) may be used including—

''(A) welfare anti-fraud activities; and

''(B) the provision of assistance under the State program to Indian families that have moved from the service area of an Indian tribe with a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 414.

''(e) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIAN TRIBES THAT RECEIVED JOBS FUNDS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay to each eligible Indian tribe for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 a grant in an amount equal to the amount received by such Indian tribe in fiscal year 1995 under section 482(i) (as in effect during such fiscal year) for the purpose of operating a program to make work activities available to members of the Indian tribe.

''(2) ELIGIBLE INDIAN TRIBE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'eligible Indian tribe' means an Indian tribe or Alaska Native organization that conducted a job opportunities and basic skills training program in fiscal year 1995 under section 482(i) (as in effect during such fiscal year).

''(3) APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated and there are hereby appropriated $7,638,474 for each fiscal year described in paragraph (1) for the purpose of paying grants in accordance with such paragraph.

''(f) SECRETARY.—For purposes of this section, the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.

"SEC. 404. MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENTS.

''(a) PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.—A State to which a grant is made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall achieve the minimum participation rate specified in the following tables for the fiscal year with respect to—

''(1) all families receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part:

"If the fiscal year is:	The minimum participation rate for all families is:
1996	25
1997	30
1998	35
1999	40
2000 or thereafter	50; and

''(2) with respect to 2-parent families receiving such assistance:

"If the fiscal year is:	The minimum participation rate is:
1996	60
1997 or 1998	75
1999 or thereafter	90.

''(b) CALCULATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES.—

''(1) FOR ALL FAMILIES.—

''(A) AVERAGE MONTHLY RATE.—For purposes of subsection (a)(1), the participation rate for all families of a State for a fiscal year is the average of the participation rates for all families of the State for each month in the fiscal year.

''(B) MONTHLY PARTICIPATION RATES.—The participation rate of a State for all families of the State for a month, expressed as a percentage, is—

''(i) the sum of—

''(I) the number of all families receiving assistance under the State program funded

under this part that include an adult who is engaged in work for the month;

''(II) the number of all families receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part that are subject in such month to a penalty described in paragraph (1)(A) or (2)(A) of subsection (d) but have not been subject to such penalty for more than 3 months within the preceding 12-month period (whether or not consecutive);

''(III) the number of all families that received assistance under the State program under this part during the previous 6-month period that have become ineligible to receive assistance during such period because of employment and which include an adult who is employed for the month; and

''(IV) beginning in the first month beginning after the promulgation of the regulations described in paragraph (3) and in accordance with such regulations, the average monthly number of all families that are not receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part as a result of the State's diversion of such families from the State program prior to such families receipt of assistance under the program; divided by

''(ii) the total number of all families receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part during the month that include an adult receiving assistance.

''(2) 2-PARENT FAMILIES.—

''(A) AVERAGE MONTHLY RATE.—For purposes of subsection (a)(2), the participation rate for 2-parent families of a State for a fiscal year is the average of the participation rates for 2-parent families of the State for each month in the fiscal year.

''(B) MONTHLY PARTICIPATION RATES.—The participation rate of a State for 2-parent families of the State for a month, expressed as a percentage, is—

''(i) the total number of 2-parent families described in paragraph (1)(B)(i); divided by

''(ii) the total number of 2-parent families receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part during the month that include an adult.

''(3) REGULATIONS RELATING TO CALCULATION OF FAMILIES DIVERTED FROM ASSISTANCE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, the Secretary shall consult with the States and establish, by regulation, a method to measure the number of families diverted by a State from the State program funded under this part prior to such families receipt of assistance under the program.

''(B) ELIGIBILITY CHANGES NOT COUNTED.—The regulations described in subparagraph (A) shall not take into account families that are diverted from a State program funded under this part as a result of differences in eligibility criteria under a State program funded under this part and eligibility criteria under such State's plan under the aid to families with dependent children program, as such plan was in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995.

''(4) STATE OPTION TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE UNDER A TRIBAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN.—For purposes of paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B), a State may, at its option, include families receiving assistance under a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 414. For purposes of the previous sentence, an individual who receives assistance under a tribal family assistance plan approved under section 414 shall be treated as being engaged in work if the individual is participating in work under standards that are comparable to State standards for being engaged in work.

''(5) STATE OPTION FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS.—For any fiscal year, a State may, at its option, not require an individual who is the parent or caretaker relative of a minor child who is less than 12 months of age to engage in work and may exclude such an individual from the determination of the minimum participation rate specified for such fiscal year in subsection (a).

''(c) ENGAGED IN WORK.—

''(1) ALL FAMILIES.—For purposes of subsection (b)(1)(B)(i)(I), an adult is engaged in work for a month in a fiscal year if the adult is participating in work for at least the minimum average number of hours per week specified in the following table during the month, not fewer than 20 hours per week of which are attributable to a work activity:

"If the month is in fiscal year:	The minimum average number of hours per week is:
1996	20
1997	20
1998	20
1999	25
2000	30
2001	30
2002	35
2003 or thereafter	35.

''(2) 2-PARENT FAMILIES.—For purposes of subsection (b)(2)(A), an adult is engaged in work for a month in a fiscal year if the adult is participating in work for at least 35 hours per week during the month, not fewer than 30 hours per week of which are attributable to work activities described in paragraph (3).

''(3) DEFINITION OF WORK ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'work activities' means—

''(A) unsubsidized employment;

''(B) subsidized employment;

''(C) on-the-job training;

''(D) community service programs;

''(E) job search (only for the first 4 weeks in which an individual is required to participate in work activities under this section); and

''(F) vocational educational training (not to exceed 12 months with respect to any individual).

''(d) PENALTIES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS.—If an adult in a family receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part refuses to engage in work required under subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2), a State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall—

''(1) reduce the amount of assistance otherwise payable to the family pro rata (or more, at the option of the State) with respect to any period during a month in which the adult so refuses; or

''(2) terminate such assistance,

subject to such good cause and other exceptions as the State may establish.

''(e) NONDISPLACEMENT IN WORK ACTIVITIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), an adult in a family receiving assistance under this part may fill a vacant employment position in order to engage in a work activity described in subsection (c)(3).

''(2) NO FILLING OF CERTAIN VACANCIES.—No adult in a work activity described in subsection (c)(3) shall be employed or assigned—

''(A) when any other individual is on layoff from the same or any substantially equivalent job; or

''(B) when the employer has terminated the employment of any regular employee or otherwise caused an involuntary reduction of its workforce in order to fill the vacancy so created with an adult described in paragraph (1).

''(3) NO PREEMPTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall preempt or supersede any provision of State or local law that provides greater protection for employees from displacement.

''(f) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that in complying with this section, each State that operates a program funded under this part is encouraged to assign the highest priority to requiring adults in 2-parent families and adults in single-parent families that include older preschool or school-age children to be engaged in work activities.

''(g) DELIVERY THROUGH STATEWIDE SYSTEM.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Each work program carried out by the State to provide work activities in order to comply with this section shall be delivered through the statewide workforce development system established in section 711 of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995 unless a required work activity is not available locally through the statewide workforce development system.

''(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of paragraph (1) shall take effect—

''(A) in a State described in section 815(b)(1) of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995; and

''(B) in any other State, on July 1, 1998.

''(h) ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICES.—An individual participating in a State community service program may be treated as being engaged in work under subsection (c) if such individual provides child care services to other individuals participating in the community service program in the manner, and for the period of time each week, determined appropriate by the State.

"SEC. 405. REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.

''(a) STATE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT WITH EACH FAMILY RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.—Each State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall require each family receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part to have entered into a personal responsibility contract (as developed by the State) with the State.

''(b) NO ASSISTANCE FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3), a State to which a grant is made under section 403 may not use any part of the grant to provide assistance to a family that includes an adult who has received assistance under the program operated under this part for the lesser of—

''(A) the period of time established at the option of the State; or

''(B) 60 months (whether or not consecutive) after September 30, 1995.

''(2) MINOR CHILD EXCEPTION.—If an individual received assistance under the State program operated under this part as a minor child in a needy family, any period during which such individual's family received assistance shall not be counted for purposes of applying the limitation described in paragraph (1) to an application for assistance under such program by such individual as the head of a household of a needy family with minor children.

''(3) HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The State may exempt a family from the application of paragraph (1) by reason of hardship.

''(B) LIMITATION.—The number of families with respect to which an exemption made by a State under subparagraph (A) is in effect for a fiscal year shall not exceed 15 percent of the average monthly number of families to which the State is providing assistance under the program operated under this part.

''(c) DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE FOR 10 YEARS TO A PERSON FOUND TO HAVE FRAUDULENTLY MISREPRESENTED RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN 2 OR MORE STATES.—An

individual shall not be considered an eligible individual for the purposes of this part during the 10-year period that begins on the date the individual is convicted in Federal or State court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the place of residence of the individual in order to receive assistance simultaneously from 2 or more States under programs that are funded under this title, title XIX, or the Food Stamp Act of 1977, or benefits in 2 or more States under the supplemental security income program under title XVI.

''(d) DENIAL OF ASSISTANCE FOR FUGITIVE FELONS AND PROBATION AND PAROLE VIOLATORS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall not be considered an eligible individual for the purposes of this part if such individual is—

''(A) fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of such State; or

''(B) violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.

''(2) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State shall furnish any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, upon the request of the officer, with the current address of any recipient of assistance under this part, if the officer furnishes the agency with the name of the recipient and notifies the agency that—

''(A) such recipient—

''(i) is described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1); or

''(ii) has information that is necessary for the officer to conduct the officer's official duties; and

''(B) the location or apprehension of the recipient is within such officer's official duties.

''(e) STATE OPTION TO REQUIRE ASSIGNMENT OF SUPPORT.—At the option of the State, a State to which a grant is made under section 403 may provide that an individual applying for or receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part shall be required to assign to the State any rights to support from any other person the individual may have in such individual's own behalf or in behalf of any other family member for whom the individual is applying for or receiving assistance.

''SEC. 406. PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE PARENTING.

''(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following findings:

''(1) Marriage is the foundation of a successful society.

''(2) Marriage is an essential institution of a successful society which promotes the interests of children.

''(3) Promotion of responsible fatherhood and motherhood is integral to successful child rearing and the wellbeing of children.

''(4) In 1992, only 54 percent of single-parent families with children had a child support order established and, of that 54 percent, only about one half received the full amount due. Of the cases enforced through the public child support enforcement system, only 18 percent of the caseload has a collection.

''(5) The number of individuals receiving aid to families with dependent children (hereafter in this subsection referred to as 'AFDC') has more than tripled since 1965. More than two-thirds of these recipients are children. Eighty-nine percent of children receiving AFDC benefits now live in homes in which no father is present.

''(A)(i) The average monthly number of children receiving AFDC benefits—

''(I) was 3,300,000 in 1965;

''(II) was 6,200,000 in 1970;

''(III) was 7,400,000 in 1980; and

''(IV) was 9,300,000 in 1992.

''(ii) While the number of children receiving AFDC benefits increased nearly threefold between 1965 and 1992, the total number of children in the United States aged 0 to 18 has declined by 5.5 percent.

''(B) The Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that 12,000,000 children will receive AFDC benefits within 10 years.

''(C) The increase in the number of children receiving public assistance is closely related to the increase in births to unmarried women. Between 1970 and 1991, the percentage of live births to unmarried women increased nearly threefold, from 10.7 percent to 29.5 percent.

''(6) The increase of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and births is well documented as follows:

''(A) It is estimated that the rate of nonmarital teen pregnancy rose 23 percent from 54 pregnancies per 1,000 unmarried teenagers in 1976 to 66.7 pregnancies in 1991. The overall rate of nonmarital pregnancy rose 14 percent from 90.8 pregnancies per 1,000 unmarried women in 1980 to 103 in both 1991 and 1992. In contrast, the overall pregnancy rate for married couples decreased 7.3 percent between 1980 and 1991, from 126.9 pregnancies per 1,000 married women in 1980 to 117.6 pregnancies in 1991.

''(B) The total of all out-of-wedlock births between 1970 and 1991 has risen from 10.7 percent to 29.5 percent and if the current trend continues, 50 percent of all births by the year 2015 will be out-of-wedlock.

''(7) The negative consequences of an out-of-wedlock birth on the mother, the child, the family, and society are well documented as follows:

''(A) Young women 17 and under who give birth outside of marriage are more likely to go on public assistance and to spend more years on welfare once enrolled. These combined effects of 'younger and longer' increase total AFDC costs per household by 25 percent to 30 percent for 17-year olds.

''(B) Children born out-of-wedlock have a substantially higher risk of being born at a very low or moderately low birth weight.

''(C) Children born out-of-wedlock are more likely to experience low verbal cognitive attainment, as well as more child abuse, and neglect.

''(D) Children born out-of-wedlock were more likely to have lower cognitive scores, lower educational aspirations, and a greater likelihood of becoming teenage parents themselves.

''(E) Being born out-of-wedlock significantly reduces the chances of the child growing up to have an intact marriage.

''(F) Children born out-of-wedlock are 3 more times likely to be on welfare when they grow up.

''(8) Currently 35 percent of children in single-parent homes were born out-of-wedlock, nearly the same percentage as that of children in single-parent homes whose parents are divorced (37 percent). While many parents find themselves, through divorce or tragic circumstances beyond their control, facing the difficult task of raising children alone, nevertheless, the negative consequences of raising children in single-parent homes are well documented as follows:

''(A) Only 9 percent of married-couple families with children under 18 years of age have income below the national poverty level. In contrast, 46 percent of female-headed households with children under 18 years of age are below the national poverty level.

''(B) Among single-parent families, nearly ½ of the mothers who never married received AFDC while only ⅕ of divorced mothers received AFDC.

''(C) Children born into families receiving welfare assistance are 3 times more likely to be on welfare when they reach adulthood than children not born into families receiving welfare.

''(D) Mothers under 20 years of age are at the greatest risk of bearing low birth-weight babies.

''(E) The younger the single parent mother, the less likely she is to finish high school.

''(F) Young women who have children before finishing high school are more likely to receive welfare assistance for a longer period of time.

''(G) Between 1985 and 1990, the public cost of births to teenage mothers under the aid to families with dependent children program, the food stamp program, and the medicaid program has been estimated at $120,000,000,000.

''(H) The absence of a father in the life of a child has a negative effect on school performance and peer adjustment.

''(I) Children of teenage single parents have lower cognitive scores, lower educational aspirations, and a greater likelihood of becoming teenage parents themselves.

''(J) Children of single-parent homes are 3 times more likely to fail and repeat a year in grade school than are children from intact two-parent families.

''(K) Children from single-parent homes are almost 4 times more likely to be expelled or suspended from school.

''(L) Neighborhoods with larger percentages of youth aged 12 through 20 and areas with higher percentages of single-parent households have higher rates of violent crime.

''(M) Of those youth held for criminal offenses within the State juvenile justice system, only 29.8 percent lived primarily in a home with both parents. In contrast to these incarcerated youth, 73.9 percent of the 62,800,000 children in the Nation's resident population were living with both parents.

''(9) Therefore, in light of this demonstration of the crisis in our Nation, it is the sense of the Congress that prevention of out-of-wedlock pregnancy and reduction in out-of-wedlock birth are very important Government interests and the policy contained in provisions of this title is intended to address the crisis.

''(b) STATE OPTION TO DENY ASSISTANCE FOR OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS TO MINORS.—At the option of the State, a State to which a grant is made under section 403 may provide that the grant shall not be used to provide assistance for a child born out-of-wedlock to an individual who has not attained 18 years of age, or for the individual, until the individual attains such age.

''(c) STATE OPTION TO DENY ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN BORN TO FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.—At the option of the State, a State to which a grant is made under section 403 may provide that the grant shall not be used to provide assistance for a minor child who is born to—

''(1) a recipient of assistance under the program funded under this part; or

''(2) an individual who received such benefits at any time during the 10-month period ending with the birth of the child.

''(d) REQUIREMENT THAT TEENAGE PARENTS LIVE IN AN ADULT-SUPERVISED SETTING AND ATTEND SCHOOL.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall not use any part of the grant to provide assistance to an individual described in paragraph (2) if—

''(A) the individual and the minor child of the individual do not reside in—

''(i) a place of residence maintained by a parent, legal guardian, or other adult relative of such individual as such parent's, guardian's, or adult relative's own home; or

''(ii) another adult-supervised setting; and

''(B) the individual does not participate in—

''(i) educational activities directed toward the attainment of a high school diploma or its equivalent; or

''(ii) an alternative educational or training program that has been approved by the State.

''(2) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual described in this paragraph is an individual who—

''(A) is under the age of 18 and is not married; and

''(B) has a minor child in his or her care.

''(e) STATE OPTION TO DENY ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the authority of a State to exercise its option to limit assistance under this part to individuals if such limitation is not inconsistent with the provisions of this part.

''SEC. 407. STATE PENALTIES.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), the Secretary shall deduct from the grant otherwise payable under section 403 the following penalties:

''(1) FOR USE OF GRANT IN VIOLATION OF THIS PART.—If an audit conducted under section 408 finds that an amount paid to a State under section 403 for a fiscal year has been used in violation of this part, then the Secretary shall reduce the amount of the grant otherwise payable to the State under such section for the immediately succeeding fiscal year quarter by the amount so used, plus 5 percent of such grant (determined without regard to this section).

''(2) FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REPORT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that a State has not, within 6 months after the end of a fiscal year, submitted the report required by section 409 for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce by 5 percent the amount of the grant that would (in the absence of this section) be payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(B) RESCISSION OF PENALTY.—The Secretary shall rescind a penalty imposed on a State under subparagraph (A) with respect to a report for a fiscal year if the State submits the report before the end of the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(3) FOR FAILURE TO SATISFY MINIMUM PARTICIPATION RATES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that a State has failed to satisfy the minimum participation rates specified in section 404(a) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce by not more than 5 percent the amount of the grant that would (in the absence of this section) be payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(B) PENALTY BASED ON SEVERITY OF FAILURE.—The Secretary shall impose reductions under subparagraph (A) on the basis of the degree of noncompliance.

''(4) FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—If the Secretary determines that a State program funded under this part is not participating during a fiscal year in the income and eligibility verification system required by section 1137, the Secretary shall reduce by not more than 5 percent the amount of the grant that would (in the absence of this section) be payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(5) FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART D.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if the Secretary determines that the State agency that administers a program funded under this part does not enforce the penalties requested by the agency administering part D against recipients of assistance under the State program who fail to cooperate in establishing paternity in accordance with such part, the Secretary shall reduce by not more than 5 percent the amount of the grant that would (in the absence of this section) be payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(6) FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY REPAY A FEDERAL LOAN FUND FOR STATE WELFARE PROGRAMS.—If the Secretary determines that a State has failed to repay any amount borrowed from the Federal Loan Fund for State Welfare Programs established under section 403(d) within the period of maturity applicable to such loan, plus any interest owed on such loan, then the Secretary shall reduce the amount of the grant otherwise payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year quarter by the outstanding loan amount, plus the interest owed on such outstanding amount.

''(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF PENALTY.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In imposing the penalties described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall not reduce any quarterly payment to a State by more than 25 percent.

''(B) CARRYFORWARD OF UNRECOVERED PENALTIES.—To the extent that subparagraph (A) prevents the Secretary from recovering during a fiscal year the full amount of all penalties imposed on a State under subsection (a) for a prior fiscal year, the Secretary shall apply any remaining amount of such penalties to the grant otherwise payable to the State under section 403 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(2) STATE FUNDS TO REPLACE REDUCTIONS IN GRANT.—A State which has a penalty imposed against it under subsection (a) shall expend additional State funds in an amount equal to the amount of the penalty for the purpose of providing assistance under the State program under this part.

''(3) REASONABLE CAUSE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Secretary may not impose a penalty on a State under subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that the State has reasonable cause for failing to comply with a requirement for which a penalty is imposed under such subsection.

''(c) CERTIFICATION OF AMOUNT OF PENALTIES.—If the Secretary is required to reduce the amount of any grant under this section, the Secretary shall certify the amount of such reduction to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Treasury shall reduce the amount paid to the State under section 403 by such amount.

''(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The penalties described in paragraphs (2) through (6) of subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1996.

''(2) MISUSE OF FUNDS.—The penalties described in subsection (a)(1) shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1995.

''SEC. 408. AUDITS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall, not less than annually, audit the State expenditures from amounts received under this part. Such audit shall—

''(1) determine the extent to which such expenditures were or were not expended in accordance with this part; and

''(2) be conducted by an approved entity (as defined in subsection (b)) in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles.

''(b) APPROVED ENTITY.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term 'approved entity' means an entity that—

''(1) is approved by the Secretary of the Treasury;

''(2) is approved by the chief executive officer of the State; and

''(3) is independent of any agency administering activities funded under this part.

''(c) AUDIT REPORT.—Not later than 30 days following the completion of an audit under this subsection, a State shall submit a copy of the audit to the State legislature, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

''(d) ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code, shall apply to the audit requirements of this section.

''SEC. 409. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State to which a grant is made under section 403 for a fiscal year shall, not later than 6 months after the end of fiscal year 1997, and each fiscal year thereafter, transmit to the Secretary the following aggregate information on families to which assistance was provided during the fiscal year under the State program operated under this part:

''(1) The number of adults receiving such assistance.

''(2) The number of children receiving such assistance and the average age of the children.

''(3) The employment status of such adults, and the average earnings of employed adults receiving such assistance.

''(4) The age, race, and educational attainment at the time of application for assistance of the adults receiving such assistance.

''(5) The average amount of cash and other assistance provided to the families under the program.

''(6) The number of months, since the most recent application for assistance under the program, for which such assistance has been provided to the families.

''(7) The total number of months for which assistance has been provided to the families under the program.

''(8) Any other data necessary to indicate whether the State is in compliance with the plan most recently submitted by the State pursuant to section 402.

''(9) The components of any program carried out by the State to provide work activities in order to comply with section 404, and the average monthly number of adults in each such component.

''(10) The number of part-time job placements and the number of full-time job placements made through the program referred to in paragraph (9), the number of cases with reduced assistance, and the number of cases closed due to employment.

''(11) The number of cases closed due to section 405(b).

''(12) The increase or decrease in the number of children born out of wedlock to recipients of assistance under the State program funded under this part and the State's success in meeting its goals established under section 402(a)(1)(F).

''(13) The number of out-of-wedlock pregnancies in the State for the most recent fiscal year for which information is available and the total number of pregnancies in such State for such year.

''(b) AUTHORITY OF STATES TO USE ESTIMATES.—A State may comply with the requirement to provide precise numerical information described in subsection (a) by submitting an estimate which is obtained through the use of scientifically acceptable sampling methods.

''(c) REPORT ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND OVERHEAD.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include a statement of—

''(1) the total amount and percentage of the Federal funds paid to the State under this part for the fiscal year that are used to cover administrative costs or overhead; and

''(2) the total amount of State funds that are used to cover such costs or overhead.

''(d) REPORT ON STATE EXPENDITURES ON PROGRAMS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include a statement of the total amount expended by the State during the fiscal year on the program under this part and the purposes for which such amount was spent.

''(e) REPORT ON NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN WORK ACTIVITIES.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include the number of noncustodial parents in the State who participated in work activities during the fiscal year.

''(f) REPORT ON CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include the total amount of child support collected by the State agency administering the State program under part D on behalf of a family receiving assistance under this part.

''(g) REPORT ON CHILD CARE.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include the total amount expended by the State for child care under the program under this part, along with a description of the types of child care provided, including child care provided in the case of a family that—

''(1) has ceased to receive assistance under this part because of employment; or

''(2) is not receiving assistance under this part but would be at risk of becoming eligible for such assistance if child care was not provided.

''(h) REPORT ON TRANSITIONAL SERVICES.—The report required by subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall include the total amount expended by the State for providing transitional services to a family that has ceased to receive assistance under this part because of employment, along with a description of such services.

''(i) SECRETARY'S REPORT ON DATA PROCESSING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report on—

''(A) the status of the automated data processing systems operated by the States to assist management in the administration of State programs under this part (whether in effect before or after October 1, 1995); and

''(B) what would be required to establish a system capable of—

''(i) tracking participants in public programs over time; and

''(ii) checking case records of the States to determine whether individuals are participating in public programs in 2 or more States.

''(2) PREFERRED CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) should include—

''(A) a plan for building on the automated data processing systems of the States to establish a system with the capabilities described in paragraph (1)(B); and

''(B) an estimate of the amount of time required to establish such a system and of the cost of establishing such a system.

''SEC. 410. RESEARCH, EVALUATIONS, AND NATIONAL STUDIES.

''(a) RESEARCH.—The Secretary may conduct research on the effects and costs of State programs funded under this part.

''(b) DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO EMPLOYING WELFARE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary may assist States in developing, and shall evaluate, innovative approaches to employing recipients of assistance under programs funded under this part. In performing such evaluations, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent feasible, use random assignment to experimental and control groups.

''(c) STUDIES OF WELFARE CASELOADS.—The Secretary may conduct studies of the caseloads of States operating programs funded under this part.

''(d) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall develop innovative methods of disseminating information on any research, evaluations, and studies conducted under this section, including the facilitation of the sharing of information and best practices among States and localities through the use of computers and other technologies.

''(e) ANNUAL RANKING OF STATES AND REVIEW OF MOST AND LEAST SUCCESSFUL WORK PROGRAMS.—

''(1) ANNUAL RANKING OF STATES.—The Secretary shall rank annually the States to which grants are paid under section 403 in the order of their success in placing recipients of assistance under the State program funded under this part into long-term private sector jobs, reducing the overall welfare caseload, and, when a practicable method for calculating this information becomes available, diverting individuals from formally applying to the State program and receiving assistance.

''(2) ANNUAL REVIEW OF MOST AND LEAST SUCCESSFUL WORK PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall review the programs of the 3 States most recently ranked highest under paragraph (1) and the 3 States most recently ranked lowest under paragraph (1) that provide parents with work experience, assistance in finding employment, and other work preparation activities and support services to enable the families of such parents to leave the program and become self-sufficient.

''(f) ANNUAL RANKING OF STATES AND REVIEW OF ISSUES RELATING TO OUT-OF-WEDLOCK BIRTHS.—

''(1) ANNUAL RANKING OF STATES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall annually rank States to which grants are paid under section 403 based on the following ranking factors (developed with information reported by the State under section 409(a)(13)):

''(i) ABSOLUTE OUT-OF-WEDLOCK RATIOS.—The ratio represented by—

''(I) the total number of out-of-wedlock births in families receiving assistance under the State program under this part in the State for the most recent fiscal year for which information is available; over

''(II) the total number of births in families receiving assistance under the State program under this part in the State for such year.

''(ii) NET CHANGES IN THE OUT-OF-WEDLOCK RATIO.—The difference between the ratio described in subparagraph (A)(i) for the most recent fiscal year for which information is available and such State's ratio determined for the preceding year.

''(2) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review the programs of the 5 States most recently ranked highest under paragraph (1) and the 5 States most recently ranked the lowest under paragraph (1).

''(g) STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE OUTCOMES MEASURES.—

''(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the States, study and analyze outcomes measures for evaluating the success of a State in moving individuals out of the welfare system through employment as an alternative to the minimum participation rates described in section 404. The study shall include a determination as to whether such alternative outcomes measures should be applied on a national or a State-by-State basis.

''(2) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 1998, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report containing the findings of the study described in paragraph (1).

''SEC. 411. STUDY BY THE CENSUS BUREAU.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of the Census shall expand the Survey of Income and Program Participation as necessary to obtain such information as will enable interested persons to evaluate the impact of the amendments made by title I of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995 on a random national sample of recipients of assistance under State programs funded under this part and (as appropriate) other low-income families, and in doing so, shall pay particular attention to the issues of out-of-wedlock births, welfare dependency, the beginning and end of welfare spells, and the causes of repeat welfare spells.

''(b) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the Bureau of the Census $10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 to carry out subsection (a).

''SEC. 412. WAIVERS.

''(a) CONTINUATION OF WAIVERS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), if any waiver granted to a State under section 1115 or otherwise which relates to the provision of assistance under a State plan under this part is in effect or approved by the Secretary as of October 1, 1995, the amendments made by the Work Opportunity Act of 1995 shall not apply with respect to the State before the expiration (determined without regard to any extensions) of the waiver to the extent such amendments are inconsistent with the terms of the waiver.

''(2) FINANCING LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning with fiscal year 1996, a State operating under a waiver described in paragraph (1) shall receive the payment described for such State for such fiscal year under section 403, in lieu of any other payment provided for in the waiver.

''(b) STATE OPTION TO TERMINATE WAIVER.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may terminate a waiver described in subsection (a) before the expiration of the waiver.

''(2) REPORT.—A State which terminates a waiver under paragraph (1) shall submit a report to the Secretary summarizing the waiver and any available information concerning the result or effect of such waiver.

''(3) HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State that, not later than the date described in subparagraph (B), submits a written request to terminate a waiver described in subsection (a) shall be held harmless for accrued cost neutrality liabilities incurred under the terms and conditions of such waiver.

''(B) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in this subparagraph is the later of—

''(i) January 1, 1996; or

''(ii) 90 days following the adjournment of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995.

''(c) SECRETARIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF CURRENT WAIVERS.—The Secretary shall encourage any State operating a waiver described in subsection (a) to continue such waiver and to evaluate, using random sampling and other characteristics of accepted scientific evaluations, the result or effect of such waiver.

''(d) CONTINUATION OF INDIVIDUAL WAIVERS.—A State may elect to continue one or more individual waivers described in subsection (a)(1).

''SEC. 413. STATE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.

Nothing in this part shall be construed as limiting a State's ability to conduct demonstration projects for the purpose of identifying innovative or effective program designs in 1 or more political subdivisions of the State.

''SEC. 414. DIRECT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION BY INDIAN TRIBES.

''(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is—

''(1) to strengthen and enhance the control and flexibility of local governments over local programs; and

''(2) in recognition of the principles contained in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)—

''(A) to provide direct Federal funding to Indian tribes for the tribal administration of the program funded under this part; or

''(B) to enable Indian tribes to enter into agreements, contracts, or compacts with intertribal consortia, States, or other entities for the administration of such program on behalf of the Indian tribe.

''(b) GRANT AMOUNTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000, the Secretary shall pay to each Indian tribe that has an approved tribal family assistance plan a tribal family assistance grant for the fiscal year in an amount equal to the amount determined under paragraph (2).

''(2) AMOUNT DETERMINED.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount determined under this paragraph is an amount equal to the total amount of the Federal payments to a State or States under section 403 for fiscal year 1994 (as in effect during such fiscal year) attributable to expenditures by the State or States under part A and part F of this title (as so in effect) in such year for Indian families residing in the service area or areas identified by the Indian tribe in subsection (c)(1)(C).

''(B) USE OF STATE SUBMITTED DATA.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use State submitted data to make each determination under subparagraph (A).

''(ii) DISAGREEMENT WITH DETERMINATION.—If an Indian tribe or tribal organization disagrees with State submitted data described under clause (i), the Indian tribe or tribal organization may submit to the Secretary such additional information as may be relevant to making the determination under subparagraph (A) and the Secretary may consider such information before making such determination.

''(c) 3-YEAR TRIBAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE PLAN.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Any Indian tribe that desires to receive a tribal family assistance grant shall submit to the Secretary a 3-year tribal family assistance plan that—

''(A) outlines the Indian tribe's approach to providing welfare-related services for the 3-year period, consistent with the purposes of this section;

''(B) specifies whether the welfare-related services provided under the plan will be provided by the Indian tribe or through agreements, contracts, or compacts with intertribal consortia, States, or other entities;

''(C) identifies the population and service area or areas to be served by such plan;

''(D) provides that a family receiving assistance under the plan may not receive duplicative assistance from other State or tribal programs funded under this part;

''(E) identifies the employment opportunities in or near the service area or areas of the Indian tribe and the manner in which the Indian tribe will cooperate and participate in enhancing such opportunities for recipients of assistance under the plan consistent with any applicable State standards; and

''(F) applies the fiscal accountability provisions of section 5(f)(1) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450c(f)(1)), relating to the submission of a single-agency audit report required by chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code.

''(2) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve each tribal family assistance plan submitted in accordance with paragraph (1).

''(3) CONSORTIUM OF TRIBES.—Nothing in this section shall preclude the development and submission of a single plan by the participating Indian tribes of an intertribal consortium.

''(d) MINIMUM WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME LIMITS.—The Secretary, with the participation of Indian tribes, shall establish for each Indian tribe receiving a grant under this section minimum work participation requirements, appropriate time limits for receipt of welfare-related services under such grant, and penalties against individuals—

''(1) consistent with the purposes of this section;

''(2) consistent with the economic conditions and resources available to each tribe; and

''(3) similar to comparable provisions in section 404(d).

''(e) EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.—Nothing in this section shall preclude an Indian tribe from seeking emergency assistance from any Federal loan program or emergency fund.

''(f) ACCOUNTABILITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of the Secretary to maintain program funding accountability consistent with—

''(1) generally accepted accounting principles; and

''(2) the requirements of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

''(g) TRIBAL PENALTIES.—For the purpose of ensuring the proper use of tribal family assistance grants, the following provisions shall apply to an Indian tribe with an approved tribal assistance plan:

''(1) The provisions of subsections (a)(1), (a)(6), and (b) of section 407, in the same manner as such subsections apply to a State.

''(2) The provisions of section 407(a)(3), except that such subsection shall be applied by substituting 'the minimum requirements established under subsection (d) of section 414' for 'the minimum participation rates specified in section 404'.

''(h) DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.—For the purpose of ensuring uniformity in data collection, section 409 shall apply to an Indian tribe with an approved tribal family assistance plan.''.

''SEC. 415. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FAMILY SUPPORT.

''The programs under this part and part D of this title shall be administered by an Assistant Secretary for Family Support within the Department of Health and Human Services, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall be in addition to any other Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services provided for by law.

''SEC. 416. LIMITATION ON FEDERAL AUTHORITY.

''The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of the Treasury may not regulate the conduct of States under this part or enforce any provision of this part, except to the extent expressly provided in this part.

''SEC. 417. APPEAL OF ADVERSE DECISION.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall notify the chief executive officer of a State of any adverse decision or action under this part, including any decision with respect to the State's plan or the imposition of a penalty under section 407.

''(b) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ADVERSE DECISION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 60 days after the date a State receives notice of an adverse decision under this section, the State may appeal the decision, in whole or in part, to the Departmental Appeals Board established in the Department of Health and Human Services (hereafter referred to in this section as the 'Board') by filing an appeal with the Board.

''(2) PROCEDURAL RULES.—The Board shall consider a State's appeal on the basis of such documentation as the State may submit and as the Board may require to support the final decision of the Board. In deciding whether to uphold an adverse decision or any portion thereof, the Board shall conduct a thorough review of the issues and take into account all relevant evidence. The Board shall make a final determination with respect to an appeal filed under this paragraph not less than 60 days after the date the appeal is filed.

''(c) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADVERSE DECISION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 90 days after the date of a final decision by the Board with respect to an adverse decision regarding a State under this section, the State may obtain judicial review of the final decision (and the findings incorporated into the final decision) by filing an action in—

''(A) the district court of the United States for the judicial district in which the principal or headquarters office of the State agency is located; or

''(B) the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

''(2) PROCEDURAL RULES.—The district court in which an action is filed shall review the final decision of the Board on the record established in the administrative proceeding, in accordance with the standards of review prescribed by subparagraphs (A) through (E) of section 706(2) of title 5, United States Code. The review shall be on the basis of the documents and supporting data submitted to the Board.''.

SEC. 102. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) STATE OPTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State may—

(A) administer and provide services under the programs described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of paragraph (2) through contracts with charitable, religious, or private organizations; and

(B) provide beneficiaries of assistance under the programs described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)(ii) of paragraph (2) with certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement which are redeemable with such organizations.

(2) PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.—The programs described in this paragraph are the following programs:

(A) A State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (as amended by section 101).

(B) Any other program that is established or modified under this Act (other than programs established or modified under sections 104 through 108, or titles III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and XI of this Act) that—

(i) permits contracts with organizations; or

(ii) permits certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement to be provided to beneficiaries, as a means of providing assistance.

(b) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.—The purpose of this section is to allow religious organizations to contract, or to accept certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement under any program described in subsection (a)(2), on the same basis as any other provider without impairing the religious character of such organizations, and without diminishing the religious freedom of beneficiaries of assistance funded under such program.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION AGAINST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.—Religious organizations are eligible, on the same basis as any other private organization, as contractors to provide assistance, or to accept certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement, under any program described in subsection (a)(2). Neither the Federal Government nor a State receiving funds under such programs shall discriminate against an organization which is or applies to be a contractor to provide assistance, or which accepts certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement, on the basis that the organization has a religious character.

(d) RELIGIOUS CHARACTER AND FREEDOM.—

(1) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any religious organization with a contract described in subsection (a)(1)(A), or which accepts certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement under subsection (a)(1)(B), shall retain its independence from Federal, State, and local governments, including such organization's control over the definition, development, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs.

(2) ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS.—Neither the Federal Government nor a State shall require a religious organization to—

(A) alter its form of internal governance, or form a separate, nonprofit corporation to receive and administer the assistance funded under a program described in subsection (a)(2); or

(B) remove religious art, icons, scripture, or other symbols;

in order to be eligible to contract to provide assistance, or to accept certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement, funded under a program described in subsection (a)(2).

(e) NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or affect the provisions of any other Federal law or regulation that relates to discrimination in employment on the basis of religion.

(2) EXCEPTION.—A religious organization with a contract described in subsection (a)(1)(A), or which accepts certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement under subsection (a)(1)(B), may require that employees rendering service pursuant to such contract, or pursuant to the organization's acceptance of certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement adhere to—

(A) the religious tenets and teachings of such organization; and

(B) any rules of the organization regarding the use of drugs or alcohol.

(f) NONDISCRIMINATION AGAINST BENEFICIARIES.—Except as otherwise provided in law, a religious organization shall not discriminate against an individual in regard to rendering assistance funded under any program described in subsection (a)(2) on the basis of religion, a religious belief, or refusal to actively participate in a religious practice.

(g) FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), any religious organization contracting to provide assistance funded under any program described in subsection (a)(2) shall be subject to the same regulations as other contractors to account in accord with generally accepted auditing principles for the use of such funds provided under such programs.

(2) LIMITED AUDIT.—If such organization segregates Federal funds provided under such programs into separate accounts, then only the financial assistance provided with such funds shall be subject to audit.

(h) COMPLIANCE.—A religious organization which has its rights under this section violated may enforce its claim exclusively by asserting a civil action for such relief as may be appropriate, including injunctive relief or damages, in an appropriate State court against the entity or agency that allegedly commits such violation.

(i) RIGHTS OF BENEFICIARIES OF ASSISTANCE.—If a beneficiary has an objection to the religious character of the organization or institution from which the beneficiary is receiving assistance funded under any program described in subsection (a)(2), each State shall provide such beneficiary assistance from an alternative provider the value of which is not less than the value of the assistance which the individual would have received from such organization or institution.

SEC. 103. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

No funds provided directly to institutions or organizations to provide services and administer programs described in section 102(a)(2) and programs established or modified under titles VI, VII, or VIII of this Act shall be expended for sectarian worship or instruction. This section shall not apply to financial assistance provided to or on behalf of beneficiaries of assistance in the form of certificates, vouchers, or other forms of disbursement, if such beneficiary may choose where such assistance shall be redeemed.

SEC. 104. CONTINUED APPLICATION OF CURRENT STANDARDS UNDER MEDICAID PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 1931, by inserting ''subject to section 1931(a),'' after ''under this title,'' and by redesignating such section as section 1932; and

(2) by inserting after section 1930 the following new section:

''CONTINUED APPLICATION OF AFDC STANDARDS

''SEC. 1931. (a) For purposes of applying this title on and after October 1, 1995, with respect to a State—

''(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), any reference in this title (or other provision of law in relation to the operation of this title) to a provision of part A of title IV of this Act, or a State plan under such part, shall be considered a reference to such provision or plan as in effect as of June 1, 1995, with respect to the State and eligibility for medical assistance under this title shall be determined as if such provision or plan (as in effect as of such date) had remained in effect on and after October 1, 1995; and

''(2) any reference in section 1902(a)(5) or 1902(a)(55) to a State plan approved under part A of title IV shall be deemed a reference to a State program funded under such part (as in effect on and after October 1, 1995).

''(b) In the case of a waiver of a provision of part A of title IV in effect with respect to a State as of June 1, 1995, if the waiver affects eligibility of individuals for medical assistance under this title, such waiver may, at the option of the State, continue to be applied in relation to this title after the date the waiver would otherwise expire.''.

(b) PLAN AMENDMENT.—Section 1902(a) (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (61);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (62) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (62) the following new paragraph:

''(63) provide for continuing to administer eligibility standards with respect to individuals who are (or seek to be) eligible for medical assistance based on the application of section 1931.''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 1902(c) (42 U.S.C. 1396a(c)) is amended by striking ''if—'' and all that follows and inserting the following: ''if the State requires individuals described in subsection (l)(1) to apply for assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV as a condition of applying for or receiving medical assistance under this title.''.

(2) Section 1903(i) (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended by striking paragraph (9).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to medical assistance furnished for calendar quarters beginning on or after October 1, 1995.

SEC. 105. CENSUS DATA ON GRANDPARENTS AS PRIMARY CAREGIVERS FOR THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce (hereafter in this section referred to as the ''Secretary''), in carrying out the provisions of section 141 of title 13, United States Code, shall expand the data collection efforts of the Bureau of the Census (hereafter in this section referred to as the ''Bureau'') to enable the Bureau to collect statistically significant data, in connection with its decennial census and its mid-decade census, concerning the growing trend of grandparents who are the primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

(b) EXPANDED CENSUS QUESTION.—In carrying out the provisions of subsection (a), the Secretary shall expand the Bureau's census question that details households which include both grandparents and their grandchildren. The expanded question shall be formulated to distinguish between the following households:

(1) A household in which a grandparent temporarily provides a home for a grandchild for a period of weeks or months during periods of parental distress.

(2) A household in which a grandparent provides a home for a grandchild and serves as the primary caregiver for the grandchild.

SEC. 106. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE II.—

(1) Section 205(c)(2)(C)(vi) (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)(vi)), as so redesignated by section 321(a)(9)(B) of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994, is amended—

(A) by inserting ''an agency administering a program funded under part A of title IV or'' before ''an agency operating''; and

(B) by striking ''A or D of title IV of this Act'' and inserting ''D of such title''.

(2) Section 228(d)(1) (42 U.S.C. 428(d)(1)) is amended by inserting ''under a State program funded under'' before ''part A of title IV''.

(b) AMENDMENT TO PART B OF TITLE IV.—Section 422(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 622(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''under the State plan approved'' and inserting ''under the State program funded.''.

(c) AMENDMENTS TO PART D OF TITLE IV.—

(1) Section 451 (42 U.S.C. 651) is amended by striking ''aid'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(2) Section 452(a)(10)(C) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)(C)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A'';

(B) by striking ''such aid'' and inserting ''such assistance''; and

(C) by striking ''402(a)(26) or''.

(3) Section 452(a)(10)(F) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)(F)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''aid under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''; and

(B) by striking ''in accordance with the standards referred to in section 402(a)(26)(B)(ii)'' and inserting ''by the State''.

(4) Section 452(b) (42 U.S.C. 652(b)) is amended in the first sentence by striking ''aid under the State plan approved under part A'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A''.

(5) Section 452(d)(3)(B)(i) (42 U.S.C. 652(d)(3)(B)(i)) is amended by striking ''1115(c)'' and inserting ''1115(b)''.

(6) Section 452(g)(2)(A)(ii)(I) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)(A)(ii)(I)) is amended by striking ''aid is being paid under the State's plan approved under part A or E'' and inserting ''assistance is being provided under the State program funded under part A or aid is being paid under the State's plan approved under part E''.

(7) Section 452(g)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)(A)) is amended in the matter following clause (iii) by striking ''aid was being paid under the State's plan approved under part A or E'' and inserting ''assistance was being provided under the State program funded under part A or aid was being paid under the State's plan approved under part E''.

(8) Section 452(g)(2) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)) is amended in the matter following subparagraph (B)—

(A) by striking ''who is a dependent child'' and inserting ''with respect to whom assistance is being provided under the State program funded under part A'';

(B) by inserting ''by the State agency administering the State plan approved under this part'' after ''found''; and

(C) by striking ''under section 402(a)(26)'' and inserting ''with the State in establishing paternity''.

(9) Section 452(h) (42 U.S.C. 652(h)) is amended by striking ''under section 402(a)(26)''.

(10) Section 453(c)(3) (42 U.S.C. 653(c)(3)) is amended by striking ''aid'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(11) Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (5)(A)—

(i) by striking ''under section 402(a)(26)''; and

(ii) by striking ''except that this paragraph shall not apply to such payments for any month following the first month in which the amount collected is sufficient to make such family ineligible for assistance under the State plan approved under part A;''; and

(B) in paragraph (6)(D), by striking ''aid under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(12) Section 456 (42 U.S.C. 656) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking ''under section 402(a)(26)''; and

(B) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) A debt which is a support obligation enforceable under this title is not released by a discharge in bankruptcy under title 11, United States Code.''.

(13) Section 466(a)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(3)(B)) is amended by striking ''402(a)(26) or''.

(14) Section 466(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''aid'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(15) Section 469(a) (42 U.S.C. 669(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''aid under plans approved'' and inserting ''assistance under State programs funded''; and

(B) by striking ''such aid'' and inserting ''such assistance''.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO PART E OF TITLE IV.—

(1) Section 470 (42 U.S.C. 670) is amended—

(A) by striking ''would be'' and inserting ''would have been''; and

(B) by inserting ''(as such plan was in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''part A''.

(2) Section 471(17) (42 U.S.C. 671(17)) is amended by striking ''plans approved under parts A and D'' and inserting ''program funded under part A and plan approved under part D''.

(3) Section 472(a) (42 U.S.C. 672(a)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking ''would meet'' and inserting ''would have met'';

(ii) by inserting ''(as such sections were in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''407''; and

(iii) by inserting ''(as so in effect)'' after ''406(a)''; and

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting ''would have'' after ''(A)''; and

(II) by inserting ''(as in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''section 402''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting ''(as in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''406(a)''.

(4) Section 472(h) (42 U.S.C. 672(h)) is amended to read as follows:

''(h)(1) For purposes of title XIX, any child with respect to whom foster care maintenance payments are made under this section shall be deemed to be a dependent child as defined in section 406 (as in effect as of June 1, 1995) and shall be deemed to be a recipient of aid to families with dependent children under part A of this title (as so in effect). For purposes of title XX, any child with respect to whom foster care maintenance payments are made under this section shall be deemed to be a minor child in a needy family under a State program funded under part A and shall be deemed to be a recipient of assistance under such part.

''(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), a child whose costs in a foster family home or child care institution are covered by the foster care maintenance payments being made with respect to the child's minor parent, as provided in section 475(4)(B), shall be considered a child with respect to whom foster care maintenance payments are made under this section.''.

(5) Section 473(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 673(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

(i) by inserting ''(as such sections were in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''407'';

(ii) by inserting ''(as so in effect)'' after ''specified in section 406(a)''; and

(iii) by inserting ''(as such section was in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''403'';

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(i) by inserting ''would have'' after ''(B)(i)''; and

(ii) by inserting ''(as in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''section 402''; and

(C) in subparagraph (B)(ii)(II), by inserting ''(as in effect on June 1, 1995)'' after ''406(a)''.

(6) Section 473(b) (42 U.S.C. 673(b)) is amended to read as follows:

''(b)(1) For purposes of title XIX, any child who is described in paragraph (3) shall be deemed to be a dependent child as defined in section 406 (as in effect as of June 1, 1995) and shall be deemed to be a recipient of aid to families with dependent children under part A of this title (as so in effect) in the State where such child resides.

''(2) For purposes of title XX, any child who is described in paragraph (3) shall be deemed to be a minor child in a needy family under a State program funded under part A and shall be deemed to be a recipient of assistance under such part.

''(3) A child described in this paragraph is any child—

''(A)(i) who is a child described in subsection (a)(2), and

''(ii) with respect to whom an adoption assistance agreement is in effect under this section (whether or nor adoption assistance payments are provided under the agreement or are being made under this section), including any such child who has been placed for adoption in accordance with applicable State and local law (whether or not an interlocutory or other judicial decree of adoption has been issued), or

''(B) with respect to whom foster care maintenance payments are being made under section 472.

''(4) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), a child whose costs in a foster family home or child-care institution are covered by the foster care maintenance payments being made with respect to the child's minor parent, as provided in section 475(4)(B), shall be considered a child with respect to whom foster care maintenance payments are being made under section 472.''.

(e) AMENDMENT TO TITLE X.—Section 1002(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. 1202(a)(7)) is amended by striking ''aid to families with dependent children under the State plan approved under section 402 of this Act'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV''.

(f) AMENDMENTS TO TITLE XI.—

(1) Section 1109 (42 U.S.C. 1309) is amended by striking ''or part A of title IV,''.

(2) Section 1115 (42 U.S.C. 1315) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2)—

(i) by inserting ''(A)'' after ''(2)'';

(ii) by striking ''403,'';

(iii) by striking the period at the end and inserting '', and''; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(B) costs of such project which would not otherwise be a permissible use of funds under part A of title IV and which are not included as part of the costs of projects under section 1110, shall to the extent and for the period prescribed by the Secretary, be regarded as a permissible use of funds under such part.''; and

(B) in subsection (c)(3), by striking ''under the program of aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''part A of such title''.

(3) Section 1116 (42 U.S.C. 1316) is amended—

(A) in each of subsections (a)(1), (b), and (d), by striking ''or part A of title IV,''; and

(B) in subsection (a)(3), by striking ''404,''.

(4) Section 1118 (42 U.S.C. 1318) is amended—

(A) by striking ''403(a),'';

(B) by striking ''and part A of title IV,''; and

(C) by striking '', and shall, in the case of American Samoa, mean 75 per centum with respect to part A of title IV''.

(5) Section 1119 (42 U.S.C. 1319) is amended—

(A) by striking ''or part A of title IV''; and

(B) by striking ''403(a),''.

(6) Section 1133(a) (42 U.S.C. 1320b–3(a)) is amended by striking ''or part A of title IV,''.

(7) Section 1136 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–6) is repealed.

(8) Section 1137 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) any State program funded under part A of title IV of this Act;''; and

(B) in subsection (d)(1)(B)—

(i) by striking ''In this subsection—'' and all that follows through ''(ii) in'' and inserting ''In this subsection, in'';

(ii) by redesignating subclauses (I), (II), and (III) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii); and

(iii) by moving such redesignated material 2 ems to the left.

(9) Section 1108 (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(I) by inserting ''(or paid, in the case of part A of title IV); and

(II) by striking ''or, in the case of'' and all that follows through ''section 403(k)'';

(ii) in paragraph (1)—

(I) in subparagraph (F), by striking ''or'';

(II) in subparagraph (G), by striking ''the fiscal year 1989 and each fiscal year thereafter;'' and inserting ''each of the fiscal years 1989 through 1995, or''; and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (G), the following new subparagraph:

''(H) $92,250,000 with respect to fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter;'';

(iii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) in subparagraph (F), by striking ''or'';

(II) in subparagraph (G), by striking ''the fiscal year 1989 and each fiscal year thereafter;'' and inserting ''each of the fiscal years 1989 through 1995, or''; and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (G), the following new subparagraph:

''(H) $3,150,000 with respect to fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter;''; and

(iv) in paragraph (3)—

(I) in subparagraph (F), by striking ''or'';

(II) in subparagraph (G), by striking ''the fiscal year 1989 and each fiscal year thereafter.'' and inserting ''each of the fiscal years 1989 through 1995, or''; and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (G), the following new subparagraph:

''(H) $4,275,000 with respect to fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter.''; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking ''(exclusive of any amounts'' and all that follows through ''section 403(k) applies)''.

(g) AMENDMENT TO TITLE XIV.—Section 1402(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. 1352(a)(7)) is amended by striking ''aid to families with dependent children under the State plan approved under section 402 of this Act'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV''.

(h) AMENDMENT TO TITLE XVI AS IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRITORIES.—Section 1602(a)(11), as in effect without regard to the amendment made by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 1382 note), is amended by striking ''aid under the State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(i) AMENDMENT TO TITLE XVI AS IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO THE STATES.—Section 1611(c)(5)(A) (42 U.S.C. 1382(c)(5)(A)) is amended to read as follows: ''(A) a State program funded under part A of title IV,''.

SEC. 107. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977 AND RELATED PROVISIONS.

(a) Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of subsection (a), by striking ''plan approved'' and all that follows through ''title IV of the Social Security Act'' and inserting ''program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995'';

(2) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) by striking ''assistance to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''; and

(B) by striking paragraph (13) and redesignating paragraphs (14), (15), and (16) as paragraphs (13), (14), and (15), respectively;

(3) in subsection (j), by striking ''plan approved under part A of title IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)'' and inserting ''program funded under part A of title IV of the Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''.

(b) Section 6 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(5), by striking ''the State plan approved'' and inserting ''the State program funded'';

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''benefits under a State program funded''; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon the following: ''that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a household may not receive benefits under this Act as a result of the household's eligibility under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), unless the Secretary determines that any household with income above 130 percent of the poverty guidelines is not eligible for the program.''.

(c) Section 16(g)(4) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2025(g)(4)) is amended by striking ''State plans under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program under'' and inserting ''State programs funded under part A of''.

(d) Section 17 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking ''to aid to families with dependent children under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act'' and inserting ''or are receiving assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)''; and

(2) in subsection (b)(3), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(I) The Secretary may not grant a waiver under this paragraph on or after October 1, 1995. Any reference in this paragraph to a provision of title IV of the Social Security Act shall be deemed to be a reference to such provision as in effect on September 30, 1995.'';

(e) Section 20 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2029) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(B) by striking ''operating—'' and all that follows through ''(ii) any other'' and inserting ''operating any''; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking ''(b)(1) A household'' and inserting ''(b) A household''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''training program'' and inserting ''activity'';

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (F) as paragraphs (1) through (6), respectively.

(f) Section 5(h)(1) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–186; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''the program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''the State program funded''.

(g) Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(C)(ii)(II)—

(i) by striking ''program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''State program funded''; and

(ii) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ''that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''; and

(B) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

(I) by striking ''an AFDC assistance unit (under the aid to families with dependent children program authorized'' and inserting ''a family (under the State program funded''; and

(II) by striking '', in a State'' and all that follows through ''9902(2)))'' and inserting ''that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''; and

(2) in subsection (d)(2)(C)—

(A) by striking ''program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''State program funded''; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ''that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995''.

(h) Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(2)(A)(ii)(II)—

(A) by striking ''program for aid to families with dependent children established'' and inserting ''State program funded''; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon the following: ''that the Secretary determines complies with standards established by the Secretary that ensure that the standards under the State program are comparable to or more restrictive than those in effect on June 1, 1995'';

(2) in subsection (e)(4)(A), by striking ''program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''State program funded''; and

(3) in subsection (f)(1)(C)(iii), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children,'' and inserting ''State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and with the''.

SEC. 108. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.

(a) Subsection (b) of section 508 of the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1976 (Public Law 94–566; 90 Stat. 2689) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) PROVISION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—For purposes of section 455 of the Social Security Act, expenses incurred to reimburse State employment offices for furnishing information requested of such offices—

''(1) pursuant to the third sentence of section 3(a) of the Act entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment of a national employment system and for cooperation with the States in the promotion of such system, and for other purposes', approved June 6, 1933 (29 U.S.C. 49b(a)), or

''(2) by a State or local agency charged with the duty of carrying a State plan for child support approved under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act,

shall be considered to constitute expenses incurred in the administration of such State plan.''.

(b) Section 9121 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 602 note) is repealed.

(c) Section 9122 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 602 note) is repealed.

(d) Section 221 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 (42 U.S.C. 602 note), relating to treatment under AFDC of certain rental payments for federally assisted housing, is repealed.

(e) Section 159 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 602 note) is repealed.

(f) Section 202(d) of the Social Security Amendments of 1967 (81 Stat. 882; 42 U.S.C. 602 note) is repealed.

(g) Section 903 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 11381 note), relating to demonstration projects to reduce number of AFDC families in welfare hotels, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children in the State under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance in the State under a State program funded''.

(h) The Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 404C(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 1070a–23(c)(3)), by striking ''(Aid to Families with Dependent Children)''; and

(2) in section 480(b)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(b)(2)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded''.

(i) The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 231(d)(3)(A)(ii) (20 U.S.C. 2341(d)(3)(A)(ii)), by striking ''the program for aid to dependent children'' and inserting ''the State program funded'';

(2) in section 232(b)(2)(B) (20 U.S.C. 2341a(b)(2)(B)), by striking ''the program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''the State program funded''; and

(3) in section 521(14)(B)(iii) (20 U.S.C. 2471(14)(B)(iii)), by striking ''the program for aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''the State program funded''.

(j) The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 1113(a)(5) (20 U.S.C. 6313(a)(5)), by striking ''Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program'' and inserting ''State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act'';

(2) in section 1124(c)(5) (20 U.S.C. 6333(c)(5)), by striking ''the program of aid to families with dependent children under a State plan approved under'' and inserting ''a State program funded under part A of''; and

(3) in section 5203(b)(2) (20 U.S.C. 7233(b)(2))—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(xi), by striking ''Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(viii), by striking ''Aid to Families with Dependent Children'' and inserting ''assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act''.

(k) Chapter VII of title I of Public Law 99–88 (25 U.S.C. 13d–1) is amended to read as follows: ''*Provided further*, That general assistance payments made by the Bureau of Indian Affairs shall be made—

''(1) after April 29, 1985, and before October 1, 1995, on the basis of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) standards of need; and

''(2) on and after October 1, 1995, on the basis of standards of need established under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act,

except that where a State ratably reduces its AFDC or State program payments, the Bureau shall reduce general assistance payments in such State by the same percentage as the State has reduced the AFDC or State program payment.''.

(l) The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 51(d)(9) (26 U.S.C. 51(d)(9)), by striking all that follows ''agency as'' and inserting ''being eligible for financial assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act and as having continually received such financial assistance during the 90-day period which immediately precedes the date on which such individual is hired by the employer.'';

(2) in section 3304(a)(16) (26 U.S.C. 3304(a)(16)), by striking ''eligibility for aid or services,'' and all that follows through ''children approved'' and inserting ''eligibility for assistance, or the amount of such assistance, under a State program funded'';

(3) in section 6103(*l*)(7)(D)(i) (26 U.S.C. 6103(*l*)(7)(D)(i)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children provided under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''a State program funded'';

(4) in section 6334(a)(11)(A) (26 U.S.C. 6334(a)(11)(A)), by striking ''(relating to aid to families with dependent children)''; and

(5) in section 7523(b)(3)(C) (26 U.S.C. 7523(b)(3)(C)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act''.

(m) Section 3(b) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49b(b)) is amended by striking ''State plan approved under part A of title IV'' and inserting ''State program funded under part A of title IV''.

(n) The Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 4(29)(A)(i) (29 U.S.C. 1503(29)(A)(i)), by striking ''(42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)'';

(2) in section 106(b)(6)(C) (29 U.S.C. 1516(b)(6)(C)), by striking ''State aid to families with dependent children records,'' and inserting ''records collected under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act,'';

(3) in section 121(b)(2) (29 U.S.C. 1531(b)(2))—

(A) by striking ''the JOBS program'' and inserting ''the work activities required under title IV of the Social Security Act''; and

(B) by striking the second sentence;

(4) in section 123(c) (29 U.S.C. 1533(c))—

(A) in paragraph (1)(E), by repealing clause (vi); and

(B) in paragraph (2)(D), by repealing clause (v);

(5) in section 203(b)(3) (29 U.S.C. 1603(b)(3)), by striking '', including recipients under the JOBS program'';

(6) in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 204(a)(1) (29 U.S.C. 1604(a)(1) (A) and (B)), by striking ''(such as the JOBS program)'' each place it appears;

(7) in section 205(a) (29 U.S.C. 1605(a)), by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

''(4) the portions of title IV of the Social Security Act relating to work activities;'';

(8) in section 253 (29 U.S.C. 1632)—

(A) in subsection (b)(2), by repealing subparagraph (C); and

(B) in paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B) of subsection (c), by striking ''the JOBS program or'' each place it appears;

(9) in section 264 (29 U.S.C. 1644)—

(A) in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(1), by striking ''(such as the JOBS program)'' each place it appears; and

(B) in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (d)(3), by striking ''and the JOBS program'' each place it appears;

(10) in section 265(b) (29 U.S.C. 1645(b)), by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

''(6) the portion of title IV of the Social Security Act relating to work activities;'';

(11) in the second sentence of section 429(e) (29 U.S.C. 1699(e)), by striking ''and shall be in an amount that does not exceed the maximum amount that may be provided by the State pursuant to section 402(g)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602(g)(1)(C))'';

(12) in section 454(c) (29 U.S.C. 1734(c)), by striking ''JOBS and'';

(13) in section 455(b) (29 U.S.C. 1735(b)), by striking ''the JOBS program,'';

(14) in section 501(1) (29 U.S.C. 1791(1)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)'' and inserting ''assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act'';

(15) in section 506(1)(A) (29 U.S.C. 1791e(1)(A)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under the State program funded'';

(16) in section 508(a)(2)(A) (29 U.S.C. 1791g(a)(2)(A)), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under the State program funded''; and

(17) in section 701(b)(2)(A) (29 U.S.C. 1792(b)(2)(A))—

(A) in clause (v), by striking the semicolon and inserting ''; and''; and

(B) by striking clause (vi).

(o) Section 3803(c)(2)(C)(iv) of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(iv) assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act''.

(p) Section 2605(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended to read as follows:

''(i) assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;''.

(q) Section 303(f)(2) of the Family Support Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 602 note) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(A)''; and

(2) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C).

(r) The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.)) is amended—

(1) in section 255(h) (2 U.S.C. 905(h), by striking ''Aid to families with dependent children (75–0412–0–1–609);'' and inserting

''Block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families;''; and

(2) in section 256 (2 U.S.C. 906)—

(A) by striking subsection (k); and

(B) by redesignating subsection (*l*) as subsection (k).

(s) The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 210(f) (8 U.S.C. 1160(f)), by striking ''aid under a State plan approved under'' each place it appears and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under'';

(2) in section 245A(h) (8 U.S.C. 1255a(h))—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)(i), by striking ''program of aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''State program of assistance''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking ''aid to families with dependent children'' and inserting ''assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act''; and

(3) in section 412(e)(4) (8 U.S.C. 1522(e)(4)), by striking ''State plan approved'' and inserting ''State program funded''.

(t) Section 640(a)(4)(B)(i) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)(4)(B)(i)) is amended by striking ''program of aid to families with dependent children under a State plan approved'' and inserting ''State program of assistance funded''.

(u) Section 9 of the Act of April 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 47, chapter 92; 25 U.S.C. 639) is repealed.

(v) Subparagraph (E) of section 213(d)(6) of the School-To-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6143(d)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

''(E) part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) relating to work activities;''.

SEC. 109. STUDY OF EFFECT OF WELFARE REFORM ON GRANDPARENTS AS PRIMARY CAREGIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereafter in this section referred to as the ''Secretary'') shall conduct a study evaluating the impact of amendments made by this Act on grandparents who have assumed the responsibility of providing care to their grandchildren. In such study, the Secretary shall identify barriers to participation in public programs including inconsistent policies, standards, and definitions used by programs and agencies in the administration of medicaid, assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, child support enforcement, and foster care programs on grandparents who have assumed the care-giving role for children whose natural parents are unable to provide care.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 1997, the Secretary shall submit a report setting forth the findings of the study described in subsection (a) to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate. The report shall include such recommendations for administrative or legislative changes as the Secretary considers appropriate.

SEC. 110. DISCLOSURE OF RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever an organization that accepts Federal funds under this Act or the amendments made by this Act makes any communication that in any way intends to promote public support or opposition to any policy of a Federal, State, or local government through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, or any other type of general public advertising, such communication shall state the following: ''This was prepared and paid for by an organization that accepts taxpayer dollars.''.

(b) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an organization makes any communication described in subsection (a) and fails to provide the statement required by that subsection, such organization shall be ineligible to receive Federal funds under this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ''organization'' means an organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—This section shall take effect—

(1) with respect to printed communications 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) with respect to any other communication on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 111. SECRETARIAL SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation, as appropriate, with the heads of other Federal agencies, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a legislative proposal providing for such technical and conforming amendments in the law as are required by the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 112. EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION RULE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this title, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

(b) TRANSITION RULE.—

(1) STATE OPTION TO CONTINUE AFDC PROGRAM.—

(A) 9-MONTH EXTENSION.—A State may continue a State program under parts A and F of title IV of the Social Security Act, as in effect on September 30, 1995 (for purposes of this paragraph, the ''State AFDC program'') until June 30, 1996.

(B) REDUCTION OF FISCAL YEAR 1996 GRANT.—In the case of any State opting to continue the State AFDC program pursuant to subparagraph (A), the State family assistance grant paid to such State under section 403(a) of the Social Security Act (as added by section 101 and as in effect on and after October 1, 1995) for fiscal year 1996 (after the termination of the State AFDC program) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total Federal payment to such State under section 403 of the Social Security Act (as in effect on September 30, 1995) for such fiscal year.

(2) CLAIMS, ACTIONS, AND PROCEEDINGS.—The amendments made by this title shall not apply with respect to—

(A) powers, duties, functions, rights, claims, penalties, or obligations applicable to aid, assistance, or services provided before the effective date of this title under the provisions amended; and

(B) administrative actions and proceedings commenced before such date, or authorized before such date to be commenced, under such provisions.

(c) SUNSET.—The amendment made by section 101(b) shall be effective only during the 5-year period beginning on October 1, 1995.

TITLE II—SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Subtitle A—Eligibility Restrictions

SEC. 201. DENIAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS BY REASON OF DISABILITY TO DRUG ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(I) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), an individual shall not be considered to be disabled for purposes of this title if alcoholism or drug addiction would (but for this subparagraph) be a contributing factor material to the Commissioner's determination that the individual is disabled.''.

(b) REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) Section 1631(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended to read as follows:

''(II) In the case of an individual eligible for benefits under this title by reason of disability, if such individual also has an alcoholism or drug addiction condition (as determined by the Commissioner of Social Security), the payment of such benefits to a representative payee shall be deemed to serve the interest of the individual. In any case in which such payment is so deemed under this subclause to serve the interest of an individual, the Commissioner shall include, in the individual's notification of such eligibility, a notice that such alcoholism or drug addiction condition accompanies the disability upon which such eligibility is based and that the Commissioner is therefore required to pay the individual's benefits to a representative payee.''.

(2) Section 1631(a)(2)(B)(vii) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(B)(vii)) is amended by striking ''eligible for benefits'' and all that follows through ''is disabled'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)''.

(3) Section 1631(a)(2)(B)(ix)(II) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(B)(ix)(II)) is amended by striking all that follows ''15 years, or'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)''.

(4) Section 1631(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(D)(i)(II)) is amended by striking ''eligible for benefits'' and all that follows through ''is disabled'' and inserting ''described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 1611(e) (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(2) Section 1634 (42 U.S.C. 1383c) is amended by striking subsection (e).

(3) Section 201(c)(1) of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 425 note) is amended—

(A) by striking ''—'' and all that follows through ''(A)'' the 1st place it appears;

(B) by striking ''and'' the 3rd place it appears;

(C) by striking subparagraph (B);

(D) by striking ''either subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B)'' and inserting ''the preceding sentence''; and

(E) by striking ''subparagraph (A) or (B)'' and inserting ''the preceding sentence''.

SEC. 202. LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF NONCITIZENS FOR SSI BENEFITS.

Paragraph (1) of section 1614(a) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking ''either'' and all that follows through '', or'' and inserting ''(I) a citizen; (II) a noncitizen who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act or whose deportation has been withheld under section 243(h) of such Act for a period of not more than 5 years after the date of arrival into the United States; (III) a noncitizen who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of such Act for not more than such 5-year period; (IV) a noncitizen, lawfully present in any State (or any territory or possession of the United States), who is a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage or who is the spouse or unmarried dependent child of such veteran; or (V) a noncitizen who has worked sufficient calendar quarters of coverage to be a fully insured individual for benefits under title II, or''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new flush sentence:

''For purposes of subparagraph (B)(i)(IV), the determination of whether a noncitizen is lawfully present in the United States shall be made in accordance with regulations of the Attorney General. A noncitizen shall not be considered to be lawfully present in the United States for purposes of this title merely because the noncitizen may be considered to be permanently residing in the United States under color of law for purposes of any particular program.''.

SEC. 203. DENIAL OF SSI BENEFITS FOR 10 YEARS TO INDIVIDUALS FOUND TO HAVE FRAUDULENTLY MISREPRESENTED RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN BENEFITS SIMULTANEOUSLY IN 2 OR MORE STATES.

Section 1614(a) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(5) An individual shall not be considered an eligible individual for purposes of this title during the 10-year period beginning on the date the individual is convicted in Federal or State court of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the place of residence of the individual in order to receive assistance simultaneously from 2 or more States under programs that are funded under part A of title IV, title XIX, or the Food Stamp Act of 1977, or benefits in 2 or more States under the supplemental security income program under title XVI.''.

SEC. 204. DENIAL OF SSI BENEFITS FOR FUGITIVE FELONS AND PROBATION AND PAROLE VIOLATORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(e) (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)), as amended by section 201(c)(1), is amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

''(3) A person shall not be an eligible individual or eligible spouse for purposes of this title with respect to any month if during such month the person is—

''(A) fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the person flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the person flees, or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of such State; or

''(B) violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.''.

(b) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.—Section 1631(e) (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

''(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner shall furnish any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, upon the request of the officer, with the current address of any recipient of benefits under this title, if the officer furnishes the agency with the name of the recipient and notifies the agency that—

''(A) the recipient—

''(i) is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, under the laws of the place from which the person flees, for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which the person flees, or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of such State;

''(ii) is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law; or

''(iii) has information that is necessary for the officer to conduct the officer's official duties; and

''(B) the location or apprehension of the recipient is within the officer's official duties.''.

SEC. 205. EFFECTIVE DATES; APPLICATION TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS.

(a) SECTIONS 201 AND 202.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the amendments made by sections 201 and 202 shall apply to applicants for benefits for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to whether regulations have been issued to implement such amendments.

(2) APPLICATION TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—

(A) APPLICATION AND NOTICE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of an individual who is receiving supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act and whose eligibility for such benefits would terminate by reason of the amendments made by section 201 or 202, such amendments shall apply with respect to the benefits of such individual for months beginning on or after January 1, 1997, and the Commissioner of Social Security shall so notify the individual not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) REAPPLICATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each individual notified pursuant to subparagraph (A) who desires to reapply for benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act, as amended by this title, shall reapply to the Commissioner of Social Security.

(ii) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall determine the eligibility of each individual who reapplies for benefits under clause (i) pursuant to the procedures of such title.

(3) ADDITIONAL APPLICATION OF PAYEE REPRESENTATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—The amendments made by section 201(b) shall also apply—

(A) in the case of any individual who is receiving supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act, on and after the date of such individual's first continuing disability review occurring after such date of enactment, and

(B) in the case of any individual who receives supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act and has attained age 65, in such manner as determined appropriate by the Commissioner of Social Security.

(b) OTHER AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by sections 203 and 204 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—Benefits for Disabled Children

SEC. 211. DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY RULES.

(a) DEFINITION OF CHILDHOOD DISABILITY.—Section 1614(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)), as amended by section 201(a), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''An individual'' and inserting ''Except as provided in subparagraph (C), an individual'';

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''(or, in the case of an individual under the age of 18, if he suffers from any medically determinable physical or mental impairment of comparable severity)'';

(3) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through (I) as subparagraphs (D) through (J), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

''(C) An individual under the age of 18 shall be considered disabled for the purposes of this title if that individual has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment, which results in marked and severe functional limitations, and which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.''; and

(5) in subparagraph (F), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking ''(D)'' and inserting ''(E)''.

(b) CHANGES TO CHILDHOOD SSI REGULATIONS.—

(1) MODIFICATION TO MEDICAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall modify sections 112.00C.2. and 112.02B.2.c.(2) of appendix 1 to subpart P of part 404 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, to eliminate references to maladaptive behavior in the domain of personal/behavorial function.

(2) DISCONTINUANCE OF INDIVIDUALIZED FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall discontinue the individualized functional assessment for children set forth in sections 416.924d and 416.924e of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE; REGULATIONS; APPLICATION TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to applicants for benefits for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to whether regulations have been issued to implement such amendments.

(2) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall issue such regulations as the Commissioner determines to be necessary to implement the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) APPLICATION TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—

(A) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall redetermine the eligibility of any individual under age 18 who is receiving supplemental security income benefits based on a disability under title XVI of the Social Security Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act and whose eligibility for such benefits may terminate by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) or (b). With respect to any redetermination under this subparagraph—

(i) section 1614(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(4)) shall not apply;

(ii) the Commissioner of Social Security shall apply the eligibility criteria for new applicants for benefits under title XVI of such Act;

(iii) the Commissioner shall give such redetermination priority over all continuing eligibility reviews and other reviews under such title; and

(iv) such redetermination shall be counted as a review or redetermination otherwise required to be made under section 208 of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994 or any other provision of title XVI of the Social Security Act.

(B) GRANDFATHER PROVISION.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b), and the redetermination under subparagraph (A), shall only apply with respect to the benefits of an individual described in subparagraph (A) for months beginning on or after January 1, 1997.

(C) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall notify an individual described in subparagraph (A) of the provisions of this paragraph.

SEC. 212. ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATIONS AND CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEWS.

(a) CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEWS RELATING TO CERTAIN CHILDREN.—Section 1614(a)(3)(H) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(H)), as redesignated by section 211(a)(3), is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(i)'' after ''(H)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(ii)(I) Not less frequently than once every 3 years, the Commissioner shall review in accordance with paragraph (4) the continued eligibility for benefits under this title of each individual who has not attained 18 years of age and is eligible for such benefits by reason of an impairment (or combination of impairments) which may improve (or, which is unlikely to improve, at the option of the Commissioner).

''(II) A parent or guardian of a recipient whose case is reviewed under this clause shall present, at the time of review, evidence demonstrating that the recipient is, and has been, receiving treatment, to the extent considered medically necessary and available, of the condition which was the basis for providing benefits under this title.''.

(b) DISABILITY ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATIONS REQUIRED FOR SSI RECIPIENTS WHO ATTAIN 18 YEARS OF AGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(3)(H) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(H)), as amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iii) If an individual is eligible for benefits under this title by reason of disability for the month preceding the month in which the individual attains the age of 18 years, the Commissioner shall redetermine such eligibility—

''(I) during the 1-year period beginning on the individual's 18th birthday; and

''(II) by applying the criteria used in determining the initial eligibility for applicants who have attained the age of 18 years.

With respect to a redetermination under this clause, paragraph (4) shall not apply and such redetermination shall be considered a substitute for a review or redetermination otherwise required under any other provision of this subparagraph during that 1-year period.''.

(2) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 207 of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1382 note; 108 Stat. 1516) is hereby repealed.

(c) CONTINUING DISABILITY REVIEW REQUIRED FOR LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES.—Section 1614(a)(3)(H) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(H)), as amended by subsections (a) and (b), is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iv)(I) Not later than 12 months after the birth of an individual, the Commissioner shall review in accordance with paragraph (4) the continuing eligibility for benefits under this title by reason of disability of such individual whose low birth weight is a contributing factor material to the Commissioner's determination that the individual is disabled.

''(II) A review under subclause (I) shall be considered a substitute for a review otherwise required under any other provision of this subparagraph during that 12-month period.

''(III) A parent or guardian of a recipient whose case is reviewed under this clause shall present, at the time of review, evidence demonstrating that the recipient is, and has been, receiving treatment, to the extent considered medically necessary and available, of the condition which was the basis for providing benefits under this title.''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to whether regulations have been issued to implement such amendments.

SEC. 213. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) TIGHTENING OF REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) CLARIFICATION OF ROLE.—Section 1631(a)(2)(B)(ii) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking ''and'' at the end of subclause (II), by striking the period at the end of subclause (IV) and inserting ''; and'', and by adding after subclause (IV) the following new subclause:

''(V) advise such person through the notice of award of benefits, and at such other times as the Commissioner of Social Security deems appropriate, of specific examples of appropriate expenditures of benefits under this title and the proper role of a representative payee.''.

(2) DOCUMENTATION OF EXPENDITURES REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C)(i) of section 1631(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(C)(i) In any case where payment is made to a representative payee of an individual or spouse, the Commissioner of Social Security shall—

''(I) require such representative payee to document expenditures and keep contemporaneous records of transactions made using such payment; and

''(II) implement statistically valid procedures for reviewing a sample of such contemporaneous records in order to identify instances in which such representative payee is not properly using such payment.''.

(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO PARENT PAYEES.—Clause (ii) of section 1631(a)(2)(C) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(C)) is amended by striking ''Clause (i)'' and inserting ''Subclauses (II) and (III) of clause (i)''.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to benefits paid after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) DEDICATED SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1631(a)(2)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(xiv) Notwithstanding clause (x), the Commissioner of Social Security may, at the request of the representative payee, pay any lump sum payment for the benefit of a child into a dedicated savings account that could only be used to purchase for such child—

''(I) education and job skills training;

''(II) special equipment or housing modifications or both specifically related to, and required by the nature of, the child's disability; and

''(III) appropriate therapy and rehabilitation.''.

(2) DISREGARD OF TRUST FUNDS.—Section 1613(a) (42 U.S.C. 1382b) is amended—

(A) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (9),

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (10) the first place it appears and inserting a semicolon,

(C) by redesignating paragraph (10) the second place it appears as paragraph (11) and striking the period at the end of such paragraph and inserting ''; and'', and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (11), as so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

''(12) all amounts deposited in, or interest credited to, a dedicated savings account described in section 1631(a)(2)(B)(xiv).''.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to payments made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—Studies Regarding Supplemental Security Income Program

SEC. 221. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM.

Title XVI is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 1636. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRAM.

''(a) DESCRIPTION OF REPORT.—Not later than May 30 of each year, the Commissioner of Social Security shall prepare and deliver a report annually to the President and the Congress regarding the program under this title, including—

''(1) a comprehensive description of the program;

''(2) historical and current data on allowances and denials, including number of applications and allowance rates at initial determinations, reconsiderations, administrative law judge hearings, council of appeals hearings, and Federal court appeal hearings;

''(3) historical and current data on characteristics of recipients and program costs, by recipient group (aged, blind, work disabled adults, and children);

''(4) projections of future number of recipients and program costs, through at least 25 years;

''(5) number of redeterminations and continuing disability reviews, and the outcomes of such redeterminations and reviews;

''(6) data on the utilization of work incentives;

''(7) detailed information on administrative and other program operation costs;

''(8) summaries of relevant research undertaken by the Social Security Administration, or by other researchers;

''(9) State supplementation program operations;

''(10) a historical summary of statutory changes to this title; and

''(11) such other information as the Commissioner deems useful.

''(b) VIEWS OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Each member of the Social Security Advisory Council shall be permitted to provide an individual report, or a joint report if agreed, of views of the program under this title, to be included in the annual report under this section.''.

SEC. 222. IMPROVEMENTS TO DISABILITY EVALUATION.

(a) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall issue a request for comments in the Federal Register regarding improvements to the disability evaluation and determination procedures for individuals under age 18 to ensure the comprehensive assessment of such individuals, including—

(A) additions to conditions which should be presumptively disabling at birth or ages 0 through 3 years;

(B) specific changes in individual listings in the Listing of Impairments set forth in appendix 1 of subpart P of part 404 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations;

(C) improvements in regulations regarding determinations based on regulations providing for medical and functional equivalence to such Listing of Impairments, and consideration of multiple impairments; and

(D) any other changes to the disability determination procedures.

(2) REVIEW AND REGULATORY ACTION.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall promptly review such comments and issue any regulations implementing any necessary changes not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 223. STUDY OF DISABILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and from funds otherwise appropriated, the Commissioner of Social Security shall make arrangements with the National Academy of Sciences, or other independent entity, to conduct a study of the disability determination process under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act. This study shall be undertaken in consultation with professionals representing appropriate disciplines.

(b) STUDY COMPONENTS.—The study described in subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an initial phase examining the appropriateness of, and making recommendations regarding—

(A) the definitions of disability in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and the advantages and disadvantages of alternative definitions; and

(B) the operation of the disability determination process, including the appropriate method of performing comprehensive assessments of individuals under age 18 with physical and mental impairments;

(2) a second phase, which may be concurrent with the initial phase, examining the validity, reliability, and consistency with current scientific knowledge of the standards and individual listings in the Listing of Impairments set forth in appendix 1 of subpart P of part 404 of title 20, Code of Federal Regulations, and of related evaluation procedures as promulgated by the Commissioner of Social Security; and

(3) such other issues as the applicable entity considers appropriate.

(c) REPORTS AND REGULATIONS.—

(1) REPORTS.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall request the applicable entity, to submit an interim report and a final report of the findings and recommendations resulting from the study described in this section to the President and the Congress not later than 18 months and 24 months, respectively, from the date of the contract for such study, and such additional reports as the Commissioner deems appropriate after consultation with the applicable entity.

(2) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall review both the interim and final reports, and shall issue regulations implementing any necessary changes following each report.

SEC. 224. STUDY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

Not later than January 1, 1998, the Comptroller General of the United States shall study and report on the impact of the amendments made by, and the provisions of, this title on the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

Subtitle D—National Commission on the Future of Disability

SEC. 231. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established a commission to be known as the National Commission on the Future of Disability (referred to in this subtitle as the ''Commission''), the expenses of which shall be paid from funds otherwise appropriated for the Social Security Administration.

SEC. 232. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall develop and carry out a comprehensive study of all matters related to the nature, purpose, and adequacy of all Federal programs serving individuals with disabilities. In particular, the Commission shall study the disability insurance program under title II of the Social Security Act and the supplemental security income program under title XVI of such Act.

(b) MATTERS STUDIED.—The Commission shall prepare an inventory of Federal programs serving individuals with disabilities, and shall examine—

(1) trends and projections regarding the size and characteristics of the population of individuals with disabilities, and the implications of such analyses for program planning;

(2) the feasibility and design of performance standards for the Nation's disability programs;

(3) the adequacy of Federal efforts in rehabilitation research and training, and opportunities to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through all manners of scientific and engineering research; and

(4) the adequacy of policy research available to the Federal Government, and what actions might be undertaken to improve the quality and scope of such research.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Commission shall submit to the appropriate committees of the Congress and to the President recommendations and, as appropriate, proposals for legislation, regarding—

(1) which (if any) Federal disability programs should be eliminated or augmented;

(2) what new Federal disability programs (if any) should be established;

(3) the suitability of the organization and location of disability programs within the Federal Government;

(4) other actions the Federal Government should take to prevent disabilities and disadvantages associated with disabilities; and

(5) such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate.

SEC. 233. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of 15 members, of whom—

(A) five shall be appointed by the President, of whom not more than 3 shall be of the same major political party;

(B) three shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(C) two shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(D) three shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(E) two shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(2) REPRESENTATION.—The Commission members shall be chosen based on their education, training, or experience. In appointing individuals as members of the Commission, the President and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall seek to ensure that the membership of the Commission reflects the diversity of individuals with disabilities in the United States.

(b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall serve on the Commission as an ex officio member of the Commission to advise and oversee the methodology and approach of the study of the Commission.

(c) PROHIBITION AGAINST OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.—No officer or employee of any government shall be appointed under subsection (a).

(d) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT; TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. The members shall serve on the Commission for the life of the Commission.

(e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall locate its headquarters in the District of Columbia, and shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, but not less than 4 times each year during the life of the Commission.

(f) QUORUM.—Ten members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(g) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—Not later than 15 days after the members of the Commission are appointed, such members shall designate a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the members of the Commission.

(h) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If a member of the Commission becomes an officer or employee of any government after appointment to the Commission, the individual may continue as a member until a successor member is appointed.

(i) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made not later than 30 days after the Commission is given notice of the vacancy.

(j) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission shall receive no additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of their service on the Commission.

(k) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Commission shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 234. STAFF AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

(a) DIRECTOR.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—Upon consultation with the members of the Commission, the Chairperson shall appoint a Director of the Commission.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be paid the rate of basic pay for level V of the Executive Schedule.

(b) STAFF.—With the approval of the Commission, the Director may appoint such personnel as the Director considers appropriate.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.—The staff of the Commission shall be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(d) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—With the approval of the Commission, the Director may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

(e) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon the request of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of such agency to the Commission to assist in carrying out the duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

(f) OTHER RESOURCES.—The Commission shall have reasonable access to materials, resources, statistical data, and other information from the Library of Congress and agencies and elected representatives of the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government. The Chairperson of the Commission shall make requests for such access in writing when necessary.

(g) PHYSICAL FACILITIES.—The Administrator of the General Services Administration shall locate suitable office space for the operation of the Commission. The facilities shall serve as the headquarters of the Commission and shall include all necessary equipment and incidentals required for proper functioning of the Commission.

SEC. 235. POWERS OF COMMISSION.

(a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may conduct public hearings or forums at the discretion of the Commission, at any time and place the Commission is able to secure facilities and witnesses, for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

(b) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—Any member or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action the Commission is authorized to take by this section.

(c) INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal agency information necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this subtitle. Upon request of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Commission, the head of a Federal agency shall furnish the information to the Commission to the extent permitted by law.

(d) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.—The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or devises of services or property, both real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Commission. Gifts, bequests, or devises of money

and proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be available for disbursement upon order of the Commission.

(e) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other Federal agencies.

SEC. 236. REPORTS.

(a) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 1 year prior to the date on which the Commission terminates pursuant to section 237, the Commission shall submit an interim report to the President and to the Congress. The interim report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with the Commission's recommendations for legislative and administrative action, based on the activities of the Commission.

(b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than the date on which the Commission terminates, the Commission shall submit to the Congress and to the President a final report containing—

(1) a detailed statement of final findings, conclusions, and recommendations; and

(2) an assessment of the extent to which recommendations of the Commission included in the interim report under subsection (a) have been implemented.

(c) PRINTING AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION.—Upon receipt of each report of the Commission under this section, the President shall—

(1) order the report to be printed; and

(2) make the report available to the public upon request.

SEC. 237. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date on which the members of the Commission have met and designated a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Subtitle E—State Supplementation Programs

SEC. 241. REPEAL OF MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO OPTIONAL STATE PROGRAMS FOR SUPPLEMENTATION OF SSI BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1618 (42 U.S.C. 1382g) is repealed.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The repeal made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to calendar quarters beginning after September 30, 1995.

TITLE III—FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Subtitle A—Food Stamp Reform

SEC. 301. CERTIFICATION PERIOD.

Section 3(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(c)) is amended by striking ''Except as provided'' and all that follows and inserting the following: ''The certification period shall not exceed 12 months, except that the certification period may be up to 24 months if all adult household members are elderly, disabled, or primarily self-employed. A State agency shall have at least 1 personal contact with each certified household every 12 months.''.

SEC. 302. TREATMENT OF CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME.

The second sentence of section 3(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(i)) is amended by striking ''(who are not themselves parents living with their children or married and living with their spouses)''.

SEC. 303. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SEPARATE HOUSEHOLD DETERMINATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(i)) is amended by inserting after the third sentence the following: ''Notwithstanding the preceding sentences, a State may establish criteria that prescribe when individuals who live together, and who would be allowed to participate as separate households under the preceding sentences, shall be considered a single household, without regard to the common purchase of food and preparation of meals.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second sentence of section 5(a) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2014(a)) is amended by striking ''the third sentence of section 3(i)'' and inserting ''the fourth sentence of section 3(i)''.

SEC. 304. ADJUSTMENT OF THRIFTY FOOD PLAN.

The second sentence of section 3(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(o)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''shall (1) make'' and inserting the following: ''shall—

''(1) make'';

(2) by striking ''scale, (2) make'' and inserting ''scale;

''(2) make'';

(3) by striking ''Alaska, (3) make'' and inserting the following: ''Alaska;

''(3) make''; and

(4) by striking ''Columbia, (4) through'' and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting the following: ''Columbia; and

''(4) on October 1, 1995, and each October 1 thereafter, adjust the cost of the diet to reflect the cost of the diet, in the preceding June, and round the result to the nearest lower dollar increment for each household size, except that on October 1, 1995, the Secretary may not reduce the cost of the diet in effect on September 30, 1995.''.

SEC. 305. DEFINITION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.

Section 3(s)(2)(C) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(s)(2)(C)) is amended by inserting ''for not more than 90 days'' after ''temporary accommodation''.

SEC. 306. STATE OPTIONS IN REGULATIONS.

Section 5(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended by striking ''(b) The Secretary'' and inserting the following:

''(b) UNIFORM STANDARDS.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Secretary''.

SEC. 307. EARNINGS OF STUDENTS.

Section 5(d)(7) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)(7)) is amended by striking ''21'' and inserting ''19''.

SEC. 308. ENERGY ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (11); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (12) through (15) as paragraphs (11) through (14), respectively.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 5(k) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2014(k)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''plan for aid to families with dependent children approved'' and inserting ''program funded''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking '', not including energy or utility-cost assistance,''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (C); and

(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (H) as subparagraphs (C) through (G), respectively;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(4) THIRD PARTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

''(A) ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—For purposes of subsection (d)(1), a payment made under a Federal or State law to provide energy assistance to a household shall be considered money payable directly to the household.

''(B) ENERGY ASSISTANCE EXPENSES.—For purposes of subsection (e)(7), an expense paid on behalf of a household under a Federal or State law to provide energy assistance shall be considered an out-of-pocket expense incurred and paid by the household.''.

(2) Section 2605(f) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''(f)(1) Notwithstanding'' and inserting ''(f) Notwithstanding'';

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking ''food stamps,''; and

(C) by striking paragraph (2).

SEC. 309. DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

''(e) DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME.—

''(1) STANDARD DEDUCTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow a standard deduction for each household in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States of—

''(i) for fiscal year 1995, $134, $229, $189, $269, and $118, respectively;

''(ii) for fiscal year 1996, $132, $225, $186, $265, and $116, respectively;

''(iii) for fiscal year 1997, $130, $222, $183, $261, and $114, respectively;

''(iv) for fiscal year 1998, $128, $218, $180, $257, and $112, respectively;

''(v) for fiscal year 1999, $126, $215, $177, $252, and $111, respectively; and

''(vi) for fiscal year 2000, $124, $211, $174, $248, and $109, respectively.

''(B) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—On October 1, 2000, and each October 1 thereafter, the Secretary shall adjust the standard deduction to the nearest lower dollar increment to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for items other than food, for the 12-month period ending the preceding June 30.

''(2) EARNED INCOME DEDUCTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a household with earned income shall be allowed a deduction of 20 percent of all earned income (other than income excluded by subsection (d)), to compensate for taxes, other mandatory deductions from salary, and work expenses.

''(B) EXCEPTION.—The deduction described in subparagraph (A) shall not be allowed with respect to determining an overissuance due to the failure of a household to report earned income in a timely manner.

''(3) DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A household shall be entitled, with respect to expenses (other than excluded expenses described in subparagraph (B)) for dependent care, to a dependent care deduction, the maximum allowable level of which shall be $200 per month for each dependent child under 2 years of age and $175 per month for each other dependent, for the actual cost of payments necessary for the care of a dependent if the care enables a household member to accept or continue employment, or training or education that is preparatory for employment.

''(B) EXCLUDED EXPENSES.—The excluded expenses referred to in subparagraph (A) are—

''(i) expenses paid on behalf of the household by a third party;

''(ii) amounts made available and excluded for the expenses referred to in subparagraph (A) under subsection (d)(3); and

''(iii) expenses that are paid under section 6(d)(4).

''(4) DEDUCTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A household shall be entitled to a deduction for child support payments made by a household member to or for

an individual who is not a member of the household if the household member is legally obligated to make the payments.

''(B) METHODS FOR DETERMINING AMOUNT.—The Secretary may prescribe by regulation the methods, including calculation on a retrospective basis, that a State agency shall use to determine the amount of the deduction for child support payments.

''(5) HOMELESS SHELTER DEDUCTION.—A State agency may develop a standard homeless shelter deduction, which shall not exceed $139 per month, for such expenses as may reasonably be expected to be incurred by households in which all members are homeless individuals but are not receiving free shelter throughout the month. A State agency that develops the deduction may use the deduction in determining eligibility and allotments for the households, except that the State agency may prohibit the use of the deduction for households with extremely low shelter costs.

''(6) EXCESS MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A household containing an elderly or disabled member shall be entitled, with respect to expenses other than expenses paid on behalf of the household by a third party, to an excess medical expense deduction for the portion of the actual costs of allowable medical expenses, incurred by the elderly or disabled member, exclusive of special diets, that exceeds $35 per month.

''(B) METHOD OF CLAIMING DEDUCTION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—A State agency shall offer an eligible household under subparagraph (A) a method of claiming a deduction for recurring medical expenses that are initially verified under the excess medical expense deduction in lieu of submitting information or verification on actual expenses on a monthly basis.

''(ii) METHOD.—The method described in clause (i) shall—

''(I) be designed to minimize the burden for the eligible elderly or disabled household member choosing to deduct the recurrent medical expenses of the member pursuant to the method;

''(II) rely on reasonable estimates of the expected medical expenses of the member for the certification period (including changes that can be reasonably anticipated based on available information about the medical condition of the member, public or private medical insurance coverage, and the current verified medical expenses incurred by the member); and

''(III) not require further reporting or verification of a change in medical expenses if such a change has been anticipated for the certification period.

''(7) EXCESS SHELTER EXPENSE DEDUCTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A household shall be entitled, with respect to expenses other than expenses paid on behalf of the household by a third party, to an excess shelter expense deduction to the extent that the monthly amount expended by a household for shelter exceeds an amount equal to 50 percent of monthly household income after all other applicable deductions have been allowed.

''(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DEDUCTION.—

''(i) PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.—In the case of a household that does not contain an elderly or disabled individual, during the 15-month period ending September 30, 1995, the excess shelter expense deduction shall not exceed—

''(I) in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, $231 per month; and

''(II) in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States, $402, $330, $280, and $171 per month, respectively.

''(ii) AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.—In the case of a household that does not contain an elderly or disabled individual, during the 15-month period ending December 31, 1996, the excess shelter expense deduction shall not exceed—

''(I) in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, $247 per month; and

''(II) in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States, $429, $353, $300, and $182 per month, respectively.

''(C) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—In computing the excess shelter expense deduction, a State agency may use a standard utility allowance in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary, except that a State agency may use an allowance that does not fluctuate within a year to reflect seasonal variations.

''(ii) RESTRICTIONS ON HEATING AND COOLING EXPENSES.—An allowance for a heating or cooling expense may not be used in the case of a household that—

''(I) does not incur a heating or cooling expense, as the case may be;

''(II) does incur a heating or cooling expense but is located in a public housing unit that has central utility meters and charges households, with regard to the expense, only for excess utility costs; or

''(III) shares the expense with, and lives with, another individual not participating in the food stamp program, another household participating in the food stamp program, or both, unless the allowance is prorated between the household and the other individual, household, or both.

''(iii) MANDATORY ALLOWANCE.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may make the use of a standard utility allowance mandatory for all households with qualifying utility costs if—

''(aa) the State agency has developed 1 or more standards that include the cost of heating and cooling and 1 or more standards that do not include the cost of heating and cooling; and

''(bb) the Secretary finds that the standards will not result in an increased cost to the Secretary.

''(II) HOUSEHOLD ELECTION.—A State agency that has not made the use of a standard utility allowance mandatory under subclause (I) shall allow a household to switch, at the end of a certification period, between the standard utility allowance and a deduction based on the actual utility costs of the household.

''(iv) AVAILABILITY OF ALLOWANCE TO RECIPIENTS OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II), if a State agency elects to use a standard utility allowance that reflects heating or cooling costs, the standard utility allowance shall be made available to households receiving a payment, or on behalf of which a payment is made, under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) or other similar energy assistance program, if the household still incurs out-of-pocket heating or cooling expenses in excess of any assistance paid on behalf of the household to an energy provider.

''(II) SEPARATE ALLOWANCE.—A State agency may use a separate standard utility allowance for households on behalf of which a payment described in subclause (I) is made, but may not be required to do so.

''(III) STATES NOT ELECTING TO USE SEPARATE ALLOWANCE.—A State agency that does not elect to use a separate allowance but makes a single standard utility allowance available to households incurring heating or cooling expenses (other than a household described in subclause (I) or (II) of subparagraph (C)(ii)) may not be required to reduce the allowance due to the provision (directly or indirectly) of assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.).

''(IV) PRORATION OF ASSISTANCE.—For the purpose of the food stamp program, assistance provided under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) shall be considered to be prorated over the entire heating or cooling season for which the assistance was provided.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 11(e)(3) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(3)) is amended by striking ''. Under rules prescribed'' and all that follows through ''verifies higher expenses''.

SEC. 310. AMOUNT OF VEHICLE ASSET LIMITATION.

The first sentence of section 5(g)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(g)(2)) is amended by striking ''through September 30, 1995'' and all that follows through ''such date and on'' and inserting ''and shall be adjusted on October 1, 1996, and''.

SEC. 311. BENEFITS FOR ALIENS.

Section 5(i) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(i)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting ''or who executed such an affidavit or similar agreement to enable the individual to lawfully remain in the United States,'' after ''respect to such individual,''; and

(B) by striking ''for a period'' and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting ''until the end of the period ending on the later of the date agreed to in the affidavit or agreement or the date that is 5 years after the date on which the individual was first lawfully admitted into the United States following the execution of the affidavit or agreement.''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking ''of three years after entry into the United States'' and inserting ''determined under paragraph (1)''; and

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''of three years after such alien's entry into the United States'' and inserting ''determined under paragraph (1)''.

SEC. 312. DISQUALIFICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)) is amended by striking ''(d)(1) Unless otherwise exempted by the provisions'' and all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(d) CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.—

''(1) WORK REQUIREMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—No physically and mentally fit individual over the age of 15 and under the age of 60 shall be eligible to participate in the food stamp program if the individual—

''(i) refuses, at the time of application and every 12 months thereafter, to register for employment in a manner prescribed by the Secretary;

''(ii) refuses without good cause to participate in an employment and training program under paragraph (4), to the extent required by the State agency;

''(iii) refuses without good cause to accept an offer of employment, at a site or plant not subject to a strike or lockout at the time of the refusal, at a wage not less than the higher of—

''(I) the applicable Federal or State minimum wage; or

''(II) 80 percent of the wage that would have governed had the minimum hourly rate under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) been applicable to the offer of employment;

''(iv) refuses without good cause to provide a State agency with sufficient information to allow the State agency to determine the employment status or the job availability of the individual;

''(v) voluntarily and without good cause—

''(I) quits a job; or

''(II) reduces work effort and, after the reduction, the individual is working less than 30 hours per week; or

''(vi) fails to comply with section 20.

''(B) HOUSEHOLD INELIGIBILITY.—If an individual who is the head of a household becomes ineligible to participate in the food stamp program under subparagraph (A), the household shall, at the option of the State agency, become ineligible to participate in the food stamp program for a period, determined by the State agency, that does not exceed the lesser of—

''(i) the duration of the ineligibility of the individual determined under subparagraph (C); or

''(ii) 180 days.

''(C) DURATION OF INELIGIBILITY.—

''(i) FIRST VIOLATION.—The first time that an individual becomes ineligible to participate in the food stamp program under subparagraph (A), the individual shall remain ineligible until the later of—

''(I) the date the individual becomes eligible under subparagraph (A);

''(II) the date that is 1 month after the date the individual became ineligible; or

''(III) a date determined by the State agency that is not later than 3 months after the date the individual became ineligible.

''(ii) SECOND VIOLATION.—The second time that an individual becomes ineligible to participate in the food stamp program under subparagraph (A), the individual shall remain ineligible until the later of—

''(I) the date the individual becomes eligible under subparagraph (A);

''(II) the date that is 3 months after the date the individual became ineligible; or

''(III) a date determined by the State agency that is not later than 6 months after the date the individual became ineligible.

''(iii) THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.—The third or subsequent time that an individual becomes ineligible to participate in the food stamp program under subparagraph (A), the individual shall remain ineligible until the later of—

''(I) the date the individual becomes eligible under subparagraph (A);

''(II) the date that is 6 months after the date the individual became ineligible;

''(III) a date determined by the State agency; or

''(IV) at the option of the State agency, permanently.

''(D) ADMINISTRATION.—

''(i) GOOD CAUSE.—The Secretary shall determine the meaning of good cause for the purpose of this paragraph.

''(ii) VOLUNTARY QUIT.—The Secretary shall determine the meaning of voluntarily quitting and reducing work effort for the purpose of this paragraph.

''(iii) DETERMINATION BY STATE AGENCY.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subclause (II) and clauses (i) and (ii), a State agency shall determine—

''(aa) the meaning of any term in subparagraph (A);

''(bb) the procedures for determining whether an individual is in compliance with a requirement under subparagraph (A); and

''(cc) whether an individual is in compliance with a requirement under subparagraph (A).

''(II) NOT LESS RESTRICTIVE.—A State agency may not determine a meaning, procedure, or determination under subclause (I) to be less restrictive than a comparable meaning, procedure, or determination under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

''(iv) STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.—For the purpose of subparagraph (A)(v), an employee of the Federal Government, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, who is dismissed for participating in a strike against the Federal Government, the State, or the political subdivision of the State shall be considered to have voluntarily quit without good cause.

''(v) SELECTING A HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of this paragraph, the State agency shall allow the household to select any adult parent of a child in the household as the head of the household if all adult household members making application under the food stamp program agree to the selection.

''(II) TIME FOR MAKING DESIGNATION.—A household may designate the head of the household under subclause (I) each time the household is certified for participation in the food stamp program, but may not change the designation during a certification period unless there is a change in the composition of the household.

''(vi) CHANGE IN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.—If the head of a household leaves the household during a period in which the household is ineligible to participate in the food stamp program under subparagraph (B)—

''(I) the household shall, if otherwise eligible, become eligible to participate in the food stamp program; and

''(II) if the head of the household becomes the head of another household, the household that becomes headed by the individual shall become ineligible to participate in the food stamp program for the remaining period of ineligibility.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(1) The second sentence of section 17(b)(2) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''6(d)(1)(i)'' and inserting ''6(d)(1)(A)(i)''.

(2) Section 20 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2029) is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

''(f) DISQUALIFICATION.—An individual or a household may become ineligible under section 6(d)(1) to participate in the food stamp program for failing to comply with this section.''.

SEC. 313. CARETAKER EXEMPTION.

Section 6(d)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following: ''(B) a parent or other member of a household with responsibility for the care of (i) a dependent child under the age of 6 or any lower age designated by the State agency that is not under the age of 1, or (ii) an incapacitated person;''.

SEC. 314. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(d)(4) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking ''Not later than April 1, 1987, each'' and inserting ''Each'';

(B) by inserting ''work,'' after ''skills, training,''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following: ''Each component of an employment and training program carried out under this paragraph shall be delivered through the statewide workforce development system established in section 711 of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, unless the component is not available locally through the statewide workforce development system.'';

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking the colon at the end and inserting the following: '', except that the State agency shall retain the option to apply employment requirements prescribed under this subparagraph to a program applicant at the time of application:'';

(B) in clause (i), by striking ''with terms and conditions'' and all that follows through ''time of application''; and

(C) in clause (iv)—

(i) by striking subclauses (I) and (II); and

(ii) by redesignating subclauses (III) and (IV) as subclauses (I) and (II), respectively;

(3) in subparagraph (D)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking ''to which the application'' and all that follows through ''30 days or less'';

(B) in clause (ii), by striking ''but with respect'' and all that follows through ''child care''; and

(C) in clause (iii), by striking '', on the basis of'' and all that follows through ''clause (ii)'' and inserting ''the exemption continues to be valid'';

(4) in subparagraph (E), by striking the third sentence;

(5) in subparagraph (G)—

(A) by striking ''(G)(i) The State'' and inserting ''(G) The State''; and

(B) by striking clause (ii);

(6) in subparagraph (H), by striking ''(H)(i) The Secretary'' and all that follows through ''(ii) Federal funds'' and inserting ''(H) Federal funds'';

(7) in subparagraph (I)(i)(II), by striking '', or was in operation,'' and all that follows through ''Social Security Act'' and inserting the following: ''), except that no such payment or reimbursement shall exceed the applicable local market rate'';

(8)(A) by striking subparagraphs (K) and (L) and inserting the following:

''(K) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the amount of funds a State agency uses to carry out this paragraph (including under subparagraph (I)) for participants who are receiving benefits under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) shall not exceed the amount of funds the State agency used in fiscal year 1995 to carry out this paragraph for participants who were receiving benefits in fiscal year 1995 under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).''; and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (M) and (N) as subparagraphs (L) and (M), respectively; and

(9) in subparagraph (L) (as redesignated by paragraph (8)(B))—

(A) by striking ''(L)(i) The Secretary'' and inserting ''(L) The Secretary''; and

(B) by striking clause (ii).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(1)(C) shall take effect—

(1) in a State described in section 815(b)(1), on July 1, 1997; and

(2) in any other State, on July 1, 1998.

(c) FUNDING.—Section 16(h) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended by striking ''(h)(1)(A) The Secretary'' and all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(h) FUNDING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—

''(A) AMOUNTS.—To carry out employment and training programs, the Secretary shall reserve for allocation to State agencies from funds made available for each fiscal year under section 18(a)(1) the amount of—

''(i) for fiscal year 1996, $77,000,000;

''(ii) for fiscal year 1997, $80,000,000;

''(iii) for fiscal year 1998, $83,000,000;

''(iv) for fiscal year 1999, $86,000,000;

''(v) for fiscal year 2000, $89,000,000;

''(vi) for fiscal year 2001, $92,000,000; and

''(vii) for fiscal year 2002, $95,000,000.

''(B) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate the amounts reserved under subparagraph (A) among the State agencies using a reasonable formula (as determined by the Secretary) that gives consideration to the population in each State affected by section 6(n).

''(C) REALLOCATION.—

''(i) NOTIFICATION.—A State agency shall promptly notify the Secretary if the State agency determines that the State agency will not expend all of the funds allocated to the State agency under subparagraph (B).

''(ii) REALLOCATION.—On notification under clause (i), the Secretary shall reallocate the funds that the State agency will not expend as the Secretary considers appropriate and equitable.

''(D) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) through (C), the Secretary shall ensure that each State agency operating an employment and training program shall receive not less than $50,000 in each fiscal year.''.

(d) REPORTS.—Section 16(h) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5)—

(A) by striking ''(5)(A) The Secretary'' and inserting ''(5) The Secretary''; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(2) by striking paragraph (6).

SEC. 315. COMPARABLE TREATMENT FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) (as added by section 106) as subsection (o); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

''(i) COMPARABLE TREATMENT FOR DISQUALIFICATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—If a disqualification is imposed on a member of a household for a failure of the member to perform an action required under a Federal, State, or local law relating to a welfare or public assistance program, the State agency may impose the same disqualification on the member of the household under the food stamp program.

''(2) APPLICATION AFTER DISQUALIFICATION PERIOD.—A member of a household disqualified under paragraph (1) may, after the disqualification period has expired, apply for benefits under this Act and shall be treated as a new applicant, except that a prior disqualification under subsection (d) shall be considered in determining eligibility.''.

(b) STATE PLAN PROVISIONS.—Section 11(e) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (24), by striking ''and'' at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(26) the guidelines the State agency uses in carrying out section 6(i);''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6(d)(2)(A) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(2)(A)) is amended by striking ''that is comparable to a requirement of paragraph (1)''.

SEC. 316. COOPERATION WITH CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES.

Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) (as amended by section 315) is further amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following:

''(j) CUSTODIAL PARENT'S COOPERATION WITH CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—At the option of a State agency, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), no natural or adoptive parent or other individual (collectively referred to in this subsection as 'the individual') who is living with and exercising parental control over a child under the age of 18 who has an absent parent shall be eligible to participate in the food stamp program unless the individual cooperates with the State agency administering the program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.)—

''(A) in establishing the paternity of the child (if the child is born out of wedlock); and

''(B) in obtaining support for—

''(i) the child; or

''(ii) the individual and the child.

''(2) GOOD CAUSE FOR NONCOOPERATION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the individual if good cause is found for refusing to cooperate, as determined by the State agency in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The standards shall take into consideration circumstances under which cooperation may be against the best interests of the child.

''(3) FEES.—Paragraph (1) shall not require the payment of a fee or other cost for services provided under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).

''(k) NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT'S COOPERATION WITH CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—At the option of a State agency, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a putative or identified non-custodial parent of a child under the age of 18 (referred to in this subsection as 'the individual') shall not be eligible to participate in the food stamp program if the individual refuses to cooperate with the State agency administering the program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.)—

''(A) in establishing the paternity of the child (if the child is born out of wedlock); and

''(B) in providing support for the child.

''(2) REFUSAL TO COOPERATE.—

''(A) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall develop guidelines on what constitutes a refusal to cooperate under paragraph (1).

''(B) PROCEDURES.—The State agency shall develop procedures, using guidelines developed under subparagraph (A), for determining whether an individual is refusing to cooperate under paragraph (1).

''(3) FEES.—Paragraph (1) shall not require the payment of a fee or other cost for services provided under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).

''(4) PRIVACY.—The State agency shall provide safeguards to restrict the use of information collected by a State agency administering the program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) to purposes for which the information is collected.''.

SEC. 317. DISQUALIFICATION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS.

Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) (as amended by section 316) is further amended by inserting after subsection (k) the following:

''(l) DISQUALIFICATION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—At the option of a State agency, except as provided in paragraph (2), no individual shall be eligible to participate in the food stamp program as a member of any household during any month that the individual is delinquent in any payment due under a court order for the support of a child of the individual.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

''(A) a court is allowing the individual to delay payment; or

''(B) the individual is complying with a payment plan approved by a court or the State agency designated under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) to provide support for the child of the individual.''.

SEC. 318. PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATING IN 2 OR MORE STATES.

Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) (as amended by section 317) is further amended by inserting after subsection (l) the following:

''(m) PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATING IN 2 OR MORE STATES.—An individual shall be permanently ineligible to participate in the food stamp program as a member of any household if the individual is found by a State agency to have made, or is convicted in Federal or State court of having made, a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the place of residence of the individual in order to receive benefits simultaneously from 2 or more States under the food stamp program.''.

SEC. 319. WORK REQUIREMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015) (as amended by section 318) is further amended by inserting after subsection (m) the following:

''(n) WORK REQUIREMENT.—

''(1) DEFINITION OF WORK PROGRAM.—In this subsection, the term 'work program' means—

''(A) a program under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.);

''(B) a program under section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296); or

''(C) a program of employment or training operated or supervised by a State or political subdivision of a State that meets standards approved by the Governor of the State, including a program under section 6(d)(4) other than a job search program or a job search training program under clause (i) or (ii) of section 6(d)(4)(B).

''(2) WORK REQUIREMENT.—No individual shall be eligible to participate in the food stamp program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 12-month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 6 months during which the individual did not—

''(A) work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; or

''(B) participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week, as determined by the State agency.

''(3) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (2) shall not apply to an individual if the individual is—

''(A) under 18 or over 50 years of age;

''(B) medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment;

''(C) a parent or other member of a household with responsibility for a dependent child; or

''(D) otherwise exempt under section 6(d)(2).

''(4) WAIVER.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—On the request of a State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of paragraph (2) to any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside—

''(i) has an unemployment rate of over 8 percent; or

''(ii) does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.

''(B) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report the basis for a waiver under subparagraph (A) to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.''.

(b) TRANSITION PROVISION.—Prior to October 1, 1996, the term ''preceding 12-month period'' in section 6(n)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (as amended by subsection (a)) means the preceding period that begins on October 1, 1995.

SEC. 320. ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFERS.

Section 7 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2016) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(j) ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFERS.—

''(1) APPLICABLE LAW.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Disclosures, protections, responsibilities, and remedies established by

the Federal Reserve Board under section 904 of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693b) shall not apply to benefits under this Act delivered through any electronic benefit transfer system.

''(B) DEFINITION OF ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEM.—In this paragraph, the term 'electronic benefit transfer system' means a system under which a governmental entity distributes benefits under this Act or other benefits or payments by establishing accounts to be accessed by recipients of the benefits electronically, including through the use of an automated teller machine, a point-of-sale terminal, or an intelligent benefit card.

''(2) CHARGING FOR ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER CARD REPLACEMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may charge an individual for the cost of replacing a lost or stolen electronic benefit transfer card.

''(B) REDUCING ALLOTMENT.—A State agency may collect a charge imposed under subparagraph (A) by reducing the monthly allotment of the household of which the individual is a member.

''(3) OPTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A State agency may require that an electronic benefit card contain a photograph of 1 or more members of a household.

''(B) OTHER AUTHORIZED USERS.—If a State agency requires a photograph on an electronic benefit card under subparagraph (A), the State agency shall establish procedures to ensure that any other appropriate member of the household or any authorized representative of the household may utilize the card.''.

SEC. 321. MINIMUM BENEFIT.

The proviso in section 8(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) is amended by striking '', and shall be adjusted'' and all that follows through ''$5''.

SEC. 322. BENEFITS ON RECERTIFICATION.

Section 8(c)(2)(B) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(c)(2)(B)) is amended by striking ''of more than one month''.

SEC. 323. OPTIONAL COMBINED ALLOTMENT FOR EXPEDITED HOUSEHOLDS.

Section 8(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

''(3) OPTIONAL COMBINED ALLOTMENT FOR EXPEDITED HOUSEHOLDS.—A State agency may provide to an eligible household applying after the 15th day of a month, in lieu of the initial allotment of the household and the regular allotment of the household for the following month, an allotment that is the aggregate of the initial allotment and the first regular allotment, which shall be provided in accordance with section 11(e)(3) in the case of a household that is not entitled to expedited service or in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (9) of section 11(e) in the case of a household that is entitled to expedited service.''.

SEC. 324. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER WELFARE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Section 8 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

''(d) REDUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—If the benefits of a household are reduced under a Federal, State, or local law relating to a welfare or public assistance program for the failure to perform an action required under the law or program, for the duration of the reduction—

''(A) the household may not receive an increased allotment as the result of a decrease in the income of the household to the extent that the decrease is the result of the reduction; and

''(B) the State agency may reduce the allotment of the household by not more than 25 percent.

''(2) OPTIONAL METHOD.—In carrying out paragraph (1), a State agency may consider, for the duration of a reduction referred to under paragraph (1), the benefits of the household under a welfare or public assistance program before the reduction as income of the household after the reduction.''.

SEC. 325. ALLOTMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS RESIDING IN INSTITUTIONS.

Section 8 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f) ALLOTMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS RESIDING IN INSTITUTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual who resides in a homeless shelter, or in an institution or center for the purpose of a drug or alcoholic treatment program, described in the last sentence of section 3(i), a State agency may provide an allotment for the individual to—

''(A) the institution as an authorized representative for the individual for a period that is less than 1 month; and

''(B) the individual, if the individual leaves the institution.

''(2) DIRECT PAYMENT.—A State agency may require an individual referred to in paragraph (1) to designate the shelter, institution, or center in which the individual resides as the authorized representative of the individual for the purpose of receiving an allotment.''.

SEC. 326. OPERATION OF FOOD STAMP OFFICES.

Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2)(A) that the State agency shall establish procedures governing the operation of food stamp offices that the State agency determines best serve households in the State, including households with special needs, such as households with elderly or disabled members, households in rural areas with low-income members, homeless individuals, households residing on reservations, and households in which a substantial number of members speak a language other than English.

''(B) In carrying out subparagraph (A), a State agency—

''(i) shall provide timely, accurate, and fair service to applicants for, and participants in, the food stamp program;

''(ii) shall permit an applicant household to apply to participate in the program on the same day that the household first contacts a food stamp office in person during office hours;

''(iii) shall consider an application filed on the date the applicant submits an application that contains the name, address, and signature of the applicant; and

''(iv) may establish operating procedures that vary for local food stamp offices to reflect regional and local differences within the State;'';

(B) in paragraph (3) (as amended by section 309(b))—

(i) by striking ''shall—'' and all that follows through ''provide each'' and inserting ''shall provide each''; and

(ii) by striking ''(B) assist'' and all that follows through ''representative of the State agency;'';

(C) by striking paragraph (14) and inserting the following:

''(14) the standards and procedures used by the State agency under section 6(d)(1)(D) to determine whether an individual is eligible to participate under section 6(d)(1)(A);''; and

(D) by striking paragraph (25) and inserting the following:

''(25) a description of the work supplementation or support program, if any, carried out by the State agency under section 16(b);''; and

(2) in subsection (i)—

(A) by striking ''(i) Notwithstanding'' and all that follows through ''(2)'' and inserting the following:

''(i) APPLICATION AND DENIAL PROCEDURES.—

''(1) APPLICATION PROCEDURES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,''; and

(B) by striking ''; (3) households'' and all that follows through ''title IV of the Social Security Act. No'' and inserting a period and the following:

''(2) DENIAL AND TERMINATION.—Other than in a case of disqualification as a penalty for failure to comply with a public assistance program rule or regulation, no''.

SEC. 327. STATE EMPLOYEE AND TRAINING STANDARDS.

Section 11(e)(6) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(6)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(A)''; and

(2) by striking subparagraphs (B) through (E).

SEC. 328. EXCHANGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION.

Section 11(e) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)) (as amended by section 315(b)) is further amended—

(1) in paragraph (8)—

(A) by striking ''that (A) such'' and inserting the following: ''that—

''(A) the'';

(B) by striking ''law, (B) notwithstanding'' and inserting the following: ''law;

''(B) notwithstanding'';

(C) by striking ''Act, and (C) such'' and inserting the following: ''Act;

''(C) the''; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

''(D) notwithstanding any other provision of law, the address, social security number, and, when available, photograph of any member of a household shall be made available, on request, to any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer if the officer furnishes the State agency with the name of the member and notifies the agency that—

''(i) the member—

''(I) is fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, for a crime (or attempt to commit a crime) that, under the law of the place the member is fleeing, is a felony (or, in the case of New Jersey, a high misdemeanor), or is violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law; or

''(II) has information that is necessary for the officer to conduct the official duties of the officer;

''(ii) the location or apprehension of the member is an official duty of the officer; and

''(iii) the request is being made in the proper exercise of the official duties of the officer; and

''(E) the safeguards shall not prevent compliance with paragraph (27);''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(27) that the State agency shall furnish the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the name of, address of, and identifying information on any individual the State agency knows is unlawfully in the United States; and''.

SEC. 329. EXPEDITED COUPON SERVICE.

Section 11(e)(9) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(9)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking ''five days'' and inserting ''7 business days''; and

(B) by inserting ''and'' at the end;

(2) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C);

(3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B); and

(4) in subparagraph (B) (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), by striking '', (B), or (C)''.

SEC. 330. FAIR HEARINGS.

Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(p) WITHDRAWING FAIR HEARING REQUESTS.—A household may withdraw, orally or in writing, a request by the household for a fair hearing under subsection (e)(10). If the withdrawal request is an oral request, the State agency shall provide a written notice to the household confirming the request and providing the household with an opportunity to request a hearing.''.

SEC. 331. INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.

Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) (as amended by section 330) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(q) STATE VERIFICATION OPTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State agency shall not be required to use an income and eligibility verification system established under section 1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7).''.

SEC. 332. COLLECTION OF OVERISSUANCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2022) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) COLLECTION OF OVERISSUANCES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a State agency shall collect any overissuance of coupons issued to a household by—

''(A) reducing the allotment of the household;

''(B) withholding unemployment compensation from a member of the household under subsection (c);

''(C) recovering from Federal pay or a Federal income tax refund under subsection (d); or

''(D) any other means.

''(2) COST EFFECTIVENESS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply if the State agency demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that all of the means referred to in paragraph (1) are not cost effective.

''(3) HARDSHIPS.—A State agency may not use an allotment reduction under paragraph (1)(A) as a means of collecting an overissuance from a household if the allotment reduction would cause a hardship on the household, as determined by the State agency.

''(4) MAXIMUM REDUCTION ABSENT FRAUD.—If a household received an overissuance of coupons without any member of the household being found ineligible to participate in the program under section 6(b)(1) and a State agency elects to reduce the allotment of the household under paragraph (1)(A), the State agency shall reduce the monthly allotment of the household under paragraph (1)(A) by the greater of—

''(A) 10 percent of the monthly allotment of the household; or

''(B) $10.

''(5) PROCEDURES.—A State agency shall collect an overissuance of coupons issued to a household under paragraph (1) in accordance with requirements established by the State agency for providing notice, electing a means of payment, and establishing a time schedule for payment.''; and

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking ''as determined under subsection (b) and except for claims arising from an error of the State agency,'' and inserting '', as determined under subsection (b)(1),''; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ''or a Federal income tax refund as authorized by section 3720A of title 31, United States Code''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 11(e)(8) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(8)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and excluding claims'' and all that follows through ''such section''; and

(2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: ''or a Federal income tax refund as authorized by section 3720A of title 31, United States Code''.

SEC. 333. TERMINATION OF FEDERAL MATCH FOR OPTIONAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (8) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 16(g) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2025(g)) is amended by striking ''an amount equal to'' and all that follows through ''1991, of'' and inserting ''the amount provided under subsection (a)(5) for''.

SEC. 334. STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended by striking subsection (b).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The first sentence of section 11(g) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(g)) is amended by striking ''the Secretary's standards for the efficient and effective administration of the program established under section 16(b)(1) or''.

(2) Section 16(c)(1)(B) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)(1)(B)) is amended by striking ''pursuant to subsection (b)''.

SEC. 335. WORK SUPPLEMENTATION OR SUPPORT PROGRAM.

Section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025) (as amended by section 334(a)) is further amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

''(b) WORK SUPPLEMENTATION OR SUPPORT PROGRAM.—

''(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term 'work supplementation or support program' means a program in which, as determined by the Secretary, public assistance (including any benefits provided under a program established by the State and the food stamp program) is provided to an employer to be used for hiring and employing a new employee who is a public assistance recipient.

''(2) PROGRAM.—A State agency may elect to use amounts equal to the allotment that would otherwise be allotted to a household under the food stamp program, but for the operation of this subsection, for the purpose of subsidizing or supporting jobs under a work supplementation or support program established by the State.

''(3) PROCEDURE.—If a State agency makes an election under paragraph (2) and identifies each household that participates in the food stamp program that contains an individual who is participating in the work supplementation or support program—

''(A) the Secretary shall pay to the State agency an amount equal to the value of the allotment that the household would be eligible to receive but for the operation of this subsection;

''(B) the State agency shall expend the amount paid under subparagraph (A) in accordance with the work supplementation or support program in lieu of providing the allotment that the household would receive but for the operation of this subsection;

''(C) for purposes of—

''(i) sections 5 and 8(a), the amount received under this subsection shall be excluded from household income and resources; and

''(ii) section 8(b), the amount received under this subsection shall be considered to be the value of an allotment provided to the household; and

''(D) the household shall not receive an allotment from the State agency for the period during which the member continues to participate in the work supplementation or support program.

''(4) OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS.—No individual shall be excused, by reason of the fact that a State has a work supplementation or support program, from any work requirement under section 6(d), except during the periods in which the individual is employed under the work supplementation or support program.

''(5) MAXIMUM LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION.—A work supplementation or support program may not allow the participation of any individual for longer than 6 months, unless the Secretary approves a longer period.''.

SEC. 336. WAIVER AUTHORITY.

Section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''benefits to eligible households, including'' and inserting the following: ''benefits to eligible households. The Secretary may waive the requirements of this Act to the extent necessary to conduct a pilot or experimental project, including a project designed to test innovative welfare reform, promote work, and allow conformity with other Federal, State, and local government assistance programs, except that a project involving the payment of benefits in the form of cash shall maintain the average value of allotments for affected households as a group. Pilot or experimental projects may include''; and

(2) by striking ''The Secretary may waive'' and all that follows through ''sections 5 and 8 of this Act.''.

SEC. 337. AUTHORIZATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.

The last sentence of section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

SEC. 338. RESPONSE TO WAIVERS.

Section 17(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(C) RESPONSE TO WAIVERS.—

''(i) RESPONSE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of receiving a request for a waiver under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall provide a response that—

''(I) approves the waiver request;

''(II) denies the waiver request and explains any modification needed for approval of the waiver request;

''(III) denies the waiver request and explains the grounds for the denial; or

''(IV) requests clarification of the waiver request.

''(ii) FAILURE TO RESPOND.—If the Secretary does not provide a response under clause (i) not later than 60 days after receiving a request for a waiver, the waiver shall be considered approved.

''(iii) NOTICE OF DENIAL.—On denial of a waiver request under clause (i)(III), the Secretary shall provide a copy of the waiver request and the grounds for the denial to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.''.

SEC. 339. PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES.

Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(m) PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES.—

''(1) ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the other provisions of this subsection, a State may elect to carry out a private sector employment initiative program under this subsection.

''(B) REQUIREMENT.—A State shall be eligible to carry out a private sector employment initiative under this subsection only if not less than 50 percent of the households that received food stamp benefits during the summer of 1993 also received benefits under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) during the summer of 1993.

''(2) PROCEDURE.—A State that has elected to carry out a private sector employment initiative under paragraph (1) may use amounts equal to the food stamp allotments that would otherwise be allotted to a household under the food stamp program, but for the operation of this subsection, to provide cash benefits in lieu of the food stamp allotments to the household if the household is eligible under paragraph (3).

''(3) ELIGIBILITY.—A household shall be eligible to receive cash benefits under paragraph (2) if an adult member of the household—

''(A) has worked in unsubsidized employment in the private sector for not less than the preceding 90 days;

''(B) has earned not less than $350 per month from the employment referred to in subparagraph (A) for not less than the preceding 90 days;

''(C)(i) is eligible to receive benefits under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); or

''(ii) was eligible to receive benefits under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) at the time the member first received cash benefits under this subsection and is no longer eligible for the State program because of earned income;

''(D) is continuing to earn not less than $350 per month from the employment referred to in subparagraph (A); and

''(E) elects to receive cash benefits in lieu of food stamp benefits under this subsection.

''(4) EVALUATION.—A State that operates a program under this subsection for 2 years shall provide to the Secretary a written evaluation of the impact of cash assistance under this subsection. The State agency shall determine the content of the evaluation.''.

SEC. 340. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The first sentence of section 18(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2027(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

SEC. 341. REAUTHORIZATION OF PUERTO RICO NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

The first sentence of section 19(a)(1)(A) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2028(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''$974,000,000'' and all that follows through ''fiscal year 1995'' and inserting the following: ''$1,143,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995 and 1996, $1,182,000,000 for fiscal year 1997, $1,223,000,000 for fiscal year 1998, $1,266,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, $1,310,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, $1,343,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and $1,376,000,000 for fiscal year 2002''

SEC. 342. SIMPLIFIED FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''SEC. 24. SIMPLIFIED FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

''(a) ELECTION.—Subject to subsection (c), a State agency may elect to carry out a Simplified Food Stamp Program (referred to in this section as a 'Program') under this section.

''(b) OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—If a State agency elects to carry out a Program, within the State or a political subdivision of the State—

''(A) a household in which all members receive assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) shall automatically be eligible to participate in the Program; and

''(B) subject to subsection (e), benefits under the Program shall be determined under rules and procedures established by the State under—

''(i) a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

''(ii) the food stamp program (other than section 25); or

''(iii) a combination of a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and the food stamp program.

''(2) SHELTER STANDARD.—The State agency may elect to apply 1 shelter standard to a household that receives a housing subsidy and another shelter standard to a household that does not receive the subsidy.

''(c) APPROVAL OF PROGRAM.—

''(1) STATE PLAN.—A State agency may not operate a Program unless the Secretary approves a State plan for the operation of the Program under paragraph (2).

''(2) APPROVAL OF PLAN.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall approve any State plan to carry out a Program if the Secretary determines that the plan—

''(i) complies with this section; and

''(ii) would not increase Federal costs incurred under this Act.

''(B) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL COSTS.—In this section, the term 'Federal costs' does not include any Federal costs incurred under section 17.

''(d) INCREASED FEDERAL COSTS.—

''(1) DETERMINATION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall determine whether a Program being carried out by a State agency is increasing Federal costs under this Act.

''(B) NO EXCLUDED HOUSEHOLDS.—In making a determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall not require the State agency to collect or report any information on households not included in the Program.

''(C) ALTERNATIVE ACCOUNTING PERIODS.—The Secretary may approve the request of a State agency to apply alternative accounting periods to determine if Federal costs do not exceed the Federal costs had the State agency not elected to carry out the Program.

''(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary determines that the Program has increased Federal costs under this Act for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall notify the State agency not later than January 1 of the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

''(3) RETURN OF FUNDS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that the Program has increased Federal costs under this Act for a 2-year period, including a fiscal year for which notice was given under paragraph (2) and an immediately succeeding fiscal year, the State agency shall pay to the Treasury of the United States the amount of the increased costs.

''(B) ENFORCEMENT.—If the State agency does not pay an amount due under subparagraph (A) on a date that is not later than 90 days after the date of the determination, the Secretary shall reduce amounts otherwise due to the State agency for administrative costs under section 16(a).

''(e) RULES AND PROCEDURES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by paragraph (2), a State may apply—

''(A) the rules and procedures established by the State under—

''(i) the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); or

''(ii) the food stamp program; or

''(B) the rules and procedures of 1 of the programs to certain matters and the rules and procedures of the other program to all remaining matters.

''(2) STANDARDIZED DEDUCTIONS.—The State may standardize the deductions provided under section 5(e). In developing the standardized deduction, the State shall give consideration to the work expenses, dependent care costs, and shelter costs of participating households.

''(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In operating a Program, the State shall comply with—

''(A) subsections (a) through (g) of section 7;

''(B) section 8(a), except that the income of a household may be determined under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

''(C) subsections (b) and (d) of section 8;

''(D) subsections (a), (c), (d), and (n) of section 11;

''(E) paragraph (3) of section 11(e), to the extent that the paragraph requires that an eligible household be certified and receive an allotment for the period of application not later than 30 days after filing an application;

''(F) paragraphs (8), (9), (12), (17), (19), (21), and (27) of section 11(e);

''(G) section 11(e)(10) or a comparable requirement established by the State under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.); and

''(H) section 16.''.

(b) STATE PLAN PROVISIONS.—Section 11(e) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)) (as amended by sections 315(b) and 328) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(28) the plans of the State agency for operating, at the election of the State, a program under section 24, including—

''(A) the rules and procedures to be followed by the State to determine food stamp benefits;

''(B) how the State will address the needs of households that experience high shelter costs in relation to the incomes of the households; and

''(C) a description of the method by which the State will carry out a quality control system under section 16(c).''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 8 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2017) (as amended by section 325) is further amended—

(A) by striking subsection (e); and

(B) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

(2) Section 17 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2026) (as amended by section 339) is further amended—

(A) by striking subsection (i); and

(B) by redesignating subsections (j) through (m) as subsections (i) through (l), respectively.

SEC. 343. OPTIONAL STATE FOOD ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) (as amended by section 342) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''SEC. 25. OPTIONAL STATE FOOD ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT.

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a program to make grants to States in accordance with this section to provide—

''(1) food assistance to needy individuals and families residing in the State;

''(2) at the option of a State, wage subsidies and payments in return for work for needy individuals under the program;

''(3) funds to operate an employment and training program under section (g)(2) for needy individuals under the program; and

''(4) funds for administrative costs incurred in providing the assistance.

''(b) ELECTION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may elect to participate in the program established under subsection (a).

''(2) ELECTION IRREVOCABLE.—A State that elects to participate in the program established under subsection (a) may not subsequently elect to participate in the food stamp program in accordance with any other section of this Act.

''(3) PROGRAM EXCLUSIVE.—A State that is participating in the program established under subsection (a) shall not be subject to, or receive any benefit under, this Act except as provided in this section.

''(c) LEAD AGENCY.—

''(1) DESIGNATION.—A State desiring to receive a grant under this section shall designate, in an application submitted to the Secretary under subsection (d)(1), an appropriate State agency that complies with paragraph (2) to act as the lead agency for the State.

''(2) DUTIES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency shall—

''(i) administer, either directly, through other State agencies, or through local agencies, the assistance received under this section by the State;

''(ii) develop the State plan to be submitted to the Secretary under subsection (d)(1);

''(iii) in conjunction with the development of the State plan, hold at least 1 hearing in the State to provide to the public an opportunity to comment on the program under the State plan; and

''(iv) coordinate the provision of food assistance under this section with other Federal, State, and local programs.

''(B) DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN.—In the development of the State plan described in subparagraph (A)(ii), the lead agency shall consult with local governments and private sector organizations regarding the plan and design of the State plan so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations.

''(d) APPLICATION AND PLAN.—

''(1) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive assistance under this section, a State shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary shall by regulation require, including—

''(A) an assurance that the State will comply with the requirements of this section;

''(B) a State plan that meets the requirements of paragraph (3); and

''(C) an assurance that the State will comply with the requirements of the State plan under paragraph (3).

''(2) ANNUAL PLAN.—The State plan contained in the application under paragraph (1) shall be submitted for approval annually.

''(3) REQUIREMENTS OF PLAN.—

''(A) LEAD AGENCY.—The State plan shall identify the lead agency.

''(B) USE OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.—The State plan shall provide that the State shall use the amounts provided to the State for each fiscal year under this section—

''(i) to provide food assistance to needy individuals and families residing in the State, other than residents of institutions who are ineligible for food stamps under section 3(i);

''(ii) at the option of a State, to provide wage subsidies and workfare under section 20(a) (except that any reference in section 20(a) to an allotment shall be considered a reference to the food assistance or benefits in lieu of food assistance received by an individual or family during a month under this section) for needy individuals and families participating in the program;

''(iii) to administer an employment and training program under section (g)(2) for needy individuals under the program and to provide reimbursements to needy individuals and families as would be allowed under section 16(h)(3); and

''(iv) to pay administrative costs incurred in providing the assistance.

''(C) GROUPS SERVED.—The State plan shall describe how the program will serve specific groups of individuals and families and how the treatment will differ from treatment under the food stamp program under the other sections of this Act of the individuals and families, including—

''(i) elderly individuals and families;

''(ii) migrants or seasonal farmworkers;

''(iii) homeless individuals and families;

''(iv) individuals and families who live under the supervision of institutions (other than incarcerated individuals);

''(v) individuals and families with earnings; and

''(vi) members of Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

''(D) ASSISTANCE FOR ENTIRE STATE.—The State plan shall provide that benefits under this section shall be available throughout the entire State.

''(E) NOTICE AND HEARINGS.—The State plan shall provide that an individual or family who applies for, or receives, assistance under this section shall be provided with notice of, and an opportunity for a hearing on, any action under this section that adversely affects the individual or family.

''(F) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

''(i) COORDINATION.—The State plan may coordinate assistance received under this section with assistance provided under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

''(ii) PENALTIES.—If an individual or family is penalized for violating part A of title IV of the Act, the State plan may reduce the amount of assistance provided under this section or otherwise penalize the individual or family.

''(G) ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS.—The State plan shall assess the food and nutrition needs of needy persons residing in the State.

''(H) ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS.—The State plan shall describe the income and resource eligibility limitations that are established for the receipt of assistance under this section.

''(I) RECEIVING BENEFITS IN MORE THAN 1 JURISDICTION.—The State plan shall establish a system to verify and otherwise ensure that no individual or family shall receive benefits under this section in more than 1 jurisdiction within the State.

''(J) PRIVACY.—The State plan shall provide for safeguarding and restricting the use and disclosure of information about any individual or family receiving assistance under this section.

''(K) OTHER INFORMATION.—The State plan shall contain such other information as may be required by the Secretary.

''(4) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION AND PLAN.—The Secretary shall approve an application and State plan that satisfies the requirements of this section.

''(e) LIMITATIONS ON STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

''(1) NO INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY ENTITLEMENT TO ASSISTANCE.—Nothing in this section—

''(A) entitles any individual or family to assistance under this section; or

''(B) limits the right of a State to impose additional limitations or conditions on assistance under this section.

''(2) CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES.—No funds made available under this section shall be expended for the purchase or improvement of land, or for the purchase, construction, or permanent improvement of any building or facility.

''(f) BENEFITS FOR ALIENS.—

''(1) ELIGIBILITY.—No individual shall be eligible to receive benefits under a State plan approved under subsection (d)(4) if the individual is not eligible to participate in the food stamp program under section 6(f).

''(2) INCOME.—The State plan shall provide that the income of an alien shall be determined in accordance with section 5(i).

''(g) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—

''(1) WORK REQUIREMENTS.—No individual or member of a family shall be eligible to receive benefits under a State plan funded under this section if the individual is not eligible to participate in the food stamp program under subsection (d) or (n) of section 6.

''(2) WORK PROGRAMS.—Each State shall implement an employment and training program under section 6(d)(4) for needy individuals under the program.

''(h) ENFORCEMENT.—

''(1) REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE PLAN.—The Secretary shall review and monitor State compliance with this section and the State plan approved under subsection (d)(4).

''(2) NONCOMPLIANCE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary, after reasonable notice to a State and opportunity for a hearing, finds that—

''(i) there has been a failure by the State to comply substantially with any provision or requirement set forth in the State plan approved under subsection (d)(4); or

''(ii) in the operation of any program or activity for which assistance is provided under this section, there is a failure by the State to comply substantially with any provision of this section;

the Secretary shall notify the State of the finding and that no further payments will be made to the State under this section (or, in the case of noncompliance in the operation of a program or activity, that no further payments to the State will be made with respect to the program or activity) until the Secretary is satisfied that there is no longer any failure to comply or that the noncompliance will be promptly corrected.

''(B) OTHER SANCTIONS.—In the case of a finding of noncompliance made pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Secretary may, in addition to, or in lieu of, imposing the sanctions described in subparagraph (A), impose other appropriate sanctions, including recoupment of money improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this section and disqualification from the receipt of financial assistance under this section.

''(C) NOTICE.—The notice required under subparagraph (A) shall include a specific identification of any additional sanction being imposed under subparagraph (B).

''(3) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish by regulation procedures for—

''(A) receiving, processing, and determining the validity of complaints concerning any failure of a State to comply with the State plan or any requirement of this section; and

''(B) imposing sanctions under this section.

''(4) INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM.—The Secretary may withhold not more than 5 percent of the amount allotted to a State under subsection (l)(2) if the State does not use an income and eligibility verification system established under section 1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7).

''(i) PAYMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall pay to a State that has an application approved by the Secretary under

subsection (d)(4) an amount that is equal to the allotment of the State under subsection (l)(2) for the fiscal year.

''(2) METHOD OF PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall make payments to a State for a fiscal year under this section by issuing 1 or more letters of credit for the fiscal year, with necessary adjustments on account of overpayments or underpayments, as determined by the Secretary.

''(3) SPENDING OF FUNDS BY STATE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), payments to a State from an allotment under subsection (l)(2) for a fiscal year may be expended by the State only in the fiscal year.

''(B) CARRYOVER.—The State may reserve up to 10 percent of an allotment under subsection (l)(2) for a fiscal year to provide assistance under this section in subsequent fiscal years, except that the reserved funds may not exceed 30 percent of the total allotment received under this section for a fiscal year.

''(4) FOOD ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.—In each fiscal year, of the Federal funds expended by a State under this section—

''(A) not less than 80 percent shall be for food assistance; and

''(B) not more than 6 percent shall be for administrative expenses.

''(5) PROVISION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.—A State may provide food assistance under this section in any manner determined appropriate by the State to provide food assistance to needy individuals and families in the State, such as electronic benefits transfer limited to food purchases, coupons limited to food purchases, or direct provision of commodities.

''(6) DEFINITION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.—In this section, the term 'food assistance' means assistance that may be used only to obtain food, as defined in section 3(g).

''(j) AUDITS.—

''(1) REQUIREMENT.—After the close of each fiscal year, a State shall arrange for an audit of the expenditures of the State during the program period from amounts received under this section.

''(2) INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.—An audit under this section shall be conducted by an entity that is independent of any agency administering activities that receive assistance under this section and be in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles.

''(3) PAYMENT ACCURACY.—Each annual audit under this section shall include an audit of payment accuracy under this section that shall be based on a statistically valid sample of the caseload in the State.

''(4) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 30 days after the completion of an audit under this section, the State shall submit a copy of the audit to the legislature of the State and to the Secretary.

''(5) REPAYMENT OF AMOUNTS.—Each State shall repay to the United States any amounts determined through an audit under this section to have not been expended in accordance with this section or to have not been expended in accordance with the State plan, or the Secretary may offset the amounts against any other amount paid to the State under this section.

''(k) NONDISCRIMINATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not provide financial assistance for any program, project, or activity under this section if any person with responsibilities for the operation of the program, project, or activity discriminates with respect to the program, project, or activity because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

''(2) ENFORCEMENT.—The powers, remedies, and procedures set forth in title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) may be used by the Secretary to enforce paragraph (1).

''(l) ALLOTMENTS.—

''(1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term 'State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

''(2) STATE ALLOTMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), from the amounts made available under section 18 of this Act for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot to each State participating in the program established under this section an amount that is equal to the sum of—

''(i) the greater of, as determined by the Secretary—

''(I) the total dollar value of all benefits issued under the food stamp program established under this Act by the State during fiscal year 1994; or

''(II) the average per fiscal year of the total dollar value of all benefits issued under the food stamp program by the State during each of fiscal years 1992 through 1994; and

''(ii) the greater of, as determined by the Secretary—

''(I) the total amount received by the State for administrative costs and the employment and training program under subsections (a) and (h), respectively, of section 16 of this Act for fiscal year 1994; or

''(II) the average per fiscal year of the total amount received by the State for administrative costs and the employment and training program under subsections (a) and (h), respectively, of section 16 of this Act for each of fiscal years 1992 through 1994.

''(B) INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.—If the Secretary finds that the total amount of allotments to which States would otherwise be entitled for a fiscal year under subparagraph (A) will exceed the amount of funds that will be made available to provide the allotments for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce the allotments made to States under this subsection, on a pro rata basis, to the extent necessary to allot under this subsection a total amount that is equal to the funds that will be made available.''.

(b) RESEARCH ON OPTIONAL STATE FOOD ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT.—Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) (as amended by section 339 and 342(c)(2)) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(m) RESEARCH ON OPTIONAL STATE FOOD ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT.—The Secretary may conduct research on the effects and costs of a State program carried out under section 25.''.

SEC. 344. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle shall become effective on October 1, 1995.

Subtitle B—Anti-Fraud and Trafficking

SEC. 351. EXPANDED DEFINITION OF COUPON.

Section 3(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2012(d)) is amended by striking ''or type of certificate'' and inserting ''type of certificate, authorization card, cash or check issued as a coupon, or access device, including an electronic benefits transfer card or a personal identification number,''.

SEC. 352. DOUBLED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING FOOD STAMP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Section 6(b)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking ''six months upon'' and inserting ''1 year on''; and

(2) in clause (ii), by striking ''1 year upon'' and inserting ''2 years on''.

SEC. 353. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AUTHORIZATION PERIODS.

Section 9(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2018(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) AUTHORIZATION PERIODS.—The Secretary is authorized to issue regulations establishing specific time periods during which authorization to accept and redeem coupons under the food stamp program shall be valid.''.

SEC. 354. SPECIFIC PERIOD FOR PROHIBITING PARTICIPATION OF STORES BASED ON LACK OF BUSINESS INTEGRITY.

Section 9(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2018(a)) (as amended by section 353) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(4) PERIODS FOR PARTICIPATION OF STORES AND CONCERNS.—The Secretary may issue regulations establishing specific time periods during which a retail food store or wholesale food concern that has an application for approval to accept and redeem coupons denied, or that has an approval withdrawn, on the basis of business integrity and reputation cannot submit a new application for approval. The periods shall reflect the severity of business integrity infractions that are the basis of the denials or withdrawals.''.

SEC. 355. INFORMATION FOR VERIFYING ELIGIBILITY FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Section 9(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2018(c)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting '', which may include relevant income and sales tax filing documents,'' after ''submit information'' ; and

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following: ''The regulations may require retail food stores and wholesale food concerns to provide written authorization for the Secretary to verify all relevant tax filings with appropriate agencies and to obtain corroborating documentation from other sources so that the accuracy of information provided by the stores and concerns may be verified.''.

SEC. 356. WAITING PERIOD FOR STORES THAT INITIALLY FAIL TO MEET AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA.

Section 9(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2018(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''A retail food store or wholesale food concern that has an application for approval to accept and redeem coupons denied because the store or concern does not meet criteria for approval established by the Secretary by regulation may not submit a new application for 6 months after the date of the denial.''.

SEC. 357. BASES FOR SUSPENSIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS.

Section 12 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2021) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading;

(2) by striking ''SEC. 12 (a) Any'' and inserting the following:

''SEC. 12. CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND DISQUALIFICATION OF RETAIL FOOD STORES AND WHOLESALE FOOD CONCERNS.

''(a) DISQUALIFICATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Any''; and

(3) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

''(2) BASIS.—Regulations issued pursuant to this Act shall provide criteria for the finding of a violation, and the suspension or disqualification of a retail food store or wholesale food concern, on the basis of evidence that may include facts established through on-site investigations, inconsistent redemption data, or evidence obtained through transaction reports under electronic benefits transfer systems.''.

SEC. 358. DISQUALIFICATION OF STORES PENDING JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Section 12(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2021(a)) (as amended by section 357) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) DISQUALIFICATION PENDING REVIEW.—The regulations may establish criteria under which the authorization of a retail food store or wholesale food concern to accept and redeem coupons may be suspended at the time the store or concern is initially found to have committed a violation of a requirement of the food stamp program that would result in a permanent disqualification. The suspension may coincide with the period of a review under section 14. The Secretary shall not be liable for the value of any sales lost during a suspension or disqualification period.''.

(b) REVIEW.—Section 14(a) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2023(a)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking ''disqualified or subjected'' and inserting ''suspended, disqualified, or subjected'';

(2) in the fifth sentence, by inserting before the period at the end the following: '', except that, in the case of the suspension of a retail food store or wholesale food concern under section 12(a)(3), the suspension shall remain in effect pending any judicial or administrative review of the proposed disqualification action, and the period of suspension shall be considered a part of any period of disqualification that is imposed''; and

(3) by striking the last sentence.

SEC. 359. DISQUALIFICATION OF RETAILERS WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED UNDER THE WIC PROGRAM.

Section 12 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2021) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) DISQUALIFICATION OF RETAILERS WHO ARE DISQUALIFIED UNDER THE WIC PROGRAM.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue regulations providing criteria for the disqualification of an approved retail food store and a wholesale food concern that is disqualified from accepting benefits under the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children established under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (7 U.S.C. 1786).

''(2) TERMS.—A disqualification under paragraph (1)—

''(A) shall be for the same period as the disqualification from the program referred to in paragraph (1);

''(B) may begin at a later date than the disqualification from the program referred to in paragraph (1); and

''(C) notwithstanding section 14, shall not be subject to judicial or administrative review.''.

SEC. 360. PERMANENT DEBARMENT OF RETAILERS WHO INTENTIONALLY SUBMIT FALSIFIED APPLICATIONS.

Section 12 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2021) (as amended by section 359) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) FALSIFIED APPLICATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue regulations providing for the permanent disqualification of a retail food store, or wholesale food concern, that knowingly submits an application for approval to accept and redeem coupons that contains false information about a substantive matter that was, or could have been, a basis for approving the application.

''(2) REVIEW.—A disqualification under paragraph (1) shall be subject to judicial and administrative review under section 14, except that the disqualification shall remain in effect pending the review.''.

SEC. 361. EXPANDED CRIMINAL FORFEITURE FOR VIOLATIONS.

(a) FORFEITURE OF ITEMS EXCHANGED IN FOOD STAMP TRAFFICKING.—The first sentence of section 15(g) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2024(g)) is amended by striking ''or intended to be furnished''.

(b) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—Section 15 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 2024)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person convicted of violating subsection (b) or (c) involving food stamp benefits having an aggregate value of not less than $5,000, shall forfeit to the United States—

''(i) any food stamp benefits and any property constituting, or derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the violation; and

''(ii) any food stamp benefits and any property of the person used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of the violation.

''(B) SENTENCE.—In imposing a sentence on a person under subparagraph (A), a court shall order that the person forfeit to the United States all property described in this subsection.

''(C) PROCEDURES.—Any food stamp benefits or property subject to forfeiture under this subsection, any seizure or disposition of the benefits or property, and any administrative or judicial proceeding relating to the benefits or property, shall be governed by subsections (b), (c), (e), and (g) through (p) of section 413 of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. 853), if not inconsistent with this subsection.

''(3) EXCLUDED PROPERTY.—This subsection shall not apply to property referred to in subsection (g).''.

SEC. 362. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle shall become effective on October 1, 1995.

TITLE IV—CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Subtitle A—Reimbursement Rates

SEC. 401. TERMINATION OF ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR LUNCHES SERVED IN HIGH FREE AND REDUCED PRICE PARTICIPATION SCHOOLS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b)(2) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''except that'' and all that follows through ''2 cents more''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on July 1, 1996.

SEC. 402. VALUE OF FOOD ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(e)(1) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(e)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

''(B) ADJUSTMENTS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The value of food assistance for each meal shall be adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a 3-month average value of the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year.

''(ii) ADJUSTMENTS.—Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, in the case of each school year, the Secretary shall—

''(I) base the adjustment made under clause (i) on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for the preceding school year;

''(II) adjust the resulting amount in accordance with clause (i); and

''(III) round the result to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(iii) ADJUSTMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1996.—On January 1, 1996, the Secretary shall adjust the value of food assistance for the remainder of the school year by rounding the previously established value of food assistance to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(iv) ADJUSTMENT FOR 1996–97 SCHOOL YEAR.—In the case of the school year beginning July 1, 1996, the value of food assistance shall be the same as the value of food assistance in effect on June 30, 1996.

''(v) ADJUSTMENT FOR 1997–98 SCHOOL YEAR.—In the case of the school year beginning July 1, 1997, the Secretary shall—

''(I) base the adjustment made under clause (i) on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for the value of food assistance for the school year beginning July 1, 1995;

''(II) adjust the resulting amount to reflect the annual percentage change in a 3-month average value of the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May for the most recent 12-month period for which the data are available; and

''(III) round the result to the nearest lower cent increment.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

SEC. 403. LUNCHES, BREAKFASTS, AND SUPPLEMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(a)(3)(B) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) by designating the second and third sentences as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (D) (as so designated) and inserting the following:

''(D) ROUNDING.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in the case of each school year, the Secretary shall—

''(i) base the adjustment made under this paragraph on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for the preceding school year;

''(ii) adjust the resulting amount in accordance with subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

''(iii) round the result to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(E) ADJUSTMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1996.—On January 1, 1996, the Secretary shall adjust the rates and factor for the remainder of the school year by rounding the previously established rates and factor to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(F) ADJUSTMENT FOR 24-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996.—In the case of the 24-month period beginning July 1, 1996, the national average payment rates for paid lunches, paid breakfasts, and paid supplements shall be the same as the national average payment rate for paid lunches, paid breakfasts, and paid supplements, respectively, for the school year beginning July 1, 1995, rounded to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(G) ADJUSTMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1998.—In the case of the school year beginning July 1, 1998, the Secretary shall—

''(i) base the adjustments made under this paragraph for—

''(I) paid lunches and paid breakfasts on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for paid lunches for the school year beginning July 1, 1995; and

''(II) paid supplements on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for paid supplements for the school year beginning July 1, 1995;

''(ii) adjust each resulting amount in accordance with subparagraph (C); and

''(iii) round each result to the nearest lower cent increment.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

SEC. 404. SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13(b) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(b)(1)'' and all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(b) SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.—

''(1) PAYMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, payments to service institutions shall equal the full cost of food service operations (which cost shall include the costs of obtaining, preparing, and serving food, but shall not include administrative costs).

''(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—Subject to subparagraph (C), payments to any institution under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed—

''(i) $2 for each lunch and supper served;

''(ii) $1.20 for each breakfast served; and

''(iii) 50 cents for each meal supplement served.

''(C) ADJUSTMENTS.—Amounts specified in subparagraph (B) shall be adjusted each January 1 to the nearest lower cent increment in accordance with the changes for the 12-month period ending the preceding November 30 in the series for food away from home of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. Each adjustment shall be based on the unrounded adjustment for the prior 12-month period.'';

(2) in the second sentence of paragraph (3), by striking ''levels determined'' and all that follows through ''this subsection'' and inserting ''level determined by the Secretary''; and

(3) by striking paragraph (4).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

SEC. 405. SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the following:

''(8) ADJUSTMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in the case of each school year, the Secretary shall—

''(i) base the adjustment made under paragraph (7) on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for the preceding school year;

''(ii) adjust the resulting amount in accordance with paragraph (7); and

''(iii) round the result to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(B) ADJUSTMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1996.—On January 1, 1996, the Secretary shall adjust the minimum rate for the remainder of the school year by rounding the previously established minimum rate to the nearest lower cent increment.

''(C) ADJUSTMENT FOR 1996–97 SCHOOL YEAR.—In the case of the school year beginning July 1, 1996, the minimum rate shall be the same as the minimum rate in effect on June 30, 1996.

''(D) ADJUSTMENT FOR 1997–98 SCHOOL YEAR.—In the case of the school year beginning July 1, 1997, the Secretary shall—

''(i) base the adjustment made under paragraph (7) on the amount of the unrounded adjustment for the minimum rate for the school year beginning July 1, 1995;

''(ii) adjust the resulting amount to reflect changes in the Producer Price Index for Fresh Processed Milk published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor for the most recent 12-month period for which the data are available; and

''(iii) round the result to the nearest lower cent increment.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

SEC. 406. FREE AND REDUCED PRICE BREAKFASTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1)(B), by striking '', adjusted to the nearest one-fourth cent'' and inserting ''(as adjusted pursuant to section 11(a) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a))''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)—

(A) by striking ''nearest one-fourth cent'' and inserting ''nearest lower cent increment for the applicable school year''; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: '', and the adjustment required by this clause shall be based on the unrounded adjustment for the preceding school year''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall become effective on July 1, 1996.

SEC. 407. CONFORMING REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAID BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section 4(b)(1)(B) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(B)) is amended by striking ''8.25 cents'' and all that follows through ''Act)'' and inserting ''the same as the national average lunch payment for paid meals established under section 4(b) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753(b))''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on January 1, 1996.

Subtitle B—Grant Programs

SEC. 411. SCHOOL BREAKFAST STARTUP GRANTS.

Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) is amended by striking subsection (g).

SEC. 412. NUTRITION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Section 19(i)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1788(i)(2)(A)) is amended by striking ''$10,000,000'' and inserting ''$7,000,000''.

SEC. 413. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this subtitle shall become effective on October 1, 1996.

Subtitle C—Other Amendments

SEC. 421. FREE AND REDUCED PRICE POLICY STATEMENT.

(a) SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.—Section 9(b)(2) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(D) FREE AND REDUCED PRICE POLICY STATEMENT.—After the initial submission, a school shall not be required to submit a free and reduced price policy statement to a State educational agency under this Act unless there is a substantive change in the free and reduced price policy of the school. A routine change in the policy of a school, such as an annual adjustment of the income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price meals, shall not be sufficient cause for requiring the school to submit a policy statement.''.

(b) SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM.—Section 4(b)(1) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(E) FREE AND REDUCED PRICE POLICY STATEMENT.—After the initial submission, a school shall not be required to submit a free and reduced price policy statement to a State educational agency under this Act unless there is a substantive change in the free and reduced price policy of the school. A routine change in the policy of a school, such as an annual adjustment of the income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price meals, shall not be sufficient cause for requiring the school to submit a policy statement.''.

SEC. 422. SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN.

(a) PERMITTING OFFER VERSUS SERVE.—Section 13(f) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761(f)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''(f) Service'' and inserting the following:

''(f) NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Service''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(2) OFFER VERSUS SERVE.—A school food authority participating as a service institution may permit a child attending a site on school premises operated directly by the authority to refuse not more than 1 item of a meal that the child does not intend to consume. A refusal of an offered food item shall not affect the amount of payments made under this section to a school for the meal.''.

(b) REMOVING MANDATORY NOTICE TO INSTITUTIONS.—Section 13(n)(2) of the Act is amended by striking ''and its plans and schedule'' and inserting ''except that the Secretary may not require a State to submit a plan or schedule''.

SEC. 423. CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM.

(a) PAYMENTS TO SPONSOR EMPLOYEES.—Paragraph (2) of the last sentence of section 17(a) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (B);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(D) in the case of a family or group day care home sponsoring organization that employs more than 1 employee, the organization does not base payments to an employee of the organization on the number of family or group day care homes recruited, managed, or monitored.''.

(b) IMPROVED TARGETING OF DAY CARE HOME REIMBURSEMENTS.—

(1) RESTRUCTURED DAY CARE HOME REIMBURSEMENTS.—Section 17(f)(3) of the Act is amended by striking ''(3)(A) Institutions'' and all that follows through the end of subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

''(3) REIMBURSEMENT OF FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.—

''(A) REIMBURSEMENT FACTOR.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—An institution that participates in the program under this section as a family or group day care home sponsoring organization shall be provided, for payment to a home sponsored by the organization, reimbursement factors in accordance with this subparagraph for the cost of obtaining and preparing food and prescribed labor costs involved in providing meals under this section.

''(ii) TIER I FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOMES.—

''(I) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term 'tier I family or group day care home' means—

''(aa) a family or group day care home that is located in a geographic area, as defined by the Secretary based on census data, in which at least 50 percent of the children residing in the area are members of households whose incomes meet the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals under section 9;

''(bb) a family or group day care home that is located in an area served by a school enrolling elementary students in which at least 50 percent of the total number of children enrolled are certified eligible to receive free or reduced price school meals under this Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.); or

''(cc) a family or group day care home that is operated by a provider whose household meets the income eligibility guidelines for

free or reduced price meals under section 9 and whose income is verified by the sponsoring organization of the home under regulations established by the Secretary.

''(II) REIMBURSEMENT.—Except as provided in subclause (III), a tier I family or group day care home shall be provided reimbursement factors under this clause without a requirement for documentation of the costs described in clause (i), except that reimbursement shall not be provided under this subclause for meals or supplements served to the children of a person acting as a family or group day care home provider unless the children meet the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals under section 9.

''(III) FACTORS.—Except as provided in subclause (IV), the reimbursement factors applied to a home referred to in subclause (II) shall be the factors in effect on the date of enactment of this subclause.

''(IV) ADJUSTMENTS.—The reimbursement factors under this subparagraph shall be adjusted on August 1, 1996, July 1, 1997, and each July 1 thereafter, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for food at home for the most recent 12-month period for which the data are available. The reimbursement factors under this subparagraph shall be rounded to the nearest lower cent increment and based on the unrounded adjustment in effect on June 30 of the preceding school year.

''(iii) TIER II FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOMES.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—

''(aa) FACTORS.—Except as provided in subclause (II), with respect to meals or supplements served under this clause by a family or group day care home that does not meet the criteria set forth in clause (ii)(I), the reimbursement factors shall be $1 for lunches and suppers, 30 cents for breakfasts, and 15 cents for supplements.

''(bb) ADJUSTMENTS.—The factors shall be adjusted on July 1, 1997, and each July 1 thereafter, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for food at home for the most recent 12-month period for which the data are available. The reimbursement factors under this item shall be rounded down to the nearest lower cent increment and based on the unrounded adjustment for the preceding 12-month period.

''(cc) REIMBURSEMENT.—A family or group day care home shall be provided reimbursement factors under this subclause without a requirement for documentation of the costs described in clause (i), except that reimbursement shall not be provided under this subclause for meals or supplements served to the children of a person acting as a family or group day care home provider unless the children meet the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals under section 9.

''(II) OTHER FACTORS.—A family or group day care home that does not meet the criteria set forth in clause (ii)(I) may elect to be provided reimbursement factors determined in accordance with the following requirements:

''(aa) CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS.—In the case of meals or supplements served under this subsection to children who are members of households whose incomes meet the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals under section 9, the family or group day care home shall be provided reimbursement factors set by the Secretary in accordance with clause (ii)(III).

''(bb) INELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—In the case of meals or supplements served under this subsection to children who are members of households whose incomes do not meet the income eligibility guidelines, the family or group day care home shall be provided reimbursement factors in accordance with subclause (I).

''(III) INFORMATION AND DETERMINATIONS.—

''(aa) IN GENERAL.—If a family or group day care home elects to claim the factors described in subclause (II), the family or group day care home sponsoring organization serving the home shall collect the necessary income information, as determined by the Secretary, from any parent or other caretaker to make the determinations specified in subclause (II) and shall make the determinations in accordance with rules prescribed by the Secretary.

''(bb) CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY.—In making a determination under item (aa), a family or group day care home sponsoring organization may consider a child participating in or subsidized under, or a child with a parent participating in or subsidized under, a federally or State supported child care or other benefit program with an income eligibility limit that does not exceed the eligibility standard for free or reduced price meals under section 9 to be a child who is a member of a household whose income meets the income eligibility guidelines under section 9.

''(cc) FACTORS FOR CHILDREN ONLY.—A family or group day care home may elect to receive the reimbursement factors prescribed under clause (ii)(III) solely for the children participating in a program referred to in item (bb) if the home elects not to have income statements collected from parents or other caretakers.

''(IV) SIMPLIFIED MEAL COUNTING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall prescribe simplified meal counting and reporting procedures for use by a family or group day care home that elects to claim the factors under subclause (II) and by a family or group day care home sponsoring organization that sponsors the home. The procedures the Secretary prescribes may include 1 or more of the following:

''(aa) Setting an annual percentage for each home of the number of meals served that are to be reimbursed in accordance with the reimbursement factors prescribed under clause (ii)(III) and an annual percentage of the number of meals served that are to be reimbursed in accordance with the reimbursement factors prescribed under subclause (I), based on the family income of children enrolled in the home in a specified month or other period.

''(bb) Placing a home into 1 of 2 or more reimbursement categories annually based on the percentage of children in the home whose households have incomes that meet the income eligibility guidelines under section 9, with each such reimbursement category carrying a set of reimbursement factors such as the factors prescribed under clause (ii)(III) or subclause (I) or factors established within the range of factors prescribed under clause (ii)(III) and subclause (I).

''(cc) Such other simplified procedures as the Secretary may prescribe.

''(V) MINIMUM VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may establish any necessary minimum verification requirements.''.

(2) GRANTS TO STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOMES.—Section 17(f)(3) of the Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(D) GRANTS TO STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOMES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—

''(I) RESERVATION.—From amounts made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall reserve $5,000,000 of the amount made available for fiscal year 1996.

''(II) PURPOSE.—The Secretary shall use the funds made available under subclause (I) to provide grants to States for the purpose of providing—

''(aa) assistance, including grants, to family and day care home sponsoring organizations and other appropriate organizations, in securing and providing training, materials, automated data processing assistance, and other assistance for the staff of the sponsoring organizations; and

''(bb) training and other assistance to family and group day care homes in the implementation of the amendments to subparagraph (A) made by section 423(b)(1) of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995.

''(ii) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate from the funds reserved under clause (i)(I)—

''(I) $30,000 in base funding to each State; and

''(II) any remaining amount among the States, based on the number of family day care homes participating in the program in a State during fiscal year 1994 as a percentage of the number of all family day care homes participating in the program during fiscal year 1994.

''(iii) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—Of the amount of funds made available to a State for fiscal year 1996 under clause (i), the State may retain not to exceed 30 percent of the amount to carry out this subparagraph.

''(iv) ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS.—Any payments received under this subparagraph shall be in addition to payments that a State receives under subparagraph (A) (as amended by section 423(b)(1) of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995).''.

(3) PROVISION OF DATA.—Section 17(f)(3) of the Act (as amended by paragraph (2)) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(E) PROVISION OF DATA TO FAMILY OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS.—

''(i) CENSUS DATA.—The Secretary shall provide to each State agency administering a child and adult care food program under this section data from the most recent decennial census survey or other appropriate census survey for which the data are available showing which areas in the State meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii)(I)(aa). The State agency shall provide the data to family or group day care home sponsoring organizations located in the State.

''(ii) SCHOOL DATA.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—A State agency administering the school lunch program under this Act or the school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) shall provide data for each elementary school in the State, or shall direct each school within the State to provide data for the school, to approved family or group day care home sponsoring organizations that request the data, on the percentage of enrolled children who are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

''(II) USE OF DATA FROM PRECEDING SCHOOL YEAR.—In determining for a fiscal year or other annual period whether a home qualifies as a tier I family or group day care home under subparagraph (A)(ii)(I), the State agency administering the program under this section, and a family or group day care home sponsoring organization, shall use the most current available data at the time of the determination.

''(iii) DURATION OF DETERMINATION.—For purposes of this section, a determination that a family or group day care home is located in an area that qualifies the home as a tier I family or group day care home (as the term is defined in subparagraph (A)(ii)(I)), shall be in effect for 3 years (unless the determination is made on the basis of census data, in which case the determination shall

remain in effect until more recent census data are available) unless the State agency determines that the area in which the home is located no longer qualifies the home as a tier I family or group day care home.''.

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 17(c) of the Act is amended by inserting ''except as provided in subsection (f)(3),'' after ''For purposes of this section,'' each place it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).

(c) DISALLOWING MEAL CLAIMS.—The fourth sentence of section 17(f)(4) of the Act is amended by inserting ''(including institutions that are not family or group day care home sponsoring organizations)'' after ''institutions''.

(d) ELIMINATION OF STATE PAPERWORK AND OUTREACH BURDEN.—Section 17 of the Act is amended by striking subsection (k) and inserting the following:

''(k) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—A State participating in the program established under this section shall provide sufficient training, technical assistance, and monitoring to facilitate effective operation of the program. The Secretary shall assist the State in developing plans to fulfill the requirements of this subsection.''.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall become effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) IMPROVED TARGETING OF DAY CARE HOME REIMBURSEMENTS.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1), (3), and (4) of subsection (b) shall become effective on August 1, 1996.

SEC. 424. REDUCING REQUIRED REPORTS TO STATE AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS.

Section 19 of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769a) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, the Secretary shall—

''(1) review all reporting requirements under this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) that are in effect, as of the date of enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, for agencies and schools referred to in subsection (a); and

''(2) provide a report to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate that—

''(A) describes the reporting requirements described in paragraph (1) that are required by law;

''(B) makes recommendations concerning the elimination of any requirement described in subparagraph (A) because the contribution of the requirement to program effectiveness is not sufficient to warrant the paperwork burden that is placed on agencies and schools referred to in subsection (a); and

''(C) provides a justification for reporting requirements described in paragraph (1) that are required solely by regulation.''.

Subtitle D—Reauthorization

SEC. 431. COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—The first sentence of section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–86; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING.—Section 5(a)(2) of the Act (Public Law 93–86; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

SEC. 432. EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—The first sentence of section 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (Public Law 98–8; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

(b) PROGRAM TERMINATION.—Section 212 of the Act (Public Law 98–8; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

(c) REQUIRED PURCHASES OF COMMODITIES.—Section 214 of the Act (Public Law 98–8; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking ''1995'' each place it appears and inserting ''2002''.

(d) EXTENSION.—Section 13962 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–66; 107 Stat. 680) is amended by striking ''1994, 1995, and 1996'' each place it appears and inserting ''1994 through 2002''.

SEC. 433. SOUP KITCHENS PROGRAM.

Section 110 of the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–435; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''; and

(2) in subsection (c)(2)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''; and

(B) by striking ''1995'' each place it appears and inserting ''2002''.

SEC. 434. NATIONAL COMMODITY PROCESSING.

The first sentence of section 1114(a)(2)(A) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 1431e(2)(A)) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

SEC. 435. COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM.

Section 5(d)(2) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–86; 7 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by striking ''1995'' and inserting ''2002''.

TITLE V—NONCITIZENS

SEC. 501. STATE OPTION TO PROHIBIT ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A State may, at its option, prohibit the use of any Federal funds received for the provision of assistance under any means-tested public assistance program for any individual who is a noncitizen of the United States.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to—

(1) any individual who is described in subclause (II), (III), (IV), or (V) of section 1614(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(B)(i)); and

(2) any program described in section 502(f)(2).

SEC. 502. DEEMED INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS.

(a) DEEMING REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS.—Subject to subsection (d), for purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual (whether a citizen or national of the United States or an alien) for assistance and the amount of assistance, under any Federal program of assistance provided or funded, in whole or in part, by the Federal Government for which eligibility is based on need, the income and resources described in subsection (b) shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law, be deemed to be the income and resources of such individual.

(b) DEEMED INCOME AND RESOURCES.—The income and resources described in this subsection include the following:

(1) The income and resources of any person who, as a sponsor of such individual's entry into the United States, or in order to enable such individual lawfully to remain in the United States, executed an affidavit of support or similar agreement with respect to such individual.

(2) The income and resources of the sponsor's spouse.

(c) LENGTH OF DEEMING PERIOD.—The requirement of subsection (a) shall apply for the period for which the sponsor has agreed, in such affidavit or agreement, to provide support for such individual, or for a period of 5 years beginning on the date such individual was first lawfully in the United States after the execution of such affidavit or agreement, whichever period is longer.

(d) LIMITATION ON MEASUREMENT OF DEEMED INCOME AND RESOURCES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a determination described in paragraph (2) is made, the amount of income and resources of the sponsor or the sponsor's spouse which shall be attributed to the sponsored individual shall not exceed the amount actually provided, for a period beginning on the date of such determination and lasting 12 months or, if the address of the sponsor is unknown to the sponsored individual on the date of such determination, for 12 months after the address becomes known to the sponsored individual or to the agency (which shall inform such individual within 7 days).

(2) DETERMINATION.—The determination described in this paragraph is a determination by an agency that a sponsored individual would, in the absence of the assistance provided by the agency, be unable to obtain food and shelter, taking into account the individual's own income, plus any cash, food, housing, or other assistance provided by other individuals, including the sponsor.

(e) DEEMING AUTHORITY TO STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, but subject to an exception equivalent to that in subsection (d), the State or local government may, for purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual (whether a citizen or national of the United States or an alien) for assistance, and the amount of assistance, under any State or local program of assistance for which eligibility is based on need, or any need-based program of assistance administered by a State or local government other than a program described in subsection (a), require that the income and resources described in paragraph (2) be deemed to be the income and resources of such individual.

(2) DEEMED INCOME AND RESOURCES.—The income and resources described in this paragraph include the following:

(A) The income and resources of any person who, as a sponsor of such individual's entry into the United States, or in order to enable such individual lawfully to remain in the United States, executed an affidavit of support or similar agreement with respect to such individual.

(B) The income and resources of the sponsor's spouse.

(3) LENGTH OF DEEMED INCOME PERIOD.—Subject to an exception equivalent to subsection (d), a State or local government may impose a requirement described in paragraph (1) for the period for which the sponsor has agreed, in such affidavit or agreement, to provide support for such individual, or for a period of 5 years beginning on the date such individual was first lawfully in the United States after the execution of such affidavit or agreement, whichever period is longer.

(f) APPLICABILITY OF SECTION.—

(1) INDIVIDUALS.—The provisions of this section shall not apply to the eligibility of any individual who is described in subclause (II), (III), (IV), or (V) of section 1614(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(B)(i)).

(2) PROGRAMS.—The provisions of this section shall not apply to eligibility for—

(A) emergency medical services under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);

(B) short-term emergency disaster relief;

(C) assistance or benefits under the National School Lunch Act;

(D) assistance or benefits under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966; and

(E) public health assistance for immunizations with respect to immunizable diseases and for testing and treatment for communicable diseases if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that such testing and treatment is necessary.

(g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 1621 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382j) is repealed.

(2) Section 1614(f)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(f)(3)) is amended by striking ''section 1621'' and inserting ''section 502 of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995''.

SEC. 503. REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT.

(a) ENFORCEABILITY.—No affidavit of support may be relied upon by the Attorney General or by any consular officer to establish that an alien is not excludable as a public charge under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act unless such affidavit is executed as a contract—

(1) which is legally enforceable against the sponsor by the sponsored individual, by the Federal Government, and by any State, district, territory, or possession of the United States (or any subdivision of such State, district, territory, or possession of the United States) which provides any benefit described in clause (1)(A)(ii) of subsection (d), but not later than 10 years after the sponsored individual last receives any such benefit;

(2) in which the sponsor agrees to financially support the sponsored individual, so that he or she will not become a public charge, until the sponsored individual has worked in the United States for 40 qualifying quarters; and

(3) in which the sponsor agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of any Federal or State court for the purpose of actions brought under subsection (d)(2).

(b) FORMS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly formulate the affidavit of support described in this section.

(c) NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The sponsor shall notify the Attorney General and the State, district, territory, or possession in which the sponsored individual is currently resident within 30 days of any change of address of the sponsor during the period specified in subsection (a)(1).

(2) PENALTY.—Any person subject to the requirement of paragraph (1) who fails to satisfy such requirement shall be subject to a civil penalty of—

(A) not less than $250 or more than $2,000, or

(B) if such failure occurs with knowledge that the sponsored individual has received any benefit described in section 241(a)(5)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, not less than $2,000 or more than $5,000.

(d) REIMBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT EXPENSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon notification that a sponsored individual has received any benefit described in paragraph (2), the appropriate Federal, State, or local official shall request reimbursement by the sponsor in the amount of such assistance.

(2) PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.—The programs described in this paragraph include the following:

(A) Assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act.

(B) The medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

(C) The food stamp program under the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

(D) The supplemental security income program under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

(E) Any State general assistance program.

(F) Any other program of assistance funded, in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any State or local government entity, for which eligibility for benefits is based on need, except the programs specified in section 502(f)(2).

(3) REGULATIONS.—The Commissioner of Social Security shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out paragraph (1). Such regulations shall provide for notification to the sponsor by certified mail to the sponsor's last known address.

(4) REIMBURSEMENT.—If within 45 days after requesting reimbursement, the appropriate Federal, State, or local agency has not received a response from the sponsor indicating a willingness to commence payments, an action may be brought against the sponsor pursuant to the affidavit of support.

(5) ACTION IN CASE OF FAILURE.—If the sponsor fails to abide by the repayment terms established by such agency, the agency may, within 60 days of such failure, bring an action against the sponsor pursuant to the affidavit of support.

(6) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No cause of action may be brought under this subsection later than 10 years after the sponsored individual last received any benefit under a program described in paragraph (2).

(e) JURISDICTION.—For purposes of this section, no State court shall decline for lack of jurisdiction to hear any action brought against a sponsor for reimbursement of the cost of any benefit under a program described in subsection (d)(2) if the sponsored individual received public assistance while residing in the State.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term ''sponsor'' means an individual who—

(A) is a United States citizen or national or an alien who is lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence;

(B) is 18 years of age or over;

(C) is domiciled in any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States; and

(D) demonstrates the means to maintain an annual income equal to at least 200 percent of the Federal poverty line for the individual and the individual's family (including the sponsored individual), through evidence that shall include a copy of the individual's Federal income tax returns for his or her most recent two taxable years and a written statement, executed under oath or as permitted under penalty of perjury under section 1746 of title 28, United States Code, that the copies are true copies of such returns; and

(2) the term ''Federal poverty line'' means the level of income equal to the official poverty line (as defined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, as revised by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in accordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, 42 U.S.C. 9902) that is applicable to a family of the size involved.

(3) the term ''qualifying quarter'' means a three-month period in which the sponsored individual has—

(A) earned at least the minimum necessary for the period to count as one of the 40 calendar quarters required to qualify for social security retirement benefits;

(B) not received need-based public assistance; and

(C) had income tax liability for the tax year of which the period was part.

SEC. 504. LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF NONCITIZENS FOR SSI BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 1614(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking ''either'' and all that follows through '', or'' and inserting ''(I) a citizen; (II) a noncitizen who is granted asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act or whose deportation has been withheld under section 243(h) of such Act for a period of not more than 5 years after the date of arrival into the United States; (III) a noncitizen who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of such Act for not more than such 5-year period; (IV) a noncitizen, lawfully present in any State (or any territory or possession of the United States), who is a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage or who is the spouse or unmarried dependent child of such veteran; or (V) a noncitizen who has worked sufficient calendar quarters of coverage to be a fully insured individual for benefits under title II, or''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new flush sentence:

''For purposes of subparagraph (B)(i)(IV), the determination of whether a noncitizen is lawfully present in the United States shall be made in accordance with regulations of the Attorney General. A noncitizen shall not be considered to be lawfully present in the United States for purposes of this title merely because the noncitizen may be considered to be permanently residing in the United States under color of law for purposes of any particular program.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to applicants for benefits for months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to whether regulations have been issued to implement such amendments.

(2) APPLICATION TO CURRENT RECIPIENTS.—

(A) APPLICATION AND NOTICE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of an individual who is receiving supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act and whose eligibility for such benefits would terminate by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a), such amendments shall apply with respect to the benefits of such individual for months beginning on or after January 1, 1997, and the Commissioner of Social Security shall so notify the individual not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) REAPPLICATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each individual notified pursuant to subparagraph (A) who desires to reapply for benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act shall reapply to the Commissioner of Social Security.

(ii) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall determine the eligibility of each individual who reapplies for benefits under clause (i) pursuant to the procedures of such title XVI.

SEC. 505. TREATMENT OF NONCITIZENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a noncitizen who has entered into the United States on or after the date of the enactment of this Act shall not, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of such noncitizen's entry into the

United States, be eligible to receive any benefits under any program of assistance provided, or funded, in whole or in part, by the Federal Government, for which eligibility for benefits is based on need.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to—

(1) any individual who is described in subclause (II), (III), (IV), or (V) of section 1614(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)(B)(i)); and

(2) any program described in section 502(f)(2).

TITLE VI—CHILD CARE

SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Child Care and Development Block Grant Amendments Act of 1995''.

SEC. 602. AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT OF 1990.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 658B of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 658B. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

''There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter $1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2000.''.

(b) LEAD AGENCY.—Section 658D(b) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858b(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''State'' and inserting ''governmental or nongovernmental''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting ''with sufficient time and Statewide distribution of the notice of such hearing,'' after ''hearing in the State''; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the second sentence.

(c) APPLICATION AND PLAN.—Section 658E of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''implemented—'' and all that follows through ''plans.'' and inserting ''implemented during a 2-year period.'';

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in clause (iii) by striking the semicolon and inserting a period; and

(II) by striking ''except'' and all that follows through ''1992.''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (E)—

(I) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following new clause:

''(ii) the State will implement mechanisms to ensure that appropriate payment mechanisms exist so that proper payments under this subchapter will be made to providers within the State and to permit the State to furnish information to such providers.''; and

(II) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: ''In lieu of any licensing and regulatory requirements applicable under State and local law, the Secretary, in consultation with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, shall develop minimum child care standards (that appropriately reflect tribal needs and available resources) that shall be applicable to Indian tribes and tribal organization receiving assistance under this subchapter.''; and

(iii) by striking subparagraphs (H) and (I); and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) in the subparagraph heading, by striking ''AND TO INCREASE'' and all that follows through ''CARE SERVICES'';

(II) by striking ''25 percent'' and inserting ''15 percent''; and

(III) by striking ''and to provide before-'' and all that follows through ''658H)''; and

(ii) by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

''(D) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 5 percent of the aggregate amount of payments received under this subchapter by a State in each fiscal year may be expended for administrative costs incurred by such State to carry out all its functions and duties under this subchapter.''.

(d) SLIDING FEE SCALE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 658E(c)(5) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858c(c)(5)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ''and that ensures a representative distribution of funding among the working poor and recipients of Federal welfare assistance''.

(2) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 658P(4)(B) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n(4)(B)) is amended by striking ''75 percent'' and inserting ''100 percent''.

(e) QUALITY.—Section 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858e) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking ''A State'' and inserting ''(a) IN GENERAL.—A State'';

(B) by striking ''not less than 20 percent of''; and

(C) by striking ''one or more of the following'' and inserting ''carrying out the resource and referral activities described in subsection (b), and for one or more of the activities described in subsection (c).'';

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the period the following: '', including providing comprehensive consumer education to parents and the public, referrals that honor parental choice, and activities designed to improve the quality and availability of child care'';

(3) by striking ''(1) RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAMS.—Operating'' and inserting the following:

''(b) RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAMS.—The activities described in this subsection are operating'';

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively;

(5) by inserting before paragraph (1) (as so redesignated) the following:

''(c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—The activities described in this section are the following:''; and

(6) by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(5) BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.—Increasing the availability of before- and after-school care.

''(6) INFANT CARE.—Increasing the availability of child care for infants under the age of 18 months.

''(7) NONTRADITIONAL WORK HOURS.—Increasing the availability of child care between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

''(d) NONDISCRIMINATION.—With respect to child care providers that comply with applicable State law but which are otherwise not required to be licensed by the State, the State, in carrying out this section, may not discriminate against such a provider if such provider desires to participate in resource and referral activities carried out under subsection (b).''.

(f) REPEAL.—Section 658H of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858f) is repealed.

(g) ENFORCEMENT.—Section 658I(b)(2) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858g(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the matter following clause (ii) of subparagraph (A), by striking ''finding and that'' and all that follows through the period and inserting ''finding and may impose additional program requirements on the State, including a requirement that the State reimburse the Secretary for any funds that were improperly expended for purposes prohibited or not authorized by this subchapter, that the Secretary deduct from the administrative portion of the State allotment for the following fiscal year an amount that is less than or equal to any improperly expended funds, or a combination of such options.''; and

(2) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C).

(h) REPORTS.—Section 658K of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858i) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking ''ANNUAL REPORT'' and inserting ''REPORTS''; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking ''ANNUAL REPORT'' and inserting ''REPORTS'';

(B) by striking ''December 31, 1992, and annually thereafter'' and inserting ''December 31, 1996, and every 2 years thereafter'';

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the semicolon ''and the types of child care programs under which such assistance is provided'';

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(iii) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively;

(D) by striking paragraph (4);

(E) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

(F) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by striking ''and'' at the end thereof;

(G) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by adding ''and'' at the end thereof; and

(H) by inserting after paragraph (5), as so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

''(6) describing the extent and manner to which the resource and referral activities are being carried out by the State;''.

(i) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—Section 658L of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858j) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1993'' and inserting ''1997'';

(2) by striking ''annually'' and inserting ''bi-annually''; and

(3) by striking ''Education and Labor'' and inserting ''Economic and Educational Opportunities''.

(j) ALLOTMENTS.—Section 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858m) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

''(6) CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF FACILITIES.—

''(A) REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS.—An Indian tribe or tribal organization may submit to the Secretary a request to use amounts provided under this subsection for construction or renovation purposes.

''(B) DETERMINATION.—With respect to a request submitted under subparagraph (A), and except as provided in subparagraph (C), upon a determination by the Secretary that adequate facilities are not otherwise available to an Indian tribe or tribal organization to enable such tribe or organization to carry out child care programs in accordance with this subchapter, and that the lack of such facilities will inhibit the operation of such programs in the future, the Secretary may permit the tribe or organization to use assistance provided under this subsection to make payments for the construction or renovation of facilities that will be used to carry out such programs.

''(C) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not permit an Indian tribe or tribal organization to use amounts provided under this subsection for construction or renovation if such use will result in a decrease in the level

of child care services provided by the tribe or organization as compared to the level of such services provided by the tribe or organization in the fiscal year preceding the year for which the determination under subparagraph (A) is being made.

''(D) UNIFORM PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall develop and implement uniform procedures for the solicitation and consideration of requests under this paragraph.''; and

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''Any'' and inserting ''Except as provided in paragraph (4), any''; and

(B) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

''(4) INDIAN TRIBES OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Any portion of a grant or contract made to an Indian tribe or tribal organization under subsection (c) that the Secretary determines is not being used in a manner consistent with the provision of this subchapter in the period for with the grant or contract is made available, shall be reallocated by the Secretary to other tribes or organization that have submitted applications under subsection (c) in proportion to the original allocations to such tribes or organization.''.

(k) DEFINITIONS.—Section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence by inserting ''or as a deposit for child care services if such a deposit is required of other children being cared for by the provider'' after ''child care services''; and

(2) in paragraph (5)(B)—

(A) by inserting ''great grandchild, sibling (if the provider lives in a separate residence),'' after ''grandchild,'';

(B) by striking ''is registered and''; and

(C) by striking ''State'' and inserting ''applicable''.

(l) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FUNDS.—The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 658S the following new section:

''SEC. 658T. TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

''(a) AUTHORITY.—Of the aggregate amount of payments received under this subchapter by a State in each fiscal year, the State may transfer not more than 30 percent for use by the State to carry out the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

''(b) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FUNDS TRANSFERRED.—Funds transferred under subsection (a) to carry out the State program specified in such subsection shall not be subject to the requirements of this subchapter, but shall be subject to the same requirements that apply to Federal funds provided directly under such program.''.

SEC. 603. REPEALS AND TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) STATE DEPENDENT CARE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS ACT.—The State Dependent Care Development Grants Act (42 U.S.C. 9871 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1985.—The Child Development Associate Scholarship Assistance Act of 1985 (42 U.S.C. 10901 et seq.) is repealed.

(c) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.—After consultation with the appropriate committees of the Congress and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to the Congress a legislative proposal in the form of an implementing bill containing technical and conforming amendments to reflect the amendments and repeals made by this title.

(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit the implementing bill referred to under paragraph (1).

TITLE VII—WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES

Subtitle A—General Provisions

SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.

This title and title VIII may be cited as the ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

SEC. 702. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) increasing international competition, technological advances, and structural changes in the United States economy present new challenges to private businesses and public policymakers in creating a skilled workforce with the ability to adapt to change and technological progress;

(2) despite more than 60 years of federally funded employment training programs, the Federal Government has no single, coherent policy guiding employment training efforts;

(3) according to the General Accounting Office, there are over 100 federally funded employment training programs, which are administered by 15 different Federal agencies and cost more than $20,000,000,000 annually;

(4) many of the programs fail to collect enough performance data to determine the relative effectiveness of each of the programs or the effectiveness of the programs as a whole;

(5) because of the fragmentation, duplication, and lack of accountability that currently exist within and among Federal employment training programs it is often difficult for workers, jobseekers, and businesses to easily access the services they need;

(6) high quality, innovative vocational education programs provide youth with skills and knowledge on which to build successful careers and, in providing the skills and knowledge, vocational education serves as the foundation of a successful workforce development system;

(7) in recent years, several States and communities have begun to develop promising new initiatives such as—

(A) school-to-work programs to better integrate youth employment and education programs; and

(B) one-stop systems to make workforce development activities more accessible to workers, jobseekers, and businesses; and

(8) Federal, State, and local governments have failed to adequately allow for private sector leadership in designing workforce development activities that are responsive to local labor market needs.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

(1) to make the United States more competitive in the world economy by eliminating the fragmentation in Federal employment training efforts and creating coherent, integrated statewide workforce development systems designed to develop more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of all segments of the workforce;

(2) to ensure that all segments of the workforce will obtain the skills necessary to earn wages sufficient to maintain the highest quality of living in the world; and

(3) to promote the economic development of each State by developing a skilled workforce that is responsive to the labor market needs of the businesses of each State.

SEC. 703. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this title and title VIII:

(1) ADULT EDUCATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''adult education'' means services or instruction below the college level for adults who—

(i) lack sufficient education or literacy skills to enable the adults to function effectively in society; or

(ii) do not have a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education (as determined under State law) and who have not achieved an equivalent level of education.

(B) ADULT.—As used in subparagraph (A), the term ''adult'' means an individual who is age 16 or older, or beyond the age of compulsory school attendance under State law, and who is not enrolled in secondary school.

(2) APPROPRIATE SECRETARY.—The term ''appropriate Secretary'' means, as determined under section 776(c)—

(A) the Secretary of Labor;

(B) the Secretary of Education; or

(C) the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly.

(3) AREA VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOOL.—The term ''area vocational education school'' means—

(A) a specialized secondary school used exclusively or principally for the provision of vocational education to individuals who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market;

(B) the department of a secondary school exclusively or principally used for providing vocational education in not fewer than 5 different occupational fields to individuals who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market;

(C) a technical institute or vocational school used exclusively or principally for the provision of vocational education to individuals who have completed or left secondary school and who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market, if the institute or school admits as regular students both individuals who have completed secondary school and individuals who have left secondary school; or

(D) the department or division of a junior college, community college, or university that provides vocational education in not fewer than 5 different occupational fields leading to immediate employment but not necessarily leading to a baccalaureate degree, if the department or division admits as regular students both individuals who have completed secondary school and individuals who have left secondary school.

(4) AT-RISK YOUTH.—The term ''at-risk youth'' means an individual who—

(A) is not less than age 15 and not more than age 24; and

(B)(i) is determined under guidelines developed by the Federal Partnership to be low-income, using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the determination; or

(ii) is a dependent of a family that is determined under guidelines developed by the Federal Partnership to be low-income, using such data.

(5) CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL.—The term ''chief elected official'' means the chief elected officer of a unit of general local government in a substate area.

(6) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The term ''community-based organization'' means a private nonprofit organization of demonstrated effectiveness that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community and that provides workforce development activities.

(7) COVERED ACTIVITY.—The term ''covered activity'' means an activity authorized to be carried out under a provision described in section 781(b) (as such provision was in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act).

(8) DISLOCATED WORKER.—The term ''dislocated worker'' means an individual who—

(A) has been terminated from employment and is eligible for unemployment compensation;

(B) has received a notice of termination of employment as a result of any permanent closure, or any layoff of 50 or more people, at a plant, facility, or enterprise, or as a result of a closure or realignment of a military installation;

(C) is long-term unemployed;

(D) was self-employed (including a farmer and a rancher) but is unemployed due to local economic conditions;

(E) is a displaced homemaker; or

(F) has become unemployed as a result of a Federal action that limits the use of, or restricts access to, a marine natural resource.

(9) DISPLACED HOMEMAKER.—The term ''displaced homemaker'' means an individual who was a full-time homemaker for a substantial number of years, as determined under guidelines developed by the Federal Partnership, and who no longer receives financial support previously provided by a spouse or by public assistance.

(10) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—The term ''economic development activities'' means the activities described in section 716(e).

(11) EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY.—The term ''educational service agency'' means a regional public multiservice agency authorized by State statute to develop and manage a service or program, and provide the service or program to a local educational agency.

(12) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY; SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The terms ''elementary school'', ''local educational agency'' and ''secondary school'' have the meanings given the terms in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

(13) FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.—The term ''Federal Partnership'' means the Workforce Development Partnership established in section 771, acting under the direction of the National Board.

(14) FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.—The term ''flexible workforce activities'' means the activities described in section 716(d).

(15) INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''individual with a disability'' means an individual with any disability (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)).

(B) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—The term ''individuals with disabilities'' means more than 1 individual with a disability.

(16) LOCAL ENTITY.—The term ''local entity'' means a public or private entity responsible for local workforce development activities or workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth.

(17) LOCAL PARTNERSHIP.—The term ''local partnership'' means a partnership referred to in section 728(a).

(18) NATIONAL BOARD.—The term ''National Board'' means the National Board of the Federal Partnership.

(19) OLDER WORKER.—The term ''older worker'' means an individual who is age 55 or older and who is determined under guidelines developed by the Federal Partnership to be low-income, using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the determination.

(20) OUTLYING AREA.—The term ''outlying area'' means the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

(21) PARTICIPANT.—The term ''participant'' means an individual participating in workforce development activities or workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth, provided through a statewide system.

(22) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—The term ''postsecondary educational institution'' means an institution of higher education, as defined in section 481(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(a)), that offers—

(A) a 2-year program of instruction leading to an associate's degree or a certificate of mastery; or

(B) a 4-year program of instruction leading to a bachelor's degree.

(23) RAPID RESPONSE ASSISTANCE.—The term ''rapid response assistance'' means workforce employment assistance provided in the case of a permanent closure, or layoff of 50 or more people, at a plant, facility, or enterprise, including the establishment of on-site contact with employers and employee representatives immediately after the State is notified of a current or projected permanent closure, or layoff of 50 or more people.

(24) SCHOOL-TO-WORK ACTIVITIES.—The term ''school-to-work activities'' means activities for youth that—

(A) integrate school-based learning and work-based learning;

(B) integrate academic and occupational learning;

(C) establish effective linkages between secondary education and postsecondary education;

(D) provide each youth participant with the opportunity to complete a career major;

(E) provide assistance in the form of connecting activities that link each youth participant with an employer in an industry or occupation relating to the career major of the youth participant; and

(F) are designed and carried out by local partnerships that include representatives of business and industry, education providers, and the community in which the activities are carried out.

(25) STATE.—The term ''State'' means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(26) STATE BENCHMARKS.—The term ''State benchmarks'', used with respect to a State, means—

(A) the quantifiable indicators established under section 731(c) and identified in the report submitted under section 731(a); and

(B) such other quantifiable indicators of the statewide progress of the State toward meeting the State goals as the State may identify in the report submitted under section 731(a).

(27) STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term ''State educational agency'' means the State board of education or other agency or officer primarily responsible for the State supervision of public elementary or secondary schools, or, if there is no such officer or agency, an officer or agency designated by the Governor or by State law.

(28) STATE GOALS.—The term ''State goals'', used with respect to a State, means—

(A) the goals specified in section 731(b); and

(B) such other major goals of the statewide system of the State as the State may identify in the report submitted under section 731(a).

(29) STATEWIDE SYSTEM.—The term ''statewide system'' means a statewide workforce development system, referred to in section 711, that is designed to integrate workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, flexible workforce activities, economic development activities (in a State that is eligible to carry out such activities), vocational rehabilitation program activities, and workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth in the State in order to enhance and develop more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of all segments of the population of the State and assist participants in obtaining meaningful unsubsidized employment.

(30) SUBSTATE AREA.—The term ''substate area'' means a geographic area designated by a Governor that reflects, to the extent feasible, a local labor market in a State.

(31) TECH-PREP PROGRAM.—The term ''tech-prep program'' means a program of study that—

(A) combines at least 2 years of secondary education (as determined under State law) and 2 years of postsecondary education in a nonduplicative sequence;

(B) integrates academic and vocational instruction and utilizes worksite learning where appropriate;

(C) provides technical preparation in an area such as engineering technology, applied science, a mechanical, industrial, or practical art or trade, agriculture, a health occupation, business, or applied economics;

(D) builds student competence in mathematics, science, communications, economics, and workplace skills, through applied academics and integrated instruction in a coherent sequence of courses;

(E) leads to an associate degree or a certificate in a specific career field; and

(F) leads to placement in appropriate employment or further education.

(32) VETERAN.—The term ''veteran'' has the meaning given the term in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code.

(33) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.—The term ''vocational education'' means organized educational programs that—

(A) offer a sequence of courses that provide individuals with the academic knowledge and skills the individuals need to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging employment sectors; and

(B) include competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, and occupational-specific skills, of an individual.

(34) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM.—The term ''vocational rehabilitation program'' means a program assisted under title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.).

(35) WELFARE ASSISTANCE.—The term ''welfare assistance'' means—

(A) assistance provided under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act; and

(B) assistance provided under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

(36) WELFARE RECIPIENT.—The term ''welfare recipient'' means—

(A) an individual who receives assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act; and

(B) an individual who—

(i) is not an individual described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) receives assistance under the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

(37) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—The term ''workforce development activities'' means workforce education activities, workforce employment activities, flexible workforce activities, and economic development activities (within a State that is eligible to carry out such activities).

(38) WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The term ''workforce education activities'' means the activities described in section 716(b).

(39) WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.—The term ''workforce employment activities'' means the activities described in paragraphs (2) through (8) of section 716(a), including activities described in section 716(a)(6) provided through a voucher described in section 716(a)(9).

(40) WORKFORCE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.—The term ''workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth'' means the activities described in section 759(b), carried out for at-risk youth.

Subtitle B—Statewide Workforce Development Systems

CHAPTER 1—PROVISIONS FOR STATES AND OTHER ENTITIES

SEC. 711. STATEWIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED.

For program year 1998 and each subsequent program year, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make allotments under section 712 to States to assist the States in paying for the cost of establishing and carrying out activities through statewide workforce development systems, in accordance with this subtitle.

SEC. 712. STATE ALLOTMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall allot to each State with a State plan approved under section 714 an amount equal to the total of the amounts made available under subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of subsection (b)(2), adjusted in accordance with subsection (c).

(b) ALLOTMENTS BASED ON POPULATIONS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

(A) ADULT RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE.—The term ''adult recipient of assistance'' means a recipient of assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act who is not a minor child (as defined in section 402(c)(1) of such Act).

(B) INDIVIDUAL IN POVERTY.—The term ''individual in poverty'' means an individual who—

(i) is not less than age 18;

(ii) is not more than age 64; and

(iii) is a member of a family (of 1 or more members) with an income at or below the poverty line.

(C) POVERTY LINE.—The term ''poverty line'' means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) applicable to a family of the size involved, using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made, and applying the definition of poverty used by the Bureau of the Census in compiling the 1990 decennial census.

(2) CALCULATION.—Except as provided in subsection (c), from the amount reserved under section 734(b)(1), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership—

(A) using funds equal to 60 percent of such reserved amount, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the total number of individuals who are not less than 15 and not more than 65 (as determined by the Federal Partnership using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in the State bears to the total number of such individuals in all States;

(B) using funds equal to 10 percent of such reserved amount, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the total number of individuals in poverty in the State bears to the total number of individuals in poverty in all States;

(C) using funds equal to 10 percent of such reserved amount, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the average number of unemployed individuals (as determined by the Secretary of Labor for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in the State bears to the average number of unemployed individuals (as so determined) in all States; and

(D) using funds equal to 20 percent of such reserved amount, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the average monthly number of adult recipients of assistance (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in the State bears to the average monthly number of adult recipients of assistance (as so determined) in all States.

(c) ADJUSTMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection, the term ''national average per capita payment'', used with respect to a program year, means the amount obtained by dividing—

(A) the total amount allotted to all States under this section for the program year; by

(B) the total number of individuals who are not less than 15 and not more than 65 (as determined by the Federal Partnership using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in all States.

(2) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), no State with a State plan approved under section 714 for a program year shall receive an allotment under this section for the program year in an amount that is less than 0.5 percent of the amount reserved under section 734(b)(1) for the program year.

(3) LIMITATION.—No State that receives an increase in an allotment under this section for a program year as a result of the application of paragraph (2) shall receive an allotment under this section for the program year in an amount that is more than the product obtained by multiplying—

(A) the total number of individuals who are not less than 15 and not more than 65 (as determined by the Federal Partnership using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in the State; and

(B) the product obtained by multiplying—

(i) 1.3; and

(ii) the national average per capita payment for the program year.

SEC. 713. STATE APPORTIONMENT BY ACTIVITY.

(a) ACTIVITIES.—From the sum of the funds made available to a State through an allotment received under section 712 and the funds made available under section 901(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(c)(1)(A)) to carry out this title for a program year—

(1) a portion equal to 25 percent of such sum (which portion shall include the amount allotted to the State from funds made available under section 901(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act) shall be made available for workforce employment activities;

(2) a portion equal to 25 percent of such sum shall be made available for workforce education activities; and

(3) a portion (referred to in this title as the ''flex account'') equal to 50 percent of such sum shall be made available for flexible workforce activities.

(b) RECIPIENTS.—In making an allotment under section 712 to a State, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall make a payment—

(1) to the Governor of the State for the portion described in subsection (a)(1), and such part of the flex account as the Governor may be eligible to receive, as determined under the State plan of the State submitted under section 714; and

(2) to the State educational agency of the State for the portion described in subsection (a)(2), and such part of the flex account as the State educational agency may be eligible to receive, as determined under the State plan of the State submitted under section 714.

SEC. 714. STATE PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For a State to be eligible to receive an allotment under section 712, the Governor of the State shall submit to the Federal Partnership, and obtain approval of, a single comprehensive State workforce development plan (referred to in this section as a ''State plan''), outlining a 3-year strategy for the statewide system of the State.

(b) PARTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The State plan shall contain 3 parts.

(2) STRATEGIC PLAN AND FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.—The first part of the State plan shall describe a strategic plan for the statewide system, including the flexible workforce activities, and, if appropriate, economic development activities, that are designed to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks and are to be carried out with the allotment. The Governor shall develop the first part of the State plan, using procedures that are consistent with the procedures described in subsection (d).

(3) WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.—The second part of the State plan shall describe the workforce employment activities that are designed to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks and are to be carried out with the allotment. The Governor shall develop the second part of the State plan.

(4) WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The third part of the State plan shall describe the workforce education activities that are designed to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks and are to be carried out with the allotment. The State educational agency of the State shall develop the third part of the State plan in consultation, where appropriate, with the State postsecondary education agency and with community colleges.

(c) CONTENTS OF THE PLAN.—The State plan shall include—

(1) with respect to the strategic plan for the statewide system—

(A) information describing how the State will identify the current and future workforce development needs of the industry sectors most important to the economic competitiveness of the State;

(B) information describing how the State will identify the current and future workforce development needs of all segments of the population of the State;

(C) information identifying the State goals and State benchmarks and how the goals and benchmarks will make the statewide system relevant and responsive to labor market and education needs at the local level;

(D) information describing how the State will coordinate workforce development activities to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks;

(E) information describing the allocation within the State of the funds made available through the flex account for the State, and how the flexible workforce activities, including school-to-work activities, to be carried out with such funds will be carried out to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks;

(F) information identifying how the State will obtain the active and continuous participation of business, industry, and labor in the development and continuous improvement of the statewide system;

(G) information identifying how any funds that a State receives under this subtitle will be leveraged with other public and private resources to maximize the effectiveness of such resources for all workforce development activities, and expand the participation of business, industry, labor, and individuals in the statewide system;

(H) information identifying how the workforce development activities to be carried out with funds received through the allotment will be coordinated with programs carried out by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service with funds received under title 38, United States Code, in order to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks related to veterans;

(I) information describing how the State will eliminate duplication in the administration and delivery of services under this title;

(J) information describing the process the State will use to independently evaluate and continuously improve the performance of the statewide system, on a yearly basis, including the development of specific performance indicators to measure progress toward meeting the State goals;

(K) an assurance that the funds made available under this subtitle will supplement and not supplant other public funds expended to provide workforce development activities;

(L) information identifying the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to establish common data collection and reporting requirements for workforce development activities and vocational rehabilitation program activities;

(M) with respect to economic development activities, information—

(i) describing the activities to be carried out with the funds made available under this subtitle;

(ii) describing how the activities will lead directly to increased earnings of nonmanagerial employees in the State; and

(iii) describing whether the labor organization, if any, representing the nonmanagerial employees supports the activities;

(N) the description referred to in subsection (d)(1); and

(O)(i) information demonstrating the support of individuals and entities described in subsection (d)(1) for the plan; or

(ii) in a case in which the Governor is unable to obtain the support of such individuals and entities as provided in subsection (d)(2), the comments referred to in subsection (d)(2)(B),

(2) with respect to workforce employment activities, information—

(A)(i) identifying and designating substate areas, including urban and rural areas, to which funds received through the allotment will be distributed, which areas shall, to the extent feasible, reflect local labor market areas; or

(ii) stating that the State will be treated as a substate area for purposes of the application of this subtitle, if the State receives an increase in an allotment under section 712 for a program year as a result of the application of section 712(c)(2); and

(B) describing the basic features of one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2) in the State, including information regarding—

(i) the strategy of the State for developing fully operational one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2);

(ii) the time frame for achieving the strategy;

(iii) the estimated cost for achieving the strategy;

(iv) the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to provide individuals with access to one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2);

(v) the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to provide information through the one-stop delivery to individuals on the quality of workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, and vocational rehabilitation program activities, provided through the statewide system;

(vi) the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to link services provided through the one-stop delivery with services provided through State welfare agencies; and

(vii) in a case in which the State chooses to use vouchers to deliver workforce employment activities, the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to comply with the requirements in section 716(a)(9) and the information required in such section;

(C) identifying performance indicators that relate to the State goals, and to the State benchmarks, concerning workforce employment activities;

(D) describing the workforce employment activities to be carried out with funds received through the allotment;

(E) describing the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to establish a statewide comprehensive labor market information system described in section 773(c) that will be utilized by all the providers of one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2), providers of other workforce employment activities, and providers of workforce education activities, in the State;

(F) describing the steps that the State will take over the 3 years covered by the plan to establish a job placement accountability system described in section 731(d);

(G) describing the process the State will use to approve all providers of workforce employment activities through the statewide system; and

(H)(i) describing the steps that the State will take to segregate the amount allotted to the State from funds made available under section 901(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(c)(1)(A)) from the remainder of the portion described in section 713(a)(1); and

(ii) describing how the State will use the amount allotted to the State from funds made available under such section 901(c)(1)(A) to carry out the required activities described in clauses (ii) through (v) of section 716(a)(2)(B) and section 773;

(3) with respect to workforce education activities, information—

(A) describing how funds received through the allotment will be allocated among—

(i) secondary school vocational education, or postsecondary and adult vocational education, or both; and

(ii) adult education;

(B) identifying performance indicators that relate to the State goals, and to the State benchmarks, concerning workforce education activities;

(C) describing the workforce education activities that will be carried out with funds received through the allotment;

(D) describing how the State will address the adult education needs of the State;

(E) describing how the State will disaggregate data relating to at-risk youth in order to adequately measure the progress of at-risk youth toward accomplishing the results measured by the State goals, and the State benchmarks;

(F) describing how the State will adequately address the needs of both at-risk youth who are in school, and out-of-school youth, in alternative education programs that teach to the same challenging academic, occupational, and skill proficiencies as are provided for in-school youth;

(G) describing how the workforce education activities described in the State plan and the State allocation of funds received through the allotment for such activities are an integral part of comprehensive efforts of the State to improve education for all students and adults;

(H) describing how the State will annually evaluate the effectiveness of the State plan with respect to workforce education activities;

(I) describing how the State will address the professional development needs of the State with respect to workforce education activities;

(J) describing how the State will provide local educational agencies in the State with technical assistance; and

(K) describing how the State will assess the progress of the State in implementing student performance measures.

(d) PROCEDURE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PART OF PLAN RELATING TO STRATEGIC PLAN.—

(1) DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT.—The part of the State plan relating to the strategic plan shall include a description of the manner in which—

(A) the Governor;

(B) the State educational agency;

(C) representatives of business and industry, including representatives of key industry sectors, and of small- and medium-size and large employers, in the State;

(D) representatives of labor and workers;

(E) local elected officials from throughout the State;

(F) the State agency officials responsible for vocational education;

(G) the State agency officials responsible for postsecondary education;

(H) the State agency officials responsible for adult education;

(I) the State agency officials responsible for vocational rehabilitation;

(J) such other State agency officials, including officials responsible for economic development and employment, as the Governor may designate;

(K) the representative of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service assigned to the State under section 4103 of title 38, United States Code; and

(L) other appropriate officials, including members of the State workforce development board described in section 715, if the State has established such a board;

collaborated in the development of such part of the plan.

(2) FAILURE TO OBTAIN SUPPORT.—If, after a reasonable effort, the Governor is unable to obtain the support of the individuals and entities described in paragraph (1) for the strategic plan the Governor shall—

(A) provide such individuals and entities with copies of the strategic plan;

(B) allow such individuals and entities to submit to the Governor, not later than the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date on which the Governor provides such individuals and entities with copies of such plan under subparagraph (A), comments on such plan; and

(C) include any such comments in such plan.

(e) APPROVAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall approve a State plan if—

(1) the Federal Partnership determines that the plan contains the information described in subsection (c);

(2) the Federal Partnership determines that the State has prepared the plan in accordance with the requirements of this section, including the requirements relating to development of any part of the plan; and

(3) the State benchmarks for the State have been negotiated and approved in accordance with section 731(c).

(f) NO ENTITLEMENT TO A SERVICE.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to provide any individual with an entitlement to a service provided under this title.

SEC. 715. STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—A Governor of a State that receives an allotment under section 712 may establish a State workforce development board—

(1) on which a majority of the members are representatives of business and industry;

(2) on which not less than 25 percent of the members shall be representatives of labor, workers, and community-based organizations;

(3) that shall include representatives of veterans;

(4) that shall include a representative of the State educational agency and a representative from the State agency responsible for vocational rehabilitation;

(5) that may include any other individual or entity that participates in the collaboration described in section 714(d)(1); and

(6) that may include any other individual or entity the Governor may designate.

(b) CHAIRPERSON.—The State workforce development board shall select a chairperson from among the members of the board who are representatives of business and industry.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the State workforce development board shall include—

(1) advising the Governor on the development of the statewide system, the State plan described in section 714, and the State goals and State benchmarks;

(2) assisting in the development of specific performance indicators to measure progress toward meeting the State goals and reaching the State benchmarks and providing guidance on how such progress may be improved;

(3) serving as a link between business, industry, labor, and the statewide system;

(4) assisting the Governor in preparing the annual report to the Federal Partnership regarding progress in reaching the State benchmarks, as described in section 731(a);

(5) receiving and commenting on the State plan developed under section 101 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721);

(6) assisting the Governor in developing the statewide comprehensive labor market information system described in section 773(c) to provide information that will be utilized by all the providers of one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2), providers of other workforce employment activities, and providers of workforce education activities, in the State; and

(7) assisting in the monitoring and continuous improvement of the performance of the statewide system, including evaluation of the effectiveness of workforce development activities funded under this title.

SEC. 716. USE OF FUNDS.

(a) WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available to a State under this subtitle to carry out workforce employment activities through a statewide system—

(A) shall be used to carry out the activities described in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4); and

(B) may be used to carry out the activities described in paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), including providing activities described in paragraph (6) through vouchers described in paragraph (9).

(2) ONE-STOP DELIVERY OF CORE SERVICES.—

(A) ACCESS.—The State shall use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to establish a means of providing access to the statewide system through core services described in subparagraph (B) available—

(i) through multiple, connected access points, linked electronically or otherwise;

(ii) through a network that assures participants that such core services will be available regardless of where the participants initially enter the statewide system;

(iii) at not less than 1 physical location in each substate area of the State; or

(iv) through some combination of the options described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).

(B) CORE SERVICES.—The core services referred to in subparagraph (A) shall, at a minimum, include—

(i) outreach, intake, and orientation to the information and other services available through one-stop delivery of core services described in this subparagraph;

(ii) initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and supportive service needs;

(iii) job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate, career counseling;

(iv) customized screening and referral of qualified applicants to employment;

(v) provision of accurate information relating to local labor market conditions, including employment profiles of growth industries and occupations within a substate area, the educational and skills requirements of jobs in the industries and occupations, and the earnings potential of the jobs;

(vi) provision of accurate information relating to the quality and availability of other workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, and vocational rehabilitation program activities;

(vii) provision of information regarding how the substate area is performing on the State benchmarks;

(viii) provision of initial eligibility information on forms of public financial assistance that may be available in order to enable persons to participate in workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, or vocational rehabilitation program activities; and

(ix) referral to other appropriate workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, and vocational rehabilitation employment activities.

(3) LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The State shall use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to establish a statewide comprehensive labor market information system described in section 773(c).

(4) JOB PLACEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.—The State shall use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to establish a job placement accountability system described in section 731(d).

(5) PERMISSIBLE ONE-STOP DELIVERY ACTIVITIES.—The State may provide, through one-stop delivery—

(A) co-location of services related to workforce development activities, such as unemployment insurance, vocational rehabilitation program activities, welfare assistance, veterans' employment services, or other public assistance;

(B) intensive services for participants who are unable to obtain employment through the core services described in paragraph (2)(B), as determined by the State; and

(C) dissemination to employers of information on activities carried out through the statewide system.

(6) OTHER PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The State may use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to provide services through the statewide system that may include—

(A) on-the-job training;

(B) occupational skills training;

(C) entrepreneurial training;

(D) training to develop work habits to help individuals obtain and retain employment;

(E) customized training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of employers to employ an individual after successful completion of the training;

(F) rapid response assistance for dislocated workers;

(G) skill upgrading and retraining for persons not in the workforce;

(H) preemployment and work maturity skills training for youth;

(I) connecting activities that organize consortia of small- and medium-size businesses to provide work-based learning opportunities for youth participants in school-to-work programs;

(J) programs for adults that combine workplace training with related instruction;

(K) services to assist individuals in attaining certificates of mastery with respect to industry-based skill standards;

(L) case management services;

(M) supportive services, such as transportation and financial assistance, that enable individuals to participate in the statewide system;

(N) followup services for participants who are placed in unsubsidized employment; and

(O) an employment and training program described in section 6(d)(4) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)).

(7) STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.—The State may use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) for the development and training of staff of providers of one-stop delivery of core services described in paragraph (2), including development and training relating to principles of quality management.

(8) INCENTIVE GRANT AWARDS.—The State may use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to award incentive grants to substate areas that reach or exceed the State benchmarks established under section 731(c), with an emphasis on benchmarks established under section 731(c)(3). A substate area that receives such a grant may use the funds made available through the grant to carry out any workforce development activities authorized under this title.

(9) VOUCHERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may deliver some or all of the workforce employment activities described in paragraph (6) that are provided under this subtitle through a system of vouchers administered through the one-stop delivery of core services described in paragraph (2) in the State.

(B) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—A State that chooses to deliver the activities described in subparagraph (A) through vouchers shall indicate in the State plan described in section 714 the criteria that will be used to determine—

(I) which workforce employment activities described in paragraph (6) will be delivered through the voucher system;

(II) eligibility requirements for participants to receive the vouchers and the amount of funds that participants will be able to access through the voucher system; and

(III) which employment, training, and education providers are eligible to receive payment through the vouchers.

(ii) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing State criteria for service providers eligible to receive payment through the vouchers under clause (i)(III), the State shall take into account industry-recognized skills standards promoted by the National Skills Standards Board.

(C) ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—A State that chooses to deliver the activities described in paragraph (6) through vouchers shall indicate in the State plan—

(i) information concerning how the State will utilize the statewide comprehensive labor market information system described in section 773(c) and the job placement accountability system established under section 731(d) to provide timely and accurate information to participants about the performance of eligible employment, training, and education providers;

(ii) other information about the performance of eligible providers of services that the State believes is necessary for participants receiving the vouchers to make informed career choices; and

(iii) the timeframe in which the information developed under clauses (i) and (ii) will be widely available through the one-stop delivery of core services described in paragraph (2) in the State.

(10) FUNDS FROM UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.—Funds made available to a Governor under section 901(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(c)(1)(A)) for a program year shall only be available for workforce employment activities authorized under such section 901(c)(1)(A), which are—

(A) the administration of State unemployment compensation laws as provided in title III of the Social Security Act (including administration pursuant to agreements under any Federal unemployment compensation law);

(B) the establishment and maintenance of statewide workforce development systems, to the extent the systems are used to carry out activities described in section 773, or in any of clauses (ii) through (v) of section 716(a)(2)(B); and

(C) carrying out the activities described in sections 4103, 4103A, 4104, and 4104A of title 38, United States Code (relating to veterans' employment services).

(b) WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—The State educational agency shall use the funds made available to the State educational agency under this subtitle for workforce education activities to carry out, through the statewide system, activities that include—

(1) integrating academic and vocational education;

(2) linking secondary education (as determined under State law) and postsecondary education, including implementing tech-prep programs;

(3) providing career guidance and counseling for students at the earliest possible age, including the provision of career awareness, exploration, planning, and guidance information to students and their parents that is, to the extent possible, in a language and form that the students and their parents understand;

(4) providing literacy and basic education services for adults and out-of-school youth, including adults and out-of-school youth in correctional institutions;

(5) providing programs for adults and out-of-school youth to complete their secondary education;

(6) expanding, improving, and modernizing quality vocational education programs; and

(7) improving access to quality vocational education programs for at-risk youth.

(c) FISCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—

(1) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available under this subtitle for workforce education activities shall supplement, and may not supplant, other public funds expended to carry out workforce education activities.

(2) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

(A) DETERMINATION.—No payments shall be made under this subtitle for any program year to a State for workforce education activities unless the Federal Partnership determines that the fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of such State for workforce education for the program year preceding the program year for which the determination is made, equaled or exceeded such effort or expenditures for workforce education for the second program year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.

(B) WAIVER.—The Federal Partnership may waive the requirements of this section (with respect to not more than 5 percent of expenditures by any State educational agency) for 1 program year only, on making a determination that such waiver would be equitable due to exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances affecting the ability of the applicant to meet such requirements, such as a natural disaster or an unforeseen and precipitous decline in financial resources. No level of funding permitted under such a waiver may be used as the basis for computing the fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures required under this section for years subsequent to the year covered by such waiver. The fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the subsequent years shall be computed on the basis of the level of funding that would, but for such waiver, have been required.

(d) FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.—

(1) CORE FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.—The State shall use a portion of the funds made available to the State under this subtitle through the flex account to carry out school-to-work activities through the statewide system, except that any State that received a grant under subtitle B of title II of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6141 et seq.) shall use such portion to support the continued development of the statewide School-to-Work Opportunities system of the State through the continuation of activities that are carried out in accordance with the terms of such grant.

(2) PERMISSIBLE FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE ACTIVITIES.—The State may use a portion of the funds made available to the State under this subtitle through the flex account—

(A) to carry out workforce employment activities through the statewide system; and

(B) to carry out workforce education activities through the statewide system.

(e) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—In the case of a State that meets the requirements of section 728(c), the State may use a portion of the funds made available to the State under this subtitle through the flex account to supplement other funds provided by the State or private sector—

(1) to provide customized assessments of the skills of workers and an analysis of the skill needs of employers;

(2) to assist consortia of small- and medium-size employers in upgrading the skills of their workforces;

(3) to provide productivity and quality improvement training programs for the workforces of small- and medium-size employers;

(4) to provide recognition and use of voluntary industry-developed skills standards by employers, schools, and training institutions;

(5) to carry out training activities in companies that are developing modernization plans in conjunction with State industrial extension service offices; and

(6) to provide on-site, industry-specific training programs supportive of industrial and economic development;

through the statewide system.

(f) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) WAGES.—No funds provided under this subtitle shall be used to pay the wages of incumbent workers during their participation in economic development activities provided through the statewide system.

(2) RELOCATION.—No funds provided under this subtitle shall be used or proposed for use to encourage or induce the relocation, of a business or part of a business, that results in a loss of employment for any employee of such business at the original location.

(3) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENTS FOLLOWING RELOCATION.—No funds provided under this subtitle shall be used for customized or skill training, on-the-job training, or company specific assessments of job applicants or workers, for any business or part of a business, that has relocated, until 120 days after the date on which such business commences operations at the new location, if the relocation of such business or part of a business, results in a loss of employment for any worker of such business at the original location.

(g) LIMITATIONS ON PARTICIPANTS.—

(1) DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—No individual may participate in workforce employment activities described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (J), or (K) of subsection (a)(6) until the individual has obtained a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or is enrolled in a program or course of study to obtain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

(B) EXCEPTION.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall prevent participation in workforce employment activities described under subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (J), or (K) of subsection (a)(6) by individuals who, after testing and in the judgment of medical, psychiatric, academic, or other appropriate professionals, lack the requisite capacity to complete successfully a course of study that would lead to a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

(2) SERVICES.—

(A) REFERRAL.—If an individual who has not obtained a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent applies to participate in workforce employment activities described under subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (J), or (K) of subsection (a)(6), such individual shall be referred to State approved adult education services that provide instruction designed to help such individual obtain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

(B) STATE PROVISION OF SERVICES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a State may use funds made available under section 713(a)(1) to provide State approved adult education services that provide instruction designed to help individuals obtain a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, to individuals who—

(i) are seeking to participate in workforce employment activities described under subparagraph (A), (B), (C), (E), (G), (J), or (K) of subsection (a)(6); and

(ii) are otherwise unable to obtain such services.

SEC. 717. INDIAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

(a) PURPOSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The purpose of this section is to support workforce development activities for Indian and Native Hawaiian individuals in order—

(A) to develop more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of such individuals;

(B) to make such individuals more competitive in the workforce; and

(C) to promote the economic and social development of Indian and Native Hawaiian communities in accordance with the goals and values of such communities.

(2) INDIAN POLICY.—All programs assisted under this section shall be administered in a manner consistent with the principles of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) and the

government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribal governments.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(1) ALASKA NATIVE.—The term ''Alaska Native'' means a Native as such term is defined in section 3(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(b)).

(2) INDIAN, INDIAN TRIBE, AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The terms ''Indian'', ''Indian tribe'', and ''tribal organization'' have the same meanings given such terms in subsections (d), (e) and (l), respectively, of section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ''institution of higher education'' has the meaning given the term in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The terms ''Native Hawaiian'' and ''Native Hawaiian organization'' have the same meanings given such terms in paragraphs (1) and (3), respectively, of section 9212 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7912).

(5) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term ''tribally controlled community college'' has the same meaning given such term in section 2(a)(4) of the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1801(a)(4)).

(6) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—The term ''tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institution'' means an institution of higher education that—

(A) is formally controlled, or has been formally sanctioned or chartered, by the governing body of an Indian tribe or Indian tribes;

(B) offers a technical degree or certificate granting program;

(C) is governed by a board of directors or trustees, a majority of whom are Indians;

(D) demonstrates adherence to stated goals, a philosophy, or a plan of operation, that fosters individual Indian economic and self-sufficiency opportunity, including programs that are appropriate to stated tribal goals of developing individual entrepreneurships and self-sustaining economic infrastructures on reservations;

(E) has been in operation for at least 3 years;

(F) holds accreditation with or is a candidate for accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting authority for postsecondary vocational education; and

(G) enrolls the full-time equivalent of not fewer than 100 students, of whom a majority are Indians.

(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

(1) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made available under section 734(b)(2), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, tribally controlled community colleges, tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institutions, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians or Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations to carry out the authorized activities described in subsection (d).

(2) FORMULA.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make grants to, or enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with, entities as described in paragraph (1) to carry out the activities described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (d) on the basis of a formula developed by the Federal Partnership in consultation with entities described in paragraph (1).

(d) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available under this section shall be used to carry out the activities described in paragraphs (2) and (3) that—

(A) are consistent with this section; and

(B) are necessary to meet the needs of Indians and Native Hawaiians preparing to enter, reenter, or retain unsubsidized employment.

(2) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available under this section shall be used for—

(i) comprehensive workforce development activities for Indians and Native Hawaiians;

(ii) supplemental services for Indian or Native Hawaiian youth on or near Indian reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska, or Hawaii; and

(iii) supplemental services to recipients of public assistance on or near Indian reservations or former reservation areas in Oklahoma or in Alaska.

(B) SPECIAL RULE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, individuals who were eligible to participate in programs under section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1671) (as such section was in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) shall be eligible to participate in an activity assisted under subparagraph (A)(i).

(3) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION, AND LITERACY SERVICES.—Funds made available under this section shall be used for—

(A) workforce education activities conducted by entities described in subsection (c)(1); and

(B) the support of tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institutions in order to ensure continuing and expanded educational opportunities for Indian students.

(e) PROGRAM PLAN.—In order to receive a grant or enter into a contract or cooperative agreement under this section an entity described in subsection (c)(1) shall submit to the Federal Partnership a plan that describes a 3-year strategy for meeting the needs of Indian and Native Hawaiian individuals, as appropriate, in the area served by such entity. Such plan shall—

(1) be consistent with the purposes of this section;

(2) identify the population to be served;

(3) identify the education and employment needs of the population to be served and the manner in which the services to be provided will strengthen the ability of the individuals served to obtain or retain unsubsidized employment;

(4) describe the services to be provided and the manner in which such services are to be integrated with other appropriate services; and

(5) describe the goals and benchmarks to be used to assess the performance of entities in carrying out the activities assisted under this section.

(f) FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF FUNDS.—Each entity receiving assistance under this section may consolidate such assistance with assistance received from related programs in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.).

(g) NONDUPLICATIVE AND NONEXCLUSIVE SERVICES.—Nothing in this section shall be construed—

(1) to limit the eligibility of any entity described in subsection (c)(1) to participate in any program offered by a State or local entity under this title; or

(2) to preclude or discourage any agreement, between any entity described in subsection (c)(1) and any State or local entity, to facilitate the provision of services by such entity or to the population served by such entity.

(h) PARTNERSHIP PROVISIONS.—

(1) OFFICE ESTABLISHED.—There shall be established within the Federal Partnership an office to administer the activities assisted under this section.

(2) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Partnership, through the office established under paragraph (1), shall develop regulations and policies for activities assisted under this section in consultation with tribal organizations and Native Hawaiian organizations. Such regulations and policies shall take into account the special circumstances under which such activities operate.

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Federal Partnership shall provide such administrative support to the office established under paragraph (1) as the Federal Partnership determines to be necessary to carry out the consultation required by subparagraph (A).

(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Federal Partnership, through the office established under paragraph (1), is authorized to provide technical assistance to entities described in subsection (c)(1) that receive assistance under this section to enable such entities to improve the workforce development activities provided by such entities.

SEC. 718. GRANTS TO OUTLYING AREAS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Using funds made available under section 734(b)(3), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make grants to outlying areas to carry out workforce development activities.

(b) APPLICATION.—The Federal Partnership shall issue regulations specifying the provisions of this title that shall apply to outlying areas that receive funds under this subtitle.

CHAPTER 2—LOCAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 721. LOCAL APPORTIONMENT BY ACTIVITY.

(a) WORKFORCE EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The sum of the funds made available to a State for any program year under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 713(a) for workforce employment activities shall be made available to the Governor of such State for use in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the sum described in paragraph (1), for a program year—

(A) 25 percent shall be reserved by the Governor to carry out workforce employment activities through the statewide system, of which not more than 20 percent of such 25 percent may be used for administrative expenses; and

(B) 75 percent shall be distributed by the Governor to local entities to carry out workforce employment activities through the statewide system, based on—

(i) such factors as the relative distribution among substate areas of individuals who are not less than 15 and not more than 65, individuals in poverty, unemployed individuals, and adult recipients of assistance, as determined using the definitions specified and the determinations described in section 712(b); and

(ii) such additional factors as the Governor (in consultation with local partnerships described in section 728(a) or, where established, local workforce development boards described in section 728(b)), determines to be necessary.

(b) WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The sum of the funds made available to a State for any program year under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 713(a) for workforce education activities

shall be made available to the State educational agency serving such State for use in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) DISTRIBUTION.—Of the sum described in paragraph (1), for a program year—

(A) 20 percent shall be reserved by the State educational agency to carry out statewide workforce education activities through the statewide system, of which not more than 5 percent of such 20 percent may be used for administrative expenses; and

(B) 80 percent shall be distributed by the State educational agency to entities eligible for financial assistance under section 722, 723, or 724, to carry out workforce education activities through the statewide system.

(3) STATE ACTIVITIES.—Activities to be carried out under paragraph (2)(A) may include professional development, technical assistance, and program assessment activities.

(4) STATE DETERMINATIONS.—From the amount available to a State educational agency under paragraph (2)(B) for a program year, such agency shall determine the percentage of such amount that will be distributed in accordance with sections 722, 723, and 724 for such year for workforce education activities in such State in each of the following areas:

(A) Secondary school vocational education, or postsecondary and adult vocational education, or both; and

(B) Adult education.

(c) SPECIAL RULE.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit any individual, entity, or agency in a State (other than the State educational agency) that is administering workforce education activities or setting education policies consistent with authority under State law for workforce education activities, on the day preceding the date of enactment of this Act from continuing to administer or set education policies consistent with authority under State law for such activities under this subtitle.

SEC. 722. DISTRIBUTION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

(a) ALLOCATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 725, each State educational agency shall distribute the portion of the funds made available for any program year (from funds made available for the corresponding fiscal year, as determined under section 734(c)) by such agency for secondary school vocational education under section 721(b)(3)(A) to local educational agencies within the State as follows:

(1) SEVENTY PERCENT.—From 70 percent of such portion, each local educational agency shall be allocated an amount that bears the same relationship to such 70 percent as the amount such local educational agency was allocated under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333) for the preceding fiscal year bears to the total amount received under such section by all local educational agencies in the State for such year.

(2) TWENTY PERCENT.—From 20 percent of such portion, each local educational agency shall be allocated an amount that bears the same relationship to such 20 percent as the number of students with disabilities who have individualized education programs under section 614(a)(5) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(a)(5)) served by such local educational agency for the preceding fiscal year bears to the total number of such students served by all local educational agencies in the State for such year.

(3) TEN PERCENT.—From 10 percent of such portion, each local educational agency shall be allocated an amount that bears the same relationship to such 10 percent as the number of students enrolled in schools and adults enrolled in training programs under the jurisdiction of such local educational agency for the preceding fiscal year bears to the number of students enrolled in schools and adults enrolled in training programs under the jurisdiction of all local educational agencies in the State for such year.

(b) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), no local educational agency shall receive an allocation under subsection (a) unless the amount allocated to such agency under subsection (a) is not less than $15,000. A local educational agency may enter into a consortium with other local educational agencies for purposes of meeting the minimum allocation requirement of this paragraph.

(2) WAIVER.—The State educational agency may waive the application of paragraph (1) in any case in which the local educational agency—

(A) is located in a rural, sparsely-populated area; and

(B) demonstrates that such agency is unable to enter into a consortium for purposes of providing services under this section.

(3) REDISTRIBUTION.—Any amounts that are not allocated by reason of paragraph (1) or (2) shall be redistributed to local educational agencies that meet the requirements of paragraph (1) or (2) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(c) LIMITED JURISDICTION AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In applying the provisions of subsection (a), no State educational agency receiving assistance under this subtitle shall allocate funds to a local educational agency that serves only elementary schools, but shall distribute such funds to the local educational agency or regional educational agency that provides secondary school services to secondary school students in the same attendance area.

(2) SPECIAL RULE.—The amount to be allocated under paragraph (1) to a local educational agency that has jurisdiction only over secondary schools shall be determined based on the number of students that entered such secondary schools in the previous year from the elementary schools involved.

(d) ALLOCATIONS TO AREA VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State educational agency shall distribute the portion of funds made available for any program year by such agency for secondary school vocational education under section 721(b)(3)(A) to the appropriate area vocational education school or educational service agency in any case in which—

(A) the area vocational education school or educational service agency, and the local educational agency concerned—

(i) have formed or will form a consortium for the purpose of receiving funds under this section; or

(ii) have entered into or will enter into a cooperative arrangement for such purpose; and

(B)(i) the area vocational education school or educational service agency serves an approximately equal or greater proportion of students who are individuals with disabilities or are low-income than the proportion of such students attending the secondary schools under the jurisdiction of all of the local educational agencies sending students to the area vocational education school or the educational service agency; or

(ii) the area vocational education school, educational service agency, or local educational agency demonstrates that the vocational education school or educational service agency is unable to meet the criterion described in clause (i) due to the lack of interest by students described in clause (i) in attending vocational education programs in that area vocational education school or educational service agency.

(2) ALLOCATION BASIS.—If an area vocational education school or educational service agency meets the requirements of paragraph (1), then—

(A) the amount that will otherwise be distributed to the local educational agency under this section shall be allocated to the area vocational education school, the educational service agency, and the local educational agency, based on each school's or agency's relative share of students described in paragraph (1)(B)(i) who are attending vocational education programs (based, if practicable, on the average enrollment for the prior 3 years); or

(B) such amount may be allocated on the basis of an agreement between the local educational agency and the area vocational education school or educational service agency.

(3) STATE DETERMINATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this subsection, the State educational agency may determine the number of students who are low-income on the basis of—

(i) eligibility for—

(I) free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Act (7 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);

(II) assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;

(III) benefits under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.); or

(IV) services under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.); and

(ii) another index of economic status, including an estimate of such index, if the State educational agency demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Federal Partnership that such index is a more representative means of determining such number.

(B) DATA.—If a State educational agency elects to use more than 1 factor described in subparagraph (A) for purposes of making the determination described in such subparagraph, the State educational agency shall ensure that the data used is not duplicative.

(4) APPEALS PROCEDURE.—The State educational agency shall establish an appeals procedure for resolution of any dispute arising between a local educational agency and an area vocational education school or an educational service agency with respect to the allocation procedures described in this section, including the decision of a local educational agency to leave a consortium.

(5) SPECIAL RULE.—Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), any local educational agency receiving an allocation that is not sufficient to conduct a secondary school vocational education program of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective may—

(A) form a consortium or enter into a cooperative agreement with an area vocational education school or educational service agency offering secondary school vocational education programs of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective and that are accessible to students who are individuals with disabilities or are low-income, and are served by such local educational agency; and

(B) transfer such allocation to the area vocational education school or educational service agency.

(e) SPECIAL RULE.—Each State educational agency distributing funds under this section shall treat a secondary school funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the State as if such school were a local educational agency within the State for the purpose of receiving a distribution under this section.

SEC. 723. DISTRIBUTION FOR POSTSECONDARY AND ADULT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

(a) ALLOCATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b) and section 725, each State educational agency, using the portion of the funds made available for any program year by such agency for postsecondary and adult vocational education under section 721(b)(3)(A)—

(A) shall reserve funds to carry out subsection (d); and

(B) shall distribute the remainder to eligible institutions or consortia of the institutions within the State.

(2) FORMULA.—Each such eligible institution or consortium shall receive an amount for the program year (from funds made available for the corresponding fiscal year, as determined under section 734(c)) from such remainder bears the same relationship to such remainder as the number of individuals who are Pell Grant recipients or recipients of assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are enrolled in programs offered by such institution or consortium for the preceding fiscal year bears to the number of all such individuals who are enrolled in any such program within the State for such preceding year.

(3) CONSORTIUM REQUIREMENTS.—In order for a consortium of eligible institutions described in paragraph (1) to receive assistance pursuant to such paragraph such consortium shall operate joint projects that—

(A) provide services to all postsecondary institutions participating in the consortium; and

(B) are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be effective.

(b) WAIVER FOR MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—The Federal Partnership may waive the application of subsection (a) in the case of any State educational agency that submits to the Federal Partnership an application for such a waiver that—

(1) demonstrates that the formula described in subsection (a) does not result in a distribution of funds to the institutions or consortia within the State that have the highest numbers of low-income individuals and that an alternative formula will result in such a distribution; and

(2) includes a proposal for an alternative formula that may include criteria relating to the number of individuals attending the institutions or consortia within the State who—

(A) receive need-based postsecondary financial aid provided from public funds;

(B) are members of families receiving assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act;

(C) are enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions that—

(i) are funded by the State;

(ii) do not charge tuition; and

(iii) serve only low-income students;

(D) are enrolled in programs serving low-income adults; or

(E) are Pell Grant recipients.

(c) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No distribution of funds provided to any institution or consortium for a program year under this section shall be for an amount that is less than $50,000.

(2) REDISTRIBUTION.—Any amounts that are not distributed by reason of paragraph (1) shall be redistributed to eligible institutions or consortia in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.—Each State educational agency shall distribute the funds reserved under subsection (a)(1)(A) to 1 or more State corrections agencies to enable the State corrections agencies to administer vocational education programs for juvenile and adult criminal offenders in correctional institutions in the State, including correctional institutions operated by local authorities.

(e) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section—

(1) the term ''eligible institution'' means a postsecondary educational institution, a local educational agency serving adults, or an area vocational education school serving adults that offers or will offer a program that seeks to receive financial assistance under this section;

(2) the term ''low-income'', used with respect to a person, means a person who is determined under guidelines developed by the Federal Partnership to be low-income, using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the determination; and

(3) the term ''Pell Grant recipient'' means a recipient of financial aid under subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.).

SEC. 724. DISTRIBUTION FOR ADULT EDUCATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b)(3), from the amount made available by a State educational agency for adult education under section 721(b)(3)(B) for a program year, such agency shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational agencies, correctional education agencies, community-based organizations of demonstrated effectiveness, volunteer literacy organizations, libraries, public or private nonprofit agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, public housing authorities, and other nonprofit institutions that have the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families, or consortia of agencies, organizations, or institutions described in this subsection, to enable such agencies, organizations, institutions, and consortia to establish or expand adult education programs.

(b) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) ACCESS.—Each State educational agency making funds available for any program year for adult education under section 721(b)(3)(B) shall ensure that the entities described in subsection (a) will be provided direct and equitable access to all Federal funds provided under this section.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In awarding grants under this section, the State educational agency shall consider—

(A) the past effectiveness of applicants in providing services (especially with respect to recruitment and retention of educationally disadvantaged adults and the learning gains demonstrated by such adults);

(B) the degree to which an applicant will coordinate and utilize other literacy and social services available in the community; and

(C) the commitment of the applicant to serve individuals in the community who are most in need of literacy services.

(3) CONSORTIA.—A State educational agency may award a grant under subsection (a) to a consortium that includes an entity described in subsection (a) and a for-profit agency, organization, or institution, if such agency, organization, or institution—

(A) can make a significant contribution to carrying out the purposes of this title; and

(B) enters into a contract with the entity described in subsection (a) for the purpose of establishing or expanding adult education programs.

(c) LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS LIMITS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), of the funds provided under this section by a State educational agency to an agency, organization, institution, or consortium described in subsection (a), at least 95 percent shall be expended for provision of adult education instructional activities. The remainder shall be used for planning, administration, personnel development, and interagency coordination.

(2) SPECIAL RULE.—In cases where the cost limits described in paragraph (1) will be too restrictive to allow for adequate planning, administration, personnel development, and interagency coordination supported under this section, the State educational agency shall negotiate with the agency, organization, institution, or consortium described in subsection (a) in order to determine an adequate level of funds to be used for non-instructional purposes.

SEC. 725. SPECIAL RULE FOR MINIMAL ALLOCATION.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For any program year for which a minimal amount is made available by a State educational agency for distribution under section 722 or 723 such agency may, notwithstanding the provisions of section 722 or 723, respectively, in order to make a more equitable distribution of funds for programs serving the highest numbers of low-income individuals (as defined in section 723(e)), distribute such minimal amount—

(1) on a competitive basis; or

(2) through any alternative method determined by the State educational agency.

(b) MINIMAL AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section, the term ''minimal amount'' means not more than 15 percent of the total amount made available by the State educational agency under section 721(b)(3)(A) for section 722 or 723, respectively, for such program year.

SEC. 726. REDISTRIBUTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In any program year that an entity receiving financial assistance under section 722 or 723 does not expend all of the amounts distributed to such entity for such year under section 722 or 723, respectively, such entity shall return any unexpended amounts to the State educational agency for distribution under section 722 or 723, respectively.

(b) REDISTRIBUTION OF AMOUNTS RETURNED LATE IN A PROGRAM YEAR.—In any program year in which amounts are returned to the State educational agency under subsection (a) for programs described in section 722 or 723 and the State educational agency is unable to redistribute such amounts according to section 722 or 723, respectively, in time for such amounts to be expended in such program year, the State educational agency shall retain such amounts for distribution in combination with amounts provided under such section for the following program year.

SEC. 727. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible entity desiring financial assistance under this subtitle for workforce education activities shall submit an application to the State educational agency at such time, in such manner and accompanied by such information as such agency (in consultation with such other educational entities as the State educational agency determines to be appropriate) may require. Such application shall cover the same period of time as the period of time applicable to the State workforce development plan.

(2) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of this section the term ''eligible entity'' means an entity eligible for financial assistance under section 722, 723, or 724 from a State educational agency.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each application described in subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

(1) describe how the workforce education activities required under section 716(b), and other workforce education activities, will be carried out with funds received under this subtitle;

(2) describe how the activities to be carried out relate to meeting the State goals, and reaching the State benchmarks, concerning workforce education activities;

(3) describe how the activities to be carried out are an integral part of the comprehensive efforts of the eligible entity to improve education for all students and adults;

(4) describe the process that will be used to independently evaluate and continuously improve the performance of the eligible entity; and

(5) describe how the eligible entity will coordinate the activities of the entity with the activities of the local workforce development board, if any, in the substate area.

SEC. 728. LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AGREEMENTS, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

(a) LOCAL AGREEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—After a Governor submits the State plan described in section 714 to the Federal Partnership, the Governor shall negotiate and enter into a local agreement regarding the workforce employment activities, school-to-work activities, and economic development activities (within a State that is eligible to carry out such activities, as described in subsection (c)) to be carried out in each substate area in the State with local partnerships (or, where established, local workforce development boards described in subsection (b)).

(2) LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A local partnership referred to in paragraph (1) shall be established by the local chief elected official, in accordance with subparagraphs (B) and (C), and shall consist of individuals representing business, industry, and labor, local secondary schools, local postsecondary education institutions, local adult education providers, local elected officials, rehabilitation agencies and organizations, community-based organizations, and veterans, within the appropriate substate area.

(B) MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS.—In any case in which there are 2 or more units of general local government in the substate area involved, the chief elected official of each such unit shall appoint members of the local partnership in accordance with an agreement entered into by such chief elected officials. In the absence of such an agreement, such appointments shall be made by the Governor of the State involved from the individuals nominated or recommended by the chief elected officials.

(C) SELECTION OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.—Individuals representing business and industry in the local partnership shall be appointed by the chief elected official from nominations submitted by business organizations in the substate area involved. Such individuals shall reasonably represent the industrial and demographic composition of the business community. Where possible, at least 50 percent of such business and industry representatives shall be representatives of small business.

(3) BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT.—The business and industry representatives shall have a lead role in the design, management, and evaluation of the activities to be carried out in the substate area under the local agreement.

(4) CONTENTS.—

(A) STATE GOALS AND STATE BENCHMARKS.—Such an agreement shall include a description of the manner in which funds allocated to a substate area under this subtitle will be spent to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks in a manner that reflects local labor market conditions.

(B) COLLABORATION.—The agreement shall also include information that demonstrates the manner in which—

(i) the Governor; and

(ii) the local partnership (or, where established, the local workforce development board);

collaborated in reaching the agreement.

(5) FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT.—If, after a reasonable effort, the Governor is unable to enter into an agreement with the local partnership (or, where established, the local workforce development board), the Governor shall notify the partnership or board, as appropriate, and provide the partnership or board, as appropriate, with the opportunity to comment, not later than 30 days after the date of the notification, on the manner in which funds allocated to such substate area will be spent to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks.

(6) EXCEPTION.—A State that indicates in the State plan described in section 714 that the State will be treated as a substate area for purposes of the application of this subtitle shall not be subject to this subsection.

(b) LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State may facilitate the establishment of local workforce development boards in each substate area to set policy and provide oversight over the workforce development activities in the substate area.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) STATE CRITERIA.—The Governor shall establish criteria for use by local chief elected officials in each substate area in the selection of members of the local workforce development boards, in accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (B).

(B) REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENT.—Such criteria shall require, at a minimum, that a local workforce development board consist of—

(i) representatives of business and industry in the substate area, who shall constitute a majority of the board;

(ii) representatives of labor, workers, and community-based organizations, who shall constitute not less than 25 percent of the members of the board;

(iii) representatives of local secondary schools, postsecondary education institutions, and adult education providers;

(iv) representatives of veterans; and

(v) 1 or more individuals with disabilities, or their representatives.

(C) CHAIR.—Each local workforce development board shall select a chairperson from among the members of the board who are representatives of business and industry.

(3) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—No member of a local workforce development board shall vote on a matter relating to the provision of services by the member (or any organization that the member directly represents) or vote on a matter that would provide direct financial benefit to such member or the immediate family of such member or engage in any other activity determined by the Governor to constitute a conflict of interest.

(4) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the local workforce development board shall include—

(A) submitting to the Governor a single comprehensive 3-year strategic plan for workforce development activities in the substate area that includes information—

(i) identifying the workforce development needs of local industries, students, job-seekers, and workers;

(ii) identifying the workforce development activities to be carried out in the substate area with funds received through the allotment made to the State under section 712, to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks; and

(iii) identifying how the local workforce development board will obtain the active and continuous participation of business, industry, and labor in the development and continuous improvement of the workforce development activities carried out in the substate area;

(B) entering into local agreements with the Governor as described in subsection (a);

(C) overseeing the operations of the one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2) in the substate area, including the responsibility to—

(i) designate local entities to operate the one-stop delivery in the substate area, consistent with the criteria referred to in section 716(a)(2); and

(ii) develop and approve the budgets and annual operating plans of the providers of the one-stop delivery; and

(D) submitting annual reports to the Governor on the progress being made in the substate area toward meeting the State goals and reaching the State benchmarks.

(5) CONSULTATION.—A local workforce development board that serves a substate area shall conduct the functions described in paragraph (4) in consultation with the chief elected officials in the substate area.

(c) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—A State shall be eligible to use the funds made available through the flex account for flexible workforce activities to carry out economic development activities if—

(1) the boards described in section 715 and subsection (b) are established in the State; or

(2) in the case of a State that indicates in the State plan described in section 714 that the State will be treated as a substate area for purposes of the application of this subtitle, the board described in section 715 is established in the State.

SEC. 729. CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this title shall be construed—

(1) to prohibit a local educational agency (or a consortium thereof) that receives assistance under section 722, from working with an eligible entity (or consortium thereof) that receives assistance under section 723, to carry out secondary school vocational education activities in accordance with this title; or

(2) to prohibit an eligible entity (or consortium thereof) that receives assistance under section 723, from working with a local educational agency (or consortium thereof) that receives assistance under section 722, to carry out postsecondary and adult vocational education activities in accordance with this title.

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SEC. 731. ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that receives an allotment under section 712 shall annually prepare and submit to the Federal Partnership, a report that states how the State is performing on State benchmarks specified in this section, which relate to workforce development activities carried out through the statewide system of the State. In preparing the report, the State may include information on such additional benchmarks as the State may establish to meet the State goals.

(2) CONSOLIDATED REPORT.—In lieu of submitting separate reports under paragraph (1) and section 409(a) of the Social Security Act, the State may prepare a consolidated report. Any consolidated report prepared under this paragraph shall contain the information described in paragraph (1) and subsections (a) through (h) of section 409 of the Social Security Act. The State shall submit any consolidated report prepared under this paragraph to the Federal Partnership, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, on the dates specified in section 409(a) of the Social Security Act.

(b) GOALS.—

(1) MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT.—Each statewide system supported by an allotment

under section 712 shall be designed to meet the goal of assisting participants in obtaining meaningful unsubsidized employment opportunities in the State.

(2) EDUCATION.—Each statewide system supported by an allotment under section 712 shall be designed to meet the goal of enhancing and developing more fully the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of all segments of the population of the State.

(c) BENCHMARKS.—

(1) MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT.—To be eligible to receive an allotment under section 712, a State shall develop, in accordance with paragraph (5), and identify in the State plan of the State, proposed quantifiable benchmarks to measure the statewide progress of the State toward meeting the goal described in subsection (b)(1), which shall include, at a minimum, measures of—

(A) placement in unsubsidized employment of participants;

(B) retention of the participants in such employment (12 months after completion of the participation); and

(C) increased earnings for the participants.

(2) EDUCATION.—To be eligible to receive an allotment under section 712, a State shall develop, in accordance with paragraph (5), and identify in the State plan of the State, proposed quantifiable benchmarks to measure the statewide progress of the State toward meeting the goal described in subsection (b)(2), which shall include, at a minimum, measures of—

(A) student mastery of academic knowledge and work readiness skills;

(B) student mastery of occupational and industry-recognized skills according to skill proficiencies for students in career preparation programs;

(C) placement in, retention in, and completion of secondary education (as determined under State law) and postsecondary education, and placement and retention in employment and in military service; and

(D) mastery of the literacy, knowledge, and skills adults need to be productive and responsible citizens and to become more actively involved in the education of their children.

(3) POPULATIONS.—To be eligible to receive an allotment under section 712, a State shall develop, in accordance with paragraph (5), and identify in the State plan of the State, proposed quantifiable benchmarks to measure progress toward meeting the goals described in subsection (b) for populations including, at a minimum—

(A) welfare recipients (including a benchmark for welfare recipients described in section 3(36)(B));

(B) individuals with disabilities;

(C) older workers;

(D) at-risk youth;

(E) dislocated workers; and

(F) veterans.

(4) SPECIAL RULE.—If a State has developed for all students in the State performance indicators, attainment levels, or assessments for skills according to challenging academic, occupational, or industry-recognized skill proficiencies, the State shall use such performance indicators, attainment levels, or assessments in measuring the progress of all students served under this title in attaining the skills.

(5) NEGOTIATIONS.—

(A) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—On receipt of a State plan submitted under section 714, the Federal Partnership shall, not later than 30 days after the date of the receipt, determine—

(i) how the proposed State benchmarks identified by the State in the State plan compare to the model benchmarks established by the Federal Partnership under section 772(b)(2);

(ii) how the proposed State benchmarks compare with State benchmarks proposed by other States in their State plans; and

(iii) whether the proposed State benchmarks, taken as a whole, are sufficient—

(I) to enable the State to meet the State goals; and

(II) to make the State eligible for an incentive grant under section 732(a).

(B) NOTIFICATION.—The Federal Partnership shall immediately notify the State of the determinations referred to in subparagraph (A). If the Federal Partnership determines that the proposed State benchmarks are not sufficient to make the State eligible for an incentive grant under section 732(a), the Federal Partnership shall provide the State with guidance on the steps the State may take to allow the State to become eligible for the grant.

(C) REVISION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the notification referred to in subparagraph (B), the State may revise some or all of the State benchmarks identified in the State plan in order to become eligible for the incentive grant or provide reasons why the State benchmarks should be sufficient to make the State eligible for the incentive grant.

(D) DETERMINATION.—After reviewing any revised State benchmarks or information submitted by the State in accordance with subparagraph (C), the Federal Partnership shall make a determination on the eligibility of the State for the incentive grant, as described in paragraph (6), and provide advice to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may award a grant to the State under section 732(a).

(6) INCENTIVE GRANTS.—Each State that sets high benchmarks under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) and reaches or exceeds the benchmarks, as determined by the Federal Partnership, shall be eligible to receive an incentive grant under section 732(a).

(7) SANCTIONS.—A State that has failed to demonstrate sufficient progress toward reaching the State benchmarks established under this subsection for the 3 years covered by a State plan described in section 714, as determined by the Federal Partnership, may be subject to sanctions under section 732(b).

(d) JOB PLACEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State that receives an allotment under section 712 shall establish a job placement accountability system, which will provide a uniform set of data to track the progress of the State toward reaching the State benchmarks.

(2) DATA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In order to maintain data relating to the measures described in subsection (c)(1), each such State shall establish a job placement accountability system using quarterly wage records available through the unemployment insurance system. The State agency or entity within the State responsible for labor market information, as designated in section 773(c)(1)(B), in conjunction with the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, shall maintain the job placement accountability system and match information on participants served by the statewide systems of the State and other States with quarterly employment and earnings records.

(B) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each local entity that carries out workforce employment activities or workforce education activities and that receives funds under this subtitle shall provide information regarding the social security numbers of the participants served by the entity and such other information as the State may require to the State agency or entity within the State responsible for labor market information, as designated in section 773(c)(1)(B).

(C) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The State agency or entity within the State responsible for labor market information, as designated in section 773(c)(1)(B), shall protect the confidentiality of information obtained through the job placement accountability system through the use of recognized security procedures.

(e) INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABILITY.—Each State that receives an allotment under section 712 shall devise and implement procedures to provide, in a timely manner, information on participants in activities carried out through the statewide system who are participating as a condition of receiving welfare assistance. The procedures shall require that the State provide the information to the State and local agencies carrying out the programs through which the welfare assistance is provided, in a manner that ensures that the agencies can monitor compliance with the conditions regarding the receipt of the welfare assistance.

SEC. 732. INCENTIVES AND SANCTIONS.

(a) INCENTIVES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may award incentive grants of not more than $15,000,000 per program year to a State that—

(A) reaches or exceeds State benchmarks established under section 731(c), with an emphasis on the benchmarks established under section 731(c)(3), in accordance with section 731(c)(6); or

(B) demonstrates to the Federal Partnership that the State has made substantial reductions in the number of adult recipients of assistance, as defined in section 712(b)(1)(A), resulting from increased placement of such adult recipients in unsubsidized employment.

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives such a grant may use the funds made available through the grant to carry out any workforce development activities authorized under this title.

(b) SANCTIONS.—

(1) FAILURE TO DEMONSTRATE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS.—If the Federal Partnership determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, that a State has failed to demonstrate sufficient progress toward reaching the State benchmarks established under section 731(c) for the 3 years covered by a State plan described in section 714, the Federal Partnership shall provide advice to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may reduce the allotment of the State under section 712 by not more than 10 percent per program year for not more than 3 years. The Federal Partnership may determine that the failure of the State to demonstrate such progress is attributable to the workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, or flexible workforce activities, of the State and provide advice to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may decide to reduce only the portion of the allotment for such activities.

(2) EXPENDITURE CONTRARY TO TITLE.—If the Governor of a State determines that a local entity that carries out workforce employment activities in a substate area of the State has expended funds made available under this title in a manner contrary to the purposes of this title, and such expenditures do not constitute fraudulent activity, the Governor may deduct an amount equal to

the funds from a subsequent program year allocation to the substate area.

(c) FUNDS RESULTING FROM REDUCED ALLOTMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may use an amount retained as a result of a reduction in an allotment made under subsection (b)(1) to award an incentive grant under subsection (a).

SEC. 733. UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 901(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the following:

''(ii) the establishment and maintenance of statewide workforce development systems, to the extent the systems are used to carry out activities described in section 773, or in any of clauses (ii) through (v) of section 716(a)(2)(B), of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, and''; and

(ii) in clause (iii), by striking ''carrying into effect section 4103'' and ''carrying out the activities described in sections 4103, 4103A, 4104, and 4104A''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking ''Department of Labor'' and inserting ''Department of Labor or the Workforce Development Partnership, as appropriate,''; and

(ii) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

''(iii) the Workforce Development Act of 1995,''; and

(2) in the first sentence of paragraph (4), by striking ''the total cost'' and all that follows through ''the President determines'' and inserting ''the total cost of administering the statewide workforce development systems, to the extent the systems are used to carry out activities described in section 773, or in any of clauses (ii) through (v) of section 716(a)(2)(B), of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, and of the necessary expenses of the Workforce Development Partnership for the performance of the functions of the partnership under such Act, as the President determines''.

(b) GUAM; UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS.—From the total amount made available under section 901(c)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1101(c)(1)(A)) (referred to in this section as the ''total amount'') for each fiscal year, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall first allot to Guam and the United States Virgin Islands an amount that, in relation to the total amount for the fiscal year, is equal to the allotment percentage that each received of amounts available under section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49e) in fiscal year 1983.

(c) STATES.—

(1) ALLOTMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall (after making the allotments required by subsection (b)) allot the remainder of the total amount for each fiscal year among the States as follows:

(i) CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE.—Two-thirds of such remainder shall be allotted on the basis of the relative number of individuals in the civilian labor force in each State as compared to the total number of such individuals in all States.

(ii) UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.—One-third of such remainder shall be allotted on the basis of the relative number of unemployed individuals in each State as compared to the total number of such individuals in all States.

(B) CALCULATION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the number of individuals in the civilian labor force and the number of unemployed individuals shall be based on data for the most recent calendar year available, as determined by the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly.

(2) MINIMUM PERCENTAGE.—No State allotment under this section for any fiscal year shall be a smaller percentage of the total amount for the fiscal year than 90 percent of the allotment percentage for the State for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made. For the purpose of this section, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall determine the allotment percentage for each State for fiscal year 1984, which shall be the percentage that the State received of amounts available under section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act for fiscal year 1983. For the purpose of this section, for each succeeding fiscal year, the allotment percentage for each such State shall be the percentage that the State received of amounts available under section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act for the preceding fiscal year.

(3) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—For each fiscal year, no State shall receive a total allotment under paragraphs (1) and (2) that is less than 0.28 percent of the total amount for such fiscal year.

(4) ESTIMATES.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall, not later than March 15 of each fiscal year, provide preliminary planning estimates and shall, not later than May 15 of each fiscal year, provide final planning estimates, showing the projected allocation for each State for the following year.

(5) DEFINITION.—Notwithstanding section 703, as used in paragraphs (2) through (4), the term ''State'' means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and United States Virgin Islands.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amendments made by this section, shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SEC. 734. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title (other than subtitle C) $6,127,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001.

(b) RESERVATIONS.—Of the amount appropriated under subsection (a)—

(1) 92.7 percent shall be reserved for making allotments under section 712;

(2) 1.25 percent shall be reserved for carrying out section 717;

(3) 0.2 percent shall be reserved for carrying out section 718;

(4) 4.3 percent shall be reserved for making incentive grants under section 732(a) and for the administration of this title;

(5) 1.4 percent shall be reserved for carrying out section 773; and

(6) 0.15 percent shall be reserved for carrying out sections 774 and 775 and the National Literacy Act of 1991 (20 U.S.C. 1201 note).

(c) PROGRAM YEAR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations for any fiscal year for programs and activities under this title shall be available for obligation only on the basis of a program year. The program year shall begin on July 1 in the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—Funds obligated for any program year may be expended by each recipient during the program year and the 2 succeeding program years and no amount shall be deobligated on account of a rate of expenditure that is consistent with the provisions of the State plan specified in section 714 that relate to workforce employment activities.

SEC. 735. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Subtitle C—Job Corps and Other Workforce Preparation Activities for At-Risk Youth

CHAPTER 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 741. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this subtitle are—

(1) to maintain a Job Corps for at-risk youth as part of statewide systems;

(2) to set forth standards and procedures for selecting individuals as enrollees in the Job Corps;

(3) to authorize the establishment of residential and nonresidential Job Corps centers in which enrollees will participate in intensive programs of workforce development activities;

(4) to prescribe various other powers, duties, and responsibilities incident to the operation and continuing development of the Job Corps; and

(5) to assist at-risk youth who need and can benefit from an unusually intensive program, operated in a group setting, to become more responsible, employable, and productive citizens.

SEC. 742. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this subtitle:

(1) AT-RISK YOUTH.—The term ''at-risk youth'' means an individual who—

(A) is not less than age 15 and not more than age 24;

(B) is low-income (as defined in section 723(e));

(C) is 1 or more of the following:

(i) Basic skills deficient.

(ii) A school dropout.

(iii) Homeless or a runaway.

(iv) Pregnant or parenting.

(v) Involved in the juvenile justice system.

(vi) An individual who requires additional education, training, or intensive counseling and related assistance, in order to secure and hold employment or participate successfully in regular schoolwork.

(2) ENROLLEE.—The term ''enrollee'' means an individual enrolled in the Job Corps.

(3) GOVERNOR.—The term ''Governor'' means the chief executive officer of a State.

(4) JOB CORPS.—The term ''Job Corps'' means the corps described in section 744.

(5) JOB CORPS CENTER.—The term ''Job Corps center'' means a center described in section 744.

SEC. 743. AUTHORITY OF GOVERNOR.

The duties and powers granted to a State by this subtitle shall be considered to be granted to the Governor of the State.

CHAPTER 2—JOB CORPS

SEC. 744. GENERAL AUTHORITY.

If a State receives an allotment under section 759, and a center located in the State received assistance under part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act for fiscal year 1996 and was not closed in accordance with section 755, the State shall use a portion of the funds made available through the allotment to maintain the center, and carry out activities described in this subtitle for individuals enrolled in a Job Corps and assigned to the center.

SEC. 745. SCREENING AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS.

(a) STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The State shall prescribe specific standards and procedures for the screening and selection of applicants for the Job Corps.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—To the extent practicable, the standards and procedures shall be implemented through arrangements with—

(A) one-stop career centers;

(B) agencies and organizations such as community action agencies, professional groups, and labor organizations; and

(C) agencies and individuals that have contact with youth over substantial periods of time and are able to offer reliable information about the needs and problems of the youth.

(3) CONSULTATION.—The standards and procedures shall provide for necessary consultation with individuals and organizations, including court, probation, parole, law enforcement, education, welfare, and medical authorities and advisers.

(b) SPECIAL LIMITATIONS.—No individual shall be selected as an enrollee unless the individual or organization implementing the standards and procedures determines that—

(1) there is a reasonable expectation that the individual can participate successfully in group situations and activities, is not likely to engage in behavior that would prevent other enrollees from receiving the benefit of the program or be incompatible with the maintenance of sound discipline and satisfactory relationships between the Job Corps center to which the individual might be assigned and surrounding communities; and

(2) the individual manifests a basic understanding of both the rules to which the individual will be subject and of the consequences of failure to observe the rules.

(c) INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE.—To be eligible to become an enrollee, an individual shall be an at-risk youth.

SEC. 746. ENROLLMENT AND ASSIGNMENT.

(a) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENROLLMENT AND MILITARY OBLIGATIONS.—Enrollment in the Job Corps shall not relieve any individual of obligations under the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 451 et seq.).

(b) ASSIGNMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the State shall assign an enrollee to the Job Corps center within the State that is closest to the residence of the enrollee.

(2) AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES.—The State may enter into agreements with 1 or more States to enroll individuals from the States in the Job Corps and assign the enrollees to Job Corps centers in the State.

SEC. 747. JOB CORPS CENTERS.

(a) DEVELOPMENT.—The State shall enter into an agreement with a Federal, State, or local agency, which may be a State board or agency that operates or wishes to develop an area vocational education school facility or residential vocational school, or with a private organization, for the establishment and operation of a Job Corps center.

(b) CHARACTER AND ACTIVITIES.—Job Corps centers may be residential or nonresidential in character, and shall be designed and operated so as to provide enrollees, in a well-supervised setting, with access to activities described in section 748.

(c) CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS.—The Job Corps centers may include Civilian Conservation Centers, located primarily in rural areas, which shall provide, in addition to other training and assistance, programs of work experience to conserve, develop, or manage public natural resources or public recreational areas or to develop community projects in the public interest.

(d) JOB CORPS OPERATORS.—To be eligible to receive funds under this chapter, an entity who entered into a contract with the Secretary of Labor that is in effect on the effective date of this section to carry out activities through a center under part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act (as in effect on the day before the effective date of this section), shall enter into a contract with the State in which the center is located that contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of the contract with the Secretary of Labor, as determined by the State.

SEC. 748. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

(a) ACTIVITIES PROVIDED THROUGH JOB CORPS CENTERS.—Each Job Corps center shall provide enrollees assigned to the center with access to activities described in section 716(a)(2)(B), and such other workforce development activities as may be appropriate to meet the needs of the enrollees, including providing work-based learning throughout the enrollment of the enrollees and assisting the enrollees in obtaining meaningful unsubsidized employment on completion of their enrollment.

(b) ARRANGEMENTS.—The State shall arrange for enrollees assigned to Job Corps centers in the State to receive workforce development activities through the statewide system, including workforce development activities provided through local public or private educational agencies, vocational educational institutions, or technical institutes.

(c) JOB PLACEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.—Each Job Corps center located in a State shall be connected to the job placement accountability system of the State described in section 731(d).

SEC. 749. SUPPORT.

The State shall provide enrollees assigned to Job Corps centers in the State with such personal allowances as the State may determine to be necessary or appropriate to meet the needs of the enrollees.

SEC. 750. OPERATING PLAN.

To be eligible to operate a Job Corps center and receive assistance under section 759 for program year 1998 or any subsequent program year, an entity shall prepare and submit, to the Governor of the State in which the center is located, and obtain the approval of the Governor for, an operating plan that shall include, at a minimum, information indicating—

(1) in quantifiable terms, the extent to which the center will contribute to the achievement of the proposed State goals and State benchmarks identified in the State plan for the State submitted under section 714;

(2) the extent to which workforce employment activities and workforce education activities delivered through the Job Corps center are directly linked to the workforce development needs of the industry sectors most important to the economic competitiveness of the State; and

(3) an implementation strategy to ensure that all enrollees assigned to the Job Corps center will have access to services through the one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2) by the State.

SEC. 751. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

(a) PROVISION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The State shall provide, and directors of Job Corps center shall stringently enforce, standards of conduct within the centers. Such standards of conduct shall include provisions forbidding violence, drug abuse, and other criminal activity.

(b) DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.—To promote the proper moral and disciplinary conditions in the Job Corps, the directors of Job Corps centers shall take appropriate disciplinary measures against enrollees. If such a director determines that an enrollee has committed a violation of the standards of conduct, the director shall dismiss the enrollee from the Corps if the director determines that the retention of the enrollee in the Corps will jeopardize the enforcement of such standards or diminish the opportunities of other enrollees. If the director determines that an enrollee has engaged in an incident involving violence, drug abuse, or other criminal activity, the director shall immediately dismiss the enrollee from the Corps.

(c) APPEAL.—A disciplinary measure taken by a director under this section shall be subject to expeditious appeal in accordance with procedures established by the State.

SEC. 752. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.

The State shall encourage and cooperate in activities to establish a mutually beneficial relationship between Job Corps centers in the State and nearby communities. The activities may include the use of any local workforce development boards established in the State under section 728(b) to provide a mechanism for joint discussion of common problems and for planning programs of mutual interest.

SEC. 753. COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT.

The State shall ensure that enrollees assigned to Job Corps centers in the State receive counseling and job placement services, which shall be provided, to the maximum extent practicable, through the delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2).

SEC. 754. LEASES AND SALES OF CENTERS.

(a) LEASES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall offer to enter into a lease with each State that has an approved State plan submitted under section 714 and in which 1 or more Job Corps centers are located.

(2) NOMINAL CONSIDERATION.—Under the terms of the lease, the Secretary of Labor shall lease the Job Corps centers in the State to the State in return for nominal consideration.

(3) INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.—To be eligible to lease such a center, a State shall enter into an agreement to hold harmless and indemnify the United States from any liability or claim for damages or injury to any person or property arising out of the lease.

(b) SALES.—Notwithstanding the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.), the Secretary of Labor shall offer each State described in subsection (a)(1) the opportunity to purchase the Job Corps centers in the State in return for nominal consideration.

SEC. 755. CLOSURE OF JOB CORPS CENTERS.

(a) NATIONAL JOB CORPS AUDIT.—Not later than March 31, 1997, the Federal Partnership shall conduct an audit of the activities carried out under part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.), and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing the results of the audit, including information indicating—

(1) the amount of funds expended for fiscal year 1996 to carry out activities under such part, for each State and for the United States;

(2) for each Job Corps center funded under such part (referred to in this subtitle as a ''Job Corps center''), the amount of funds expended for fiscal year 1996 under such part to carry out activities related to the direct operation of the center, including funds expended for student training, outreach or intake activities, meals and lodging, student allowances, medical care, placement or settlement activities, and administration;

(3) for each Job Corps center, the amount of funds expended for fiscal year 1996 under such part through contracts to carry out activities not related to the direct operation of the center, including funds expended for student travel, national outreach, screening, and placement services, national vocational training, and national and regional administrative costs;

(4) for each Job Corps center, the amount of funds expended for fiscal year 1996 under such part for facility construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition expenses; and

(5) the amount of funds required to be expended under such part to complete each new or proposed Job Corps center, and to rehabilitate and repair each existing Job Corps center, as of the date of the submission of the report.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL BOARD.—

(1) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The National Board shall, based on the results of the audit described in subsection (a), make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor, including identifying 25 Job Corps centers to be closed by September 30, 1997.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In determining whether to recommend that the Secretary of Labor close a Job Corps center, the National Board shall consider whether the center—

(i) has consistently received low performance measurement ratings under the Department of Labor or the Office of Inspector General Job Corps rating system;

(ii) is among the centers that have experienced the highest number of serious incidents of violence or criminal activity in the past 5 years;

(iii) is among the centers that require the largest funding for renovation or repair, as specified in the Department of Labor Job Corps Construction/Rehabilitation Funding Needs Survey, or for rehabilitation or repair, as reflected in the portion of the audit described in subsection (a)(5);

(iv) is among the centers for which the highest relative or absolute fiscal year 1996 expenditures were made, for any of the categories of expenditures described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a), as reflected in the audit described in subsection (a);

(v) is among the centers with the least State and local support; or

(vi) is among the centers with the lowest rating on such additional criteria as the National Board may determine to be appropriate.

(B) COVERAGE OF STATES AND REGIONS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the National Board shall not recommend that the Secretary of Labor close the only Job Corps center in a State or a region of the United States.

(C) ALLOWANCE FOR NEW JOB CORPS CENTERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the planning or construction of a Job Corps center that received Federal funding for fiscal year 1994 or 1995 has not been completed by the date of enactment of this Act—

(i) the appropriate entity may complete the planning or construction and begin operation of the center; and

(ii) the National Board shall not evaluate the center under this title sooner than 3 years after the first date of operation of the center.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 1997, the National Board shall submit a report to the Secretary of Labor, which shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the National Board resulting from the audit described in subsection (a) together with the recommendations described in paragraph (1).

(c) CLOSURE.—The Secretary of Labor shall, after reviewing the report submitted under subsection (b)(3), close 25 Job Corps centers by September 30, 1997.

SEC. 756. INTERIM OPERATING PLANS FOR JOB CORPS CENTERS.

Part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 439 the following section:

"SEC. 439A. OPERATING PLAN.

''(a) SUBMISSION OF PLAN.—To be eligible to operate a Job Corps center and receive assistance under this part for fiscal year 1997, an entity shall prepare and submit to the Secretary and the Governor of the State in which the center is located, and obtain the approval of the Secretary for, an operating plan that shall include, at a minimum, information indicating—

''(1) in quantifiable terms, the extent to which the center will contribute to the achievement of the proposed State goals and State benchmarks identified in the interim plan for the State submitted under section 763 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995;

''(2) the extent to which workforce employment activities and workforce education activities delivered through the Job Corps center are directly linked to the workforce development needs of the industry sectors most important to the economic competitiveness of the State; and

''(3) an implementation strategy to ensure that all enrollees assigned to the Job Corps center will have access to services through the one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995 by the State as identified in the interim plan.

''(b) SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.—Not later than 30 days after receiving an operating plan described in subsection (a), the Governor of the State in which the center is located may submit comments on the plan to the Secretary.

''(c) APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall not approve an operating plan described in subsection (a) for a center if the Secretary determines that the activities proposed to be carried out through the center are not sufficiently integrated with the activities to be carried out through the statewide system of the State in which the center is located.''.

SEC. 757. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

(b) INTERIM PROVISIONS.—Sections 754 and 755, and the amendment made by section 756, shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

CHAPTER 3—OTHER WORKFORCE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

SEC. 759. WORKFORCE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For program year 1998 and each subsequent program year, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make allotments under subsection (c) to States to assist the States in paying for the cost of carrying out workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth, as described in this section.

(b) STATE USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) CORE ACTIVITIES.—The State shall use a portion of the funds made available to the State through an allotment received under subsection (c) to establish and operate Job Corps centers as described in chapter 2, if a center located in the State received assistance under part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act for fiscal year 1996 and was not closed in accordance with section 755.

(2) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The State may use a portion of the funds described in paragraph (1) to—

(A) make grants to eligible entities, as described in subsection (e), to assist the entities in carrying out innovative programs to assist out-of-school at-risk youth in participating in school-to-work activities;

(B) make grants to eligible entities, as described in subsection (e), to assist the entities in providing work-based learning as a component of school-to-work activities, including summer jobs linked to year-round school-to-work programs; and

(C) carry out other workforce development activities specifically for at-risk youth.

(c) ALLOTMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall allot to each State an amount equal to the total of—

(A) the amount made available to the State under paragraph (2); and

(B) the amounts made available to the State under subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) of paragraph (3).

(2) ALLOTMENTS BASED ON FISCAL YEAR 1996 APPROPRIATIONS.—Using a portion of the funds appropriated under subsection (g) for a fiscal year, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make available to each State the amount that Job Corps centers in the State expended for fiscal year 1996 under part B of title IV of the Job Training Partnership Act to carry out activities related to the direct operation of the centers, as determined under section 755(a)(2).

(3) ALLOTMENTS BASED ON POPULATIONS.—

(A) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this paragraph:

(i) INDIVIDUAL IN POVERTY.—The term ''individual in poverty'' means an individual who—

(I) is not less than age 18;

(II) is not more than age 64; and

(III) is a member of a family (of 1 or more members) with an income at or below the poverty line.

(ii) POVERTY LINE.—The term ''poverty line'' means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and revised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) applicable to a family of the size involved, using the most recent available data provided by the Bureau of the Census, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made, and applying the definition of poverty used by the Bureau of the Census in compiling the 1990 decennial census.

(B) TOTAL ALLOTMENTS.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall use the remainder of the funds that are appropriated under subsection (g) for a fiscal year, and that are not made available under paragraph (2), to make amounts available under this paragraph.

(C) UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.—From funds equal to 33⅓ percent of such remainder, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the average number of unemployed individuals (as determined by the Secretary of Labor for the most recent 24-month period for which data are available, prior to the program year for which the allotment is made) in the State bears to the average number of unemployed individuals (as so determined) in the United States.

(D) INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY.—From funds equal to 33⅓ percent of such remainder, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the total number of individuals in poverty in the State bears to the total number of individuals in poverty in the United States.

(E) AT-RISK YOUTH.—From funds equal to 33⅓ percent of such remainder, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, shall make available to each State an amount that bears the same relationship to such funds as the total number of at-risk youth in the State bears to the total

number of at-risk youth in the United States.

(d) STATE PLAN.—

(1) INFORMATION.—To be eligible to receive an allotment under subsection (c), a State shall include, in the State plan to be submitted under section 714, information describing the allocation within the State of the funds made available through the allotment, and how the programs and activities described in subsection (b)(2) will be carried out to meet the State goals and reach the State benchmarks.

(2) LIMITATION.—A State may not be required to include the information described in paragraph (1) in the State plan to be submitted under section 714 to be eligible to receive an allotment under section 712.

(e) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (b)(2) from a State, an entity shall prepare and submit to the Governor of the State an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Governor may require.

(f) WITHIN STATE DISTRIBUTION.—Of the funds allotted to a State under subsection (c)(3) for workforce preparation activities for at-risk youth for a program year—

(1) 15 percent shall be reserved by the Governor to carry out such activities through the statewide system; and

(2) 85 percent shall be distributed to local entities to carry out such activities through the statewide system.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle, $2,100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001.

(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This chapter shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

Subtitle D—Transition Provisions

SEC. 761. WAIVERS.

(a) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, and except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary may waive any requirement under any provision of law relating to a covered activity, or of any regulation issued under such a provision, for—

(A) a State that requests such a waiver and submits an application as described in subsection (b); or

(B) a local entity that requests such a waiver and complies with the requirements of subsection (c);

in order to assist the State or local entity in planning or developing a statewide system or workforce development activities to be carried out through the statewide system.

(2) TERM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each waiver approved pursuant to this section shall be for a period beginning on the date of the approval and ending on June 30, 1998.

(B) FAILURE TO SUBMIT INTERIM PLAN.—If a State receives a waiver under this section and fails to submit an interim plan under section 763 by June 30, 1997, the waiver shall be deemed to terminate on September 30, 1997. If a local entity receives a waiver under this section, and the State in which the local entity is located fails to submit an interim plan under section 763 by June 30, 1997, the waiver shall be deemed to terminate on September 30, 1997.

(b) STATE REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may submit to the Secretary a request for a waiver of 1 or more requirements referred to in subsection (a). The request may include a request for different waivers with respect to different areas within the State.

(2) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a waiver described in subsection (a), a State shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including information—

(A) identifying the requirement to be waived and the goal that the State (or the local agency applying to the State under subsection (c)) intends to achieve through the waiver;

(B) identifying, and describing the actions that the State will take to remove, similar State requirements;

(C) describing the activities to which the waiver will apply, including information on how the activities may be continued, or related to activities carried out, under the statewide system of the State;

(D) describing the number and type of persons to be affected by such waiver; and

(E) providing evidence of support for the waiver request by the State agencies or officials with jurisdiction over the requirement to be waived.

(c) LOCAL ENTITY REQUEST FOR WAIVER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A local entity that seeks a waiver of such a requirement shall submit to the State a request for the waiver and an application containing sufficient information to enable the State to comply with the requirements of subsection (b)(2). The State shall determine whether to submit a request and an application for a waiver to the Secretary, as provided in subsection (b).

(2) TIME LIMIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The State shall make a determination concerning whether to submit the request and application for a waiver as described in paragraph (1) not later than 30 days after the date on which the State receives the application from the local entity.

(B) DIRECT SUBMISSION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the State does not make a determination to submit or does not submit the request and application within the 30-day time period specified in subparagraph (A), the local entity may submit the request and application to the Secretary.

(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In submitting such a request, the local entity shall obtain the agreement of the State involved to comply with the requirements of this section that would otherwise apply to a State submitting a request for a waiver. In reviewing an application submitted by a local entity, the Secretary shall comply with the requirements of this section that would otherwise apply to the Secretary with respect to review of such an application submitted by a State.

(d) WAIVERS NOT AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary may not waive any requirement of any provision referred to in subsection (a), or of any regulation issued under such provision, relating to—

(1) the allocation of funds to States, local entities, or individuals;

(2) public health or safety, civil rights, occupational safety and health, environmental protection, displacement of employees, or fraud and abuse;

(3) the eligibility of an individual for participation in a covered activity, except in a case in which the State or local entity can demonstrate that the individuals who would have been eligible to participate in such activity without the waiver will participate in a similar covered activity; or

(4) a required supplementation of funds by the State or a prohibition against the State supplanting such funds.

(e) ACTIVITIES.—Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary may approve a request for a waiver described in subsection (a) that would enable a State or local entity to—

(1) use the assistance that would otherwise have been used to carry out 2 or more covered activities (if the State or local entity were not using the assistance as described in this section)—

(A) to address the high priority needs of unemployed persons and at-risk youth in the appropriate State or community for workforce employment activities or workforce education activities;

(B) to improve efficiencies in the delivery of the covered activities; or

(C) in the case of overlapping or duplicative activities—

(i) by combining the covered activities and funding the combined activities; or

(ii) by eliminating 1 of the covered activities and increasing the funding to the remaining covered activity; and

(2) use the assistance that would otherwise have been used for administrative expenses relating to a covered activity (if the State or local entity were not using the assistance as described in this section) to pay for the cost of developing an interim State plan described in section 763 or a State plan described in section 714.

(f) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove any request submitted pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), not later than 45 days after the date of the submission and shall issue a decision that shall include the reasons for approving or disapproving the request.

(g) FAILURE TO ACT.—If the Secretary fails to approve or disapprove the request within the 45-day period described in subsection (f), the request shall be deemed to be approved on the day after such period ends. If the Secretary subsequently determines that the waiver relates to a matter described in subsection (d) and issues a decision that includes the reasons for the determination, the waiver shall be deemed to terminate on the date of issuance of the decision.

(h) DEFINITION.—As used in this section:

(1) LOCAL ENTITY.—The term ''local entity'' means—

(A) a local educational agency, with respect to any act by a local agency or organization relating to a covered activity that is a workforce education activity; and

(B) the local public or private agency or organization responsible for carrying out the covered activity at issue, with respect to any act by a local agency or organization relating to any other covered activity.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means—

(A) the Secretary of Labor, with respect to any act relating to a covered activity carried out by the Secretary of Labor;

(B) the Secretary of Education, with respect to any act relating to a covered activity carried out by the Secretary of Education; and

(C) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with respect to any act relating to a covered activity carried out by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(3) STATE.—The term ''State'' means—

(A) a State educational agency, with respect to any act by a State entity relating to a covered activity that is a workforce education activity; and

(B) the Governor, with respect to any act by a State entity relating to any other covered activity.

(i) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 501 of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6211) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking ''sections 502 and 503'' and inserting ''section 502'';

(B) in subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii)—

(i) by striking ''section 502(a)(1)(C) or 503(a)(1)(C), as appropriate,'' and inserting ''section 502(a)(1)(C)''; and

(ii) by striking ''section 502 or 503, as appropriate,'' and inserting ''section 502'';

(C) in subsection (c), by striking ''section 502 or 503'' and inserting ''section 502''; and

(D) by striking ''Secretaries'' each place the term appears and inserting ''Secretary of Education''.

(2) Section 502(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6212(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (4), by striking the semicolon and inserting ''; and'';

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (6).

(3) Section 503 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6213) is repealed.

(4) Section 504 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6214) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2)(B), by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following clauses:

''(i) the provisions of law listed in paragraphs (2) through (5) of section 502(b);

''(ii) the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.); and

''(iii) the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).''; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ''paragraphs (1) through (3), and paragraphs (5) and (6), of section 503(b)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (2) through (4) and paragraphs (6) and (7) of section 505(b)''.

(5) Section 505(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6215(b)) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State may use, under the requirements of this Act, Federal funds that are made available to the State and combined under subsection (a) to carry out school-to-work activities, except that the provisions relating to—

''(1) the matters specified in section 502(c);

''(2) basic purposes or goals;

''(3) maintenance of effort;

''(4) distribution of funds;

''(5) eligibility of an individual for participation;

''(6) public health or safety, labor standards, civil rights, occupational safety and health, or environmental protection; or

''(7) prohibitions or restrictions relating to the construction of buildings or facilities;

that relate to the program through which the funds described in subsection (a)(2)(B) were made available, shall remain in effect with respect to the use of such funds.''.

SEC. 762. FLEXIBILITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITION.—As used in this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ''eligible State'' means a State that—

(A)(i) has submitted an interim State plan under section 763;

(ii) has an executed Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Government; or

(iii) is a designated ''Ed-Flex Partnership State'' under section 311(e) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5891(e)); and

(B) waives State statutory or regulatory requirements relating to workforce development activities while holding local entities within the State that are effected by such waivers accountable for the performance of the participants who are affected by such waivers.

(2) LOCAL ENTITY; SECRETARY; STATE.—The terms ''local entity'', ''Secretary'', and ''State'' have the meanings given the terms in section 761(h).

(b) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—In addition to providing for the waivers described in section 761(a), the Secretary shall establish a workforce flexibility demonstration program under which the Secretary shall permit not more than 6 eligible States (or local entities within such States) to waive any statutory or regulatory requirement applicable to any covered activity described in section 761(a), other than the requirements described in section 761(d).

(2) SELECTION OF PARTICIPANT STATES.—In carrying out the program under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall select for participation in the program 3 eligible States that each have a population of not less than 3,500,000 individuals and 3 eligible States that each have a population of not more than 3,500,000 individuals, as determined in accordance with the most recent decennial census of the population as provided by the Bureau of the Census.

(3) APPLICATION.—

(A) SUBMISSION.—To be eligible to participate in the program established under paragraph (1), a State shall prepare and submit an application, in accordance with section 761(b)(2), that includes—

(i) a description of the process the eligible State will use to evaluate applications from local entities requesting waivers of—

(I) Federal statutory or regulatory requirements described in section 761(a); and

(II) State statutory or regulatory requirements relating to workforce development activities; and

(ii) a detailed description of the State statutory or regulatory requirements relating to workforce development activities that the State will waive.

(B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary may approve an application submitted under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that such application demonstrates substantial promise of assisting the State and local entities within such State in carrying out comprehensive reform of workforce development activities and in otherwise meeting the purposes of this title.

(C) LOCAL ENTITY APPLICATIONS.—A State participating in the program established under paragraph (1) shall not approve an application by a local entity for a waiver under this subsection unless the State determines that such waiver will assist the local entity in reaching the goals of the local entity.

(4) MONITORING.—A State participating in the program established under paragraph (1) shall annually monitor the activities of local entities receiving waivers under this subsection and shall submit an annual report regarding such monitoring to the Secretary. The Secretary shall periodically review the performance of such States and shall terminate the waiver of a State under this subsection if the Secretary determines, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the performance of such State has been inadequate to a level that justifies discontinuation of such authority.

(5) REFERENCE.—Each eligible State participating in the program established under paragraph (1) shall be referred to as a ''Work-Flex Partnership State''.

SEC. 763. INTERIM STATE PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For a State or local entity in a State to use a waiver received under section 761 or 762 through June 30, 1998, and for a State to be eligible to submit a State plan described in section 714 for program year 1998, the Governor of the State shall submit an interim State plan to the Federal Partnership. The Governor shall submit the plan not later than June 30, 1997.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The interim State plan shall comply with the requirements applicable to State plans described in section 714.

(c) PROGRAM YEAR.—In submitting the interim State plan, the Governor shall indicate whether the plan is submitted—

(1) for review and approval for program year 1997; or

(2) solely for review.

(d) REVIEW.—In reviewing an interim State plan, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may—

(1) in the case of a plan submitted for review and approval for program year 1997—

(A) approve the plan and permit the State to use a waiver as described in section 761 or 762 to carry out the plan; or

(B)(i) disapprove the plan and provide to the State reasons for the disapproval; and

(ii) direct the Federal Partnership to provide technical assistance to the State for developing an approvable plan to be submitted under section 714 for program year 1998; and

(2) in the case of a plan submitted solely for review, review the plan and provide to the State technical assistance for developing an approvable plan to be submitted under section 714 for program year 1998.

(e) EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL.—Disapproval of an interim plan shall not affect the ability of a State to use a waiver as described in section 761 or 762 through June 30, 1998.

SEC. 764. APPLICATIONS AND PLANS UNDER COVERED ACTS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no State or local entity shall be required to comply with any provision of a covered Act that would otherwise require the entity to submit an application or a plan to a Federal agency during fiscal year 1996 or 1997 for funding of a covered activity. In determining whether to provide funding to the State or local entity for the covered activity, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate, shall consider the last application or plan, as appropriate, submitted by the entity for funding of the covered activity.

SEC. 765. INTERIM ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any provision of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) that grants authority to the Secretary of Labor or the Secretary of Education shall be considered to grant the authority to the Federal Partnership.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1996.

SEC. 766. INTERIM AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT.—Section 508(a)(1) of the Older American Community Service Employment Act (42 U.S.C. 3056f(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''for fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1993 through 1998''.

(b) CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2302(a)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years'' and all that follows through ''1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1992 through 1998''.

(2) RESEARCH.—Section 404(d) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 2404(d)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years'' and all that follows through ''1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1992 through 1998''.

(c) ADULT EDUCATION ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 313(a) of the Adult Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1201b(a)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years'' and all that follows through ''1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1993 through 1998''.

(2) STATE LITERACY RESOURCE CENTERS.—Section 356(k) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1208aa(k)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years 1994 and 1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1994 and 1995''.

(3) BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, LABOR, AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS FOR WORKPLACE LITERACY.—Section 371(e)(1) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1211(e)(1)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years'' and all that follows through ''1995'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1993 through 1998''.

(4) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY.—Section 384(n)(1) of such Act (20 U.S.C.

1213c(n)(1)) is amended by striking ''for each of the fiscal years'' and all that follows through ''1996'' and inserting ''for each of fiscal years 1992 through 1995''.

Subtitle E—National Activities

SEC. 771. FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of Labor and the Department of Education a Workforce Development Partnership, under the joint control of the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—Notwithstanding the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.), the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.), the Act entitled ''An Act To Create a Department of Labor'', approved March 4, 1913 (29 U.S.C. 551 et seq.), and section 169 of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1579), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, in accordance with the plan approved or determinations made by the President under section 776(c), shall provide for, and exercise final authority over, the effective and efficient administration of this title and the officers and employees of the Federal Partnership.

(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, working jointly through the Federal Partnership, shall—

(1) approve applications and plans under sections 714, 717, 718, and 763;

(2) award financial assistance under sections 712, 717, 718, 732(a), 759, and 774;

(3) approve State benchmarks in accordance with section 731(c); and

(4) apply sanctions described in section 732(b).

(d) WORKPLANS.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall prepare and submit the workplans described in sections 776(c) and 777(b).

(e) INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly, shall, in appropriate cases, disseminate information and provide technical assistance to States on the best practices for establishing and carrying out activities through statewide systems, including model programs to provide structured work and learning experiences for welfare recipients.

SEC. 772. NATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND PERSONNEL.

(a) NATIONAL BOARD.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—The Federal Partnership shall be directed by a National Board that shall be composed of 13 individuals, including—

(A) 7 individuals who are representative of business and industry in the United States, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(B) 2 individuals who are representative of labor and workers in the United States, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(C) 2 individuals who are representative of education providers, 1 of whom is a State or local adult education provider and 1 of whom is a State or local vocational education provider, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(D) 2 Governors, representing different political parties, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) TERMS.—Each member of the National Board shall serve for a term of 3 years, except that, as designated by the President—

(A) 5 of the members first appointed to the National Board shall serve for a term of 2 years;

(B) 4 of the members first appointed to the National Board shall serve for a term of 3 years; and

(C) 4 of the members first appointed to the National Board shall serve for a term of 4 years.

(3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the National Board shall not affect the powers of the National Board, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member appointed to fill such a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of such member was appointed.

(4) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.—

(A) OVERSIGHT.—Subject to section 771(b), the National Board shall oversee all activities of the Federal Partnership.

(B) RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION.—If the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education fail to reach agreement with respect to the implementation of their duties and responsibilities under this title, the National Board shall review the issues about which disagreement exists and make a recommendation to the President regarding a solution to the disagreement.

(5) CHAIRPERSON.—The position of Chairperson of the National Board shall rotate annually among the appointed members described in paragraph (1)(A).

(6) MEETINGS.—The National Board shall meet at the call of the Chairperson but not less often than 4 times during each calendar year. Seven members of the National Board shall constitute a quorum. All decisions of the National Board with respect to the exercise of the duties and powers of the National Board shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the National Board.

(7) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

(A) COMPENSATION.—In accordance with the plan approved or the determinations made by the President under section 776(c), each member of the National Board shall be compensated at a rate to be fixed by the President but not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum rate authorized for a position above GS–15 of the General Schedule under section 5108 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the National Board.

(B) EXPENSES.—While away from their homes or regular places of business on the business of the National Board, members of such National Board shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

(8) DATE OF APPOINTMENT.—The National Board shall be appointed not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.—The Federal Partnership shall—

(1) oversee the development, maintenance, and continuous improvement of the nationwide integrated labor market information system described in section 773, and the relationship between such system and the job placement accountability system described in section 731(d);

(2) establish model benchmarks for each of the benchmarks referred to in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 731(c), at achievable levels based on existing (as of the date of the establishment of the benchmarks) workforce development efforts in the States;

(3) negotiate State benchmarks with States in accordance with section 731(c);

(4) provide advice to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education regarding the review and approval of applications and plans described in section 771(c)(1) and the approval of financial assistance described in section 771(c)(2);

(5) receive and review reports described in section 731(a);

(6) prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an annual report on the absolute and relative performance of States toward reaching the State benchmarks;

(7) provide advice to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education regarding applying sanctions described in section 732(b);

(8) review all federally funded programs providing workforce development activities, other than programs carried out under this title, and submit recommendations to Congress on how the federally funded programs could be integrated into the statewide systems of the States, including recommendations on the development of common terminology for activities and services provided through the programs;

(9) prepare an annual plan for the nationwide integrated labor market information system, as described in section 773(b)(2); and

(10) perform the duties specified for the Federal Partnership in this title.

(c) DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be in the Federal Partnership a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be compensated at the rate provided for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) DUTIES.—The Director shall make recommendations to the National Board regarding the activities described in subsection (b).

(4) DATE OF APPOINTMENT.—The Director shall be appointed not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) PERSONNEL.—

(1) APPOINTMENTS.—The Director may appoint and fix the compensation of such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership. Except as otherwise provided by law, such officers and employees shall be appointed in accordance with the civil service laws and their compensation fixed in accordance with title 5, United States Code.

(2) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Director may obtain the services of experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, and compensate such experts and consultants for each day (including travel time) at rates not in excess of the rate of pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title. The Director may pay experts and consultants who are serving away from their homes or regular place of business travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized by sections 5702 and 5703 of such title for persons in Government service employed intermittently.

(3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Federal Partnership without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service or privilege. The Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Labor shall detail a sufficient number of employees to the Federal Partnership for the period beginning October 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1998 to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership during such period.

(4) USE OF VOLUNTARY AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education are

authorized to accept voluntary and uncompensated services in furtherance of the purposes of this title.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 $500,000 to the National Board for the administration of the duties and responsibilities of the Federal Partnership under this title.

SEC. 773. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION.

(a) FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Federal Partnership, in accordance with the provisions of this section, shall oversee the development, maintenance, and continuous improvement of a nationwide integrated labor market information system that shall include—

(1) statistical data from cooperative statistical survey and projection programs and data from administrative reporting systems, that, taken together, shall enumerate, estimate, and project the supply and demand for labor at the substate, State, and national levels in a timely manner, including data on—

(A) the demographics, socioeconomic characteristics, and current employment status of the substate, State, and national populations (as of the date of the collection of the data), including self-employed, part-time, and seasonal workers;

(B) job vacancies, education and training requirements, skills, wages, benefits, working conditions, and industrial distribution, of occupations, as well as current and projected employment opportunities and trends by industry and occupation;

(C) the educational attainment, training, skills, skill levels, and occupations of the populations;

(D) information maintained in a longitudinal manner on the quarterly earnings, establishment and industry affiliation, and geographic location of employment for all individuals for whom the information is collected by the States; and

(E) the incidence, industrial and geographical location, and number of workers displaced by permanent layoffs and plant closings;

(2) State and substate area employment and consumer information (which shall be current, comprehensive, automated, accessible, easy to understand, and in a form useful for facilitating immediate employment, entry into education and training programs, and career exploration) on—

(A) job openings, locations, hiring requirements, and application procedures, including profiles of industries in the local labor market that describe the nature of work performed, employment requirements, and patterns in wages and benefits;

(B) jobseekers, including the education, training, and employment experience of the jobseekers; and

(C) the cost and effectiveness of providers of workforce employment activities, workforce education activities, and flexible workforce activities, including the percentage of program completion, acquisition of skills to meet industry-recognized skill standards, continued education, job placement, and earnings, by participants, and other information that may be useful in facilitating informed choices among providers by participants;

(3) technical standards for labor market information that will—

(A) ensure compatibility of the information and the ability to aggregate the information from substate areas to State and national levels;

(B) support standardization and aggregation of the data from administrative reporting systems;

(C) include—

(i) classification and coding systems for industries, occupations, skills, programs, and courses;

(ii) nationally standardized definitions of labor market terms, including terms related to State benchmarks established pursuant to section 731(c);

(iii) quality control mechanisms for the collection and analysis of labor market information; and

(iv) common schedules for collection and dissemination of labor market information; and

(D) eliminate gaps and duplication in statistical undertakings, with a high priority given to the systemization of wage surveys;

(4) an analysis of data and information described in paragraphs (1) and (2) for uses such as—

(A) national, State, and substate area economic policymaking;

(B) planning and evaluation of workforce development activities;

(C) the implementation of Federal policies, including the allocation of Federal funds to States and substate areas; and

(D) research on labor market dynamics;

(5) dissemination mechanisms for data and analysis, including mechanisms that may be standardized among the States; and

(6) programs of technical assistance for States and substate areas in the development, maintenance, utilization, and continuous improvement of the data, information, standards, analysis, and dissemination mechanisms, described in paragraphs (1) through (5).

(b) JOINT FEDERAL-STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The nationwide integrated labor market information system shall be planned, administered, overseen, and evaluated through a cooperative governance structure involving the Federal Government and the States receiving financial assistance under this title.

(2) ANNUAL PLAN.—The Federal Partnership shall, with the assistance of the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other Federal agencies, where appropriate, prepare an annual plan that shall be the mechanism for achieving the cooperative Federal-State governance structure for the nationwide integrated labor market information system. The plan shall—

(A) establish goals for the development and improvement of a nationwide integrated labor market information system based on information needs for achieving economic growth and productivity, accountability, fund allocation equity, and an understanding of labor market characteristics and dynamics;

(B) describe the elements of the system, including—

(i) standards, definitions, formats, collection methodologies, and other necessary system elements, for use in collecting the data and information described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a); and

(ii) assurances that—

(I) data will be sufficiently timely and detailed for uses including the uses described in subsection (a)(4);

(II) administrative records will be standardized to facilitate the aggregation of data from substate areas to State and national levels and to support the creation of new statistical series from program records; and

(III) paperwork and reporting requirements on employers and individuals will be reduced;

(C) recommend needed improvements in administrative reporting systems to be used for the nationwide integrated labor market information system;

(D) describe the current spending on integrated labor market information activities from all sources, assess the adequacy of the funds spent, and identify the specific budget needs of the Federal Government and States with respect to implementing and improving the nationwide integrated labor market information system;

(E) develop a budget for the nationwide integrated labor market information system that—

(i) accounts for all funds described in subparagraph (D) and any new funds made available pursuant to this title; and

(ii) describes the relative allotments to be made for—

(I) operating the cooperative statistical programs pursuant to subsection (a)(1);

(II) developing and providing employment and consumer information pursuant to subsection (a)(2);

(III) ensuring that technical standards are met pursuant to subsection (a)(3); and

(IV) providing the analysis, dissemination mechanisms, and technical assistance under paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (a), and matching data;

(F) describe the involvement of States in developing the plan by holding formal consultations conducted in cooperation with representatives of the Governors of each State or the State workforce development board described in section 715, where appropriate, pursuant to a process established by the Federal Partnership; and

(G) provide for technical assistance to the States for the development of statewide comprehensive labor market information systems described in subsection (c), including assistance with the development of easy-to-use software and hardware, or uniform information displays.

For purposes of applying Office of Management and Budget Circular A–11 to determine persons eligible to participate in deliberations relating to budget issues for the development of the plan, the representatives of the Governors of each State and the State workforce development board described in subparagraph (F) shall be considered to be employees of the Department of Labor.

(c) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) DESIGNATION OF STATE AGENCY.—In order to receive Federal financial assistance under this title, the Governor of a State shall—

(A) establish an interagency process for the oversight of a statewide comprehensive labor market information system and for the participation of the State in the cooperative Federal-State governance structure for the nationwide integrated labor market information system; and

(B) designate a single State agency or entity within the State to be responsible for the management of the statewide comprehensive labor market information system.

(2) DUTIES.—In order to receive Federal financial assistance under this title, the State agency or entity within the State designated under paragraph (1)(B) shall—

(A) consult with employers and local workforce development boards described in section 728(b), where appropriate, about the labor market relevance of the data to be collected and displayed through the statewide comprehensive labor market information system;

(B) develop, maintain, and continuously improve the statewide comprehensive labor market information system, which shall—

(i) include all of the elements described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (a); and

(ii) provide the consumer information described in clauses (v) and (vi) of section 716(a)(2)(B) in a manner that shall be responsive to the needs of business, industry, workers, and jobseekers;

(C) ensure the performance of contract and grant responsibilities for data collection, analysis, and dissemination, through the statewide comprehensive labor market information system;

(D) conduct such other data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities to ensure that State and substate area labor market information is comprehensive;

(E) actively seek the participation of other State and local agencies, with particular attention to State education, economic development, human services, and welfare agencies, in data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities in order to ensure complementarity and compatibility among data;

(F) participate in the development of the national annual plan described in subsection (b)(2); and

(G) ensure that the matches required for the job placement accountability system by section 731(d)(2)(A) are made for the State and for other States.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title shall be construed as limiting the ability of a State agency to conduct additional data collection, analysis, and dissemination activities with State funds or with Federal funds from sources other than this title.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

SEC. 774. NATIONAL CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made available under section 734(b)(6), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, are authorized to award a grant, on a competitive basis, to an institution of higher education, public or private nonprofit organization or agency, or a consortium of such institutions, organizations, or agencies, to enable such institution, organization, agency, or consortium to establish a national center to carry out the activities described in subsection (b).

(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Grant funds made available under this section shall be used by the national center assisted under subsection (a)—

(1) to increase the effectiveness and improve the implementation of workforce development programs, including conducting research and development and providing technical assistance with respect to—

(A) combining academic and vocational education;

(B) connecting classroom instruction with work-based learning;

(C) creating a continuum of educational programs that provide multiple exit points for employment, which may include changes or development of instructional materials or curriculum;

(D) establishing high quality support services for all students to ensure access to workforce development programs, educational success, and job placement assistance;

(E) developing new models for remediation of basic academic skills, which models shall incorporate appropriate instructional methods, rather than using rote and didactic methods;

(F) identifying ways to establish links among educational and job training programs at the State and local levels;

(G) developing new models for career guidance, career information, and counseling services;

(H) identifying economic and labor market changes that will affect workforce needs;

(I) developing model programs for the transition of members of the Armed Forces from military service to civilian employment;

(J) conducting preparation of teachers, counselors, administrators, and other professionals, who work with programs funded under this title; and

(K) obtaining information on practices in other countries that may be adapted for use in the United States;

(2) to provide assistance to States and local recipients of assistance under this title in developing and using systems of performance measures and standards for improvement of programs and services; and

(3) to maintain a clearinghouse that will provide data and information to Federal, State, and local organizations and agencies about the condition of statewide systems and programs funded under this title, which data and information shall be disseminated in a form that is useful to practitioners and policymakers.

(c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—The Federal Partnership may request that the national center assisted under subsection (a) conduct activities not described in subsection (b), or study topics not described in subsection (b), as the Federal Partnership determines to be necessary to carry out this title.

(d) IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT NEEDS.—The national center assisted under subsection (a) shall identify current needs (as of the date of the identification) for research and technical assistance through a variety of sources including a panel of Federal, State, and local level practitioners.

(e) SUMMARY REPORT.—The national center assisted under subsection (a) shall annually prepare and submit to the Federal Partnership and Congress a report summarizing the research findings obtained, and the results of development and technical assistance activities carried out, under this section.

(f) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term ''institution of higher education'' has the meaning given the term in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

SEC. 775. NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement (referred to in this section as the ''Assistant Secretary'') shall conduct a national assessment of vocational education programs assisted under this title, through studies and analyses conducted independently through competitive awards.

(b) INDEPENDENT ADVISORY PANEL.—The Assistant Secretary shall appoint an independent advisory panel, consisting of vocational education administrators, educators, researchers, and representatives of business, industry, labor, career guidance and counseling professionals, and other relevant groups, to advise the Assistant Secretary on the implementation of such assessment, including the issues to be addressed and the methodology of the studies involved, and the findings and recommendations resulting from the assessment. The panel, in the discretion of the panel, may submit to Congress an independent analysis of the findings and recommendations resulting from the assessment. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the panel established under this subsection.

(c) CONTENTS.—The assessment required under subsection (a) shall include descriptions and evaluations of—

(1) the effect of this title on State and tribal administration of vocational education programs and on local vocational education practices, including the capacity of State, tribal, and local vocational education systems to address the purposes of this title;

(2) expenditures at the Federal, State, tribal, and local levels to address program improvement in vocational education, including the impact of Federal allocation requirements (such as within-State distribution formulas) on the delivery of services;

(3) preparation and qualifications of teachers of vocational and academic curricula in vocational education programs, as well as shortages of such teachers;

(4) participation in vocational education programs;

(5) academic and employment outcomes of vocational education, including analyses of—

(A) the effect of educational reform on vocational education;

(B) the extent and success of integration of academic and vocational curricula;

(C) the success of the school-to-work transition; and

(D) the degree to which vocational training is relevant to subsequent employment;

(6) employer involvement in, and satisfaction with, vocational education programs;

(7) the effect of benchmarks, performance measures, and other measures of accountability on the delivery of vocational education services; and

(8) the degree to which minority students are involved in vocational student organizations.

(d) CONSULTATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education shall consult with the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate in the design and implementation of the assessment required under subsection (a).

(2) REPORTS.—The Secretary of Education shall submit to Congress—

(A) an interim report regarding the assessment on or before January 1, 2000; and

(B) a final report, summarizing all studies and analyses that relate to the assessment and that are completed after the assessment, on or before July 1, 2000.

(3) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, the reports required by this subsection shall not be subject to any review outside of the Office of Educational Research and Improvement before their transmittal to Congress, but the President, the Secretary, and the independent advisory panel established under subsection (b) may make such additional recommendations to Congress with respect to the assessment as the President, Secretary, or panel determine to be appropriate.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

SEC. 776. TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, unless otherwise provided or indicated by the context—

(1) the term ''Federal agency'' has the meaning given to the term ''agency'' by section 551(1) of title 5, United States Code;

(2) the term ''function'' means any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, activity, or program; and

(3) the term ''office'' includes any office, administration, agency, institute, unit, organizational entity, or component thereof.

(b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are transferred to the appropriate Secretary in the Federal Partnership, in accordance with subsection (c), all functions that the Secretary of Labor or the Secretary of Education exercised before the effective date of this section (including all related functions of any officer or employee of the Department of Labor or the Department of Education) that relate to a covered activity and that are minimally necessary to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership. The authority of a transferred employee to carry

out a function that relates to a covered activity shall terminate on July 1, 1998.

(c) TRANSITION WORKPLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall prepare and submit to the National Board a proposed workplan as described in paragraph (2). The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall also submit the plan to the President, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate for review and comment.

(2) CONTENTS.—The proposed workplan shall include, at a minimum—

(A) an analysis of the functions that officers and employees of the Department of Labor and the Department of Education carry out (as of the date of the submission of the workplan) that relate to a covered activity;

(B) information on the levels of personnel and funding used to carry out the functions (as of such date);

(C) a determination of the functions described in subparagraph (A) that are minimally necessary to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership;

(D) information on the levels of personnel and other resources that are minimally necessary to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership;

(E) a determination of the manner in which the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education will provide personnel and other resources of the Department of Labor and the Department of Education for the Federal Partnership;

(F) a determination of the appropriate Secretary to receive the personnel, resources, and related items to be transferred under this section, based on factors including increased efficiency and elimination of duplication of functions;

(G) a determination of the proposed organizational structure for the Federal Partnership; and

(H) a determination of the manner in which the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly through the Federal Partnership, will carry out their duties and responsibilities under this title.

(3) REVIEW BY NATIONAL BOARD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the date of submission of the proposed workplan under paragraph (1), the National Board shall—

(i) review and concur with the workplan; or

(ii) reject the workplan and prepare and submit to the President a revised workplan that contains the analysis, information, and determinations described in paragraph (2).

(B) FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—If the National Board concurs with the proposed workplan, the functions described in paragraph (2)(C), as determined in the workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (b).

(4) REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of submission of a revised workplan under paragraph (3)(A)(ii), the President shall—

(i) review and approve the workplan; or

(ii) reject the workplan and prepare an alternative workplan that contains the analysis, information, and determinations described in paragraph (2).

(B) FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—If the President approves the revised workplan, or prepares the alternative workplan, the functions described in paragraph (2)(C), as determined in such revised or alternative workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (b).

(C) SPECIAL RULE.—If the President takes no action on the revised workplan submitted under paragraph (3)(A)(ii) within the 30-day period described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education, and the National Board may attempt to reach agreement on a compromise workplan. If the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education, and the National Board reach such agreement, the functions described in paragraph (2)(C), as determined in such compromise workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (b). If, after an additional 15-day period, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education and the National Board are unable to reach such agreement, the revised workplan shall be deemed to be approved and shall take effect on the day after the end of such period. The functions described in paragraph (2)(C), as determined in the revised workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (b).

(5) DETERMINATION BY PRESIDENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the event that the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education fail to reach agreement regarding, and submit, a proposed workplan described in paragraph (2), the President shall make the determinations described in paragraph (2)(C). The President shall delegate full responsibility for administration of this title to 1 of the 2 Secretaries. Such Secretary shall be considered to be the appropriate Secretary for purposes of this title and shall have authority to carry out any function that the Secretaries would otherwise be authorized to carry out jointly.

(B) TRANSFERS.—The functions described in paragraph (2)(C), as determined by the President under subparagraph (A), shall be transferred under subsection (b). All positions of personnel that relate to a covered activity and that, prior to the transfer, were within the Department headed by the other of the 2 Secretaries shall be separated from service as provided in subsection (i)(2)(A).

(d) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except where otherwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided by this section, the National Board may delegate any function transferred or granted to the Federal Partnership after the effective date of this section to such officers and employees of the Federal Partnership as the National Board may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of such functions as may be necessary or appropriate. No delegation of functions by the National Board under this subsection or under any other provision of this section shall relieve such National Board of responsibility for the administration of such functions.

(e) REORGANIZATION.—The National Board may allocate or reallocate any function transferred or granted to the Federal Partnership after the effective date of this section among the officers of the Federal Partnership, and establish, consolidate, alter, or discontinue such organizational entities in the Federal Partnership as may be necessary or appropriate.

(f) RULES.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, may prescribe, in accordance with the provisions of chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, acting jointly on the advice of the Federal Partnership, determine to be necessary or appropriate to administer and manage the functions of the Federal Partnership.

(g) TRANSFER AND ALLOCATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND PERSONNEL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, the personnel employed in connection with, and the assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the functions transferred by this section, subject to section 1531 of title 31, United States Code, shall be transferred to the appropriate Secretary in the Federal Partnership. Unexpended funds transferred pursuant to this subsection shall be used only to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership.

(2) EXISTING FACILITIES AND OTHER FEDERAL RESOURCES.—Pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall supply such office facilities, office supplies, support services, and related expenses as may be minimally necessary to carry out the functions of the Federal Partnership. None of the funds made available under this title may be used for the construction of office facilities for the Federal Partnership.

(h) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, at such time or times as the Director shall provide, may make such determinations as may be necessary with regard to the functions transferred by this section, and to make such additional incidental dispositions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds held, used, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with such functions, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide for the termination of the affairs of all entities terminated by this section and for such further measures and dispositions as may be necessary to effectuate the objectives of this section.

(i) EFFECT ON PERSONNEL.—

(1) TERMINATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS.—Positions whose incumbents are appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the functions of which are transferred by this section, shall terminate on the effective date of this section.

(2) ACTIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall take such actions as may be necessary, including reduction in force actions, consistent with sections 3502 and 3595 of title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the positions of personnel that relate to a covered activity and are not transferred under subsection (b) are separated from service.

(B) SCOPE.—The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall take the actions described in subparagraph (A) with respect to not less than ⅓ of the positions of personnel that relate to a covered activity.

(j) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

(1) SUITS NOT AFFECTED.—The provisions of this section shall not affect suits commenced before the effective date of this section, and in all such suits, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the same manner and with the same effect as if this section had not been enacted.

(2) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, action, or other proceeding commenced by or against the Department of Labor or the Department of Education, or by or against any individual in the official capacity of such individual as an officer of the Department of Labor or the Department of Education, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this section.

(k) TRANSITION.—The National Board may utilize—

(1) the services of officers, employees, and other personnel of the Department of Labor or the Department of Education, other than

personnel of the Federal Partnership, with respect to functions transferred to the Federal Partnership by this section; and

(2) funds appropriated to such functions;

for such period of time as may reasonably be needed to facilitate the orderly implementation of this section.

(l) REFERENCES.—A reference in any other Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or relating to—

(1) the Secretary of Labor or the Secretary of Education with regard to functions transferred under subsection (b), shall be deemed to refer to the Federal Partnership; and

(2) the Department of Labor or the Department of Education with regard to functions transferred under subsection (b), shall be deemed to refer to the Federal Partnership.

(m) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.—After consultation with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Partnership shall prepare and submit to Congress recommended legislation containing technical and conforming amendments to reflect the changes made by this section.

(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 31, 1997, the Federal Partnership shall submit the recommended legislation referred to in paragraph (1).

(n) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), this section shall take effect on June 30, 1998.

(2) REGULATIONS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsections (f) and (m) shall take effect on September 30, 1996.

(3) WORKPLAN.—Subsection (c) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 777. TRANSFERS TO OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OFFICES.

(a) TRANSFER.—There are transferred to the appropriate receiving agency, in accordance with subsection (b), all functions that the Secretary of Labor, acting through the Employment and Training Administration, or the Secretary of Education, acting through the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, exercised before the effective date of this section (including all related functions of any officer or employee of the Employment and Training Administration or the Office of Vocational and Adult Education) that do not relate to a covered activity.

(b) DETERMINATIONS OF FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATE RECEIVING AGENCIES.—

(1) TRANSITION WORKPLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education shall prepare and submit to the President a proposed workplan that specifies the steps that the Secretaries will take, during the period ending on July 1, 1998, to carry out the transfer described in subsection (a).

(2) CONTENTS.—The proposed workplan shall include, at a minimum—

(A) a determination of the functions that officers and employees of the Employment and Training Administration and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education carry out (as of the date of the submission of the workplan) that do not relate to a covered activity; and

(B) a determination of the appropriate receiving agencies for the functions, based on factors including increased efficiency and elimination of duplication of functions.

(3) REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the date of submission of the proposed workplan under paragraph (1), the President shall—

(i) review and approve the workplan and submit the workplan to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate; or

(ii) reject the workplan, prepare an alternative workplan that contains the determinations described in paragraph (2), and submit the alternative workplan to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate.

(B) FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—If the President approves the proposed workplan, or prepares the alternative workplan, the functions described in paragraph (2)(A), as determined in such proposed or alternative workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (a) to the appropriate receiving agencies described in paragraph (2)(B), as determined in such proposed or alternative workplan.

(C) SPECIAL RULE.—If the President takes no action on the proposed workplan submitted under paragraph (1) within the 45-day period described in subparagraph (A), such workplan shall be deemed to be approved and shall take effect on the day after the end of such period. The functions described in paragraph (2)(A), as determined in the proposed workplan, shall be transferred under subsection (a) to the appropriate receiving agencies described in paragraph (2)(B), as determined in the proposed workplan.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 1998, the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Labor shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress information on the transfers required by this section.

(c) APPLICATION OF AUTHORITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a), and subsections (d) through (m), of section 776 (other than subsections (f), (g)(2), (i)(2), and (m)) shall apply to transfers under this section, in the same manner and to the same extent as the subsections apply to transfers under section 776.

(B) REGULATIONS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsections (f) and (m) of section 776 shall apply to transfers under this section, in the same manner and to the same extent as the subsections apply to transfers under section 776.

(2) REFERENCES.—For purposes of the application of the subsections described in paragraph (1) (other than subsections (g)(2) and (i)(2) of section 776) to transfers under this section—

(A) references to the Federal Partnership shall be deemed to be references to the appropriate receiving agency, as determined in the approved or alternative workplan referred to in subsection (b)(3);

(B) references to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, Director, or National Board shall be deemed to be references to the head of the appropriate receiving agency; and

(C) references to transfers in section 776 shall be deemed to include transfers under this section.

(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Unexpended funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be used only for the purposes for which the funds were originally authorized and appropriated.

(4) CONTINUING EFFECT OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, agreements, grants, contracts, certificates, licenses, registrations, privileges, and other administrative actions—

(A) that have been issued, made, granted, or allowed to become effective by the President, any Federal agency or official of a Federal agency, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the performance of functions that are transferred under this section; and

(B) that are in effect on the effective date of this section or were final before the effective date of this section and are to become effective on or after the effective date of this section;

shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by the President, the appropriate receiving agency or other authorized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

(5) PROCEEDINGS NOT AFFECTED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this section shall not affect any proceedings, including notices of proposed rulemaking, or any application for any license, permit, certificate, or financial assistance pending before the Department of Labor or the Department of Education on the date this section takes effect, with respect to functions transferred by this section.

(B) CONTINUATION.—Such proceedings and applications shall be continued. Orders shall be issued in such proceedings, appeals shall be taken from the orders, and payments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if this section had not been enacted, and orders issued in any such proceedings shall continue in effect until modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized official, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law.

(C) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the discontinuance or modification of any such proceeding under the same terms and conditions and to the same extent that such proceeding could have been discontinued or modified if this section had not been enacted.

(6) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.—Any administrative action relating to the preparation or promulgation of a regulation by the Department of Labor or the Department of Education relating to a function transferred under this section may be continued by the appropriate receiving agency with the same effect as if this section had not been enacted.

(d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the transfer of any function described in subsection (b)(2)(A) to the Federal Partnership.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), this section shall take effect on June 30, 1998.

(2) REGULATIONS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (c)(1)(B) shall take effect on September 30, 1996.

(3) WORKPLAN.—Subsection (b) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 778. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN OFFICES.

(a) TERMINATION.—The Office of Vocational and Adult Education and the Employment and Training Administration shall terminate on July 1, 1998.

(b) OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION.—

(1) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking ''Assistant Secretaries of Education (10)'' and inserting ''Assistant Secretaries of Education (9)''.

(2) DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATION ACT.—

(A) Section 202 of the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. 3412) is amended—

(i) in subsection (b)(1)—

(I) by striking subparagraph (C); and

(II) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (F) as subparagraphs (C) through (E), respectively;

(ii) by striking subsection (h); and

(iii) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (h).

(B) Section 206 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 3416) is repealed.

(C) Section 402(c)(1) of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 9001(c)(1)) is amended by striking ''established under'' and all that follows and inserting a semicolon.

(3) GOALS 2000: EDUCATE AMERICA ACT.—Section 931(h)(3)(A) of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 6031(h)(3)(A)) is amended—

(A) by striking clause (iii); and

(B) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively.

(c) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking ''Assistant Secretaries of Labor (10)'' and inserting ''Assistant Secretaries of Labor (9)''.

(2) VETERANS' BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1988.—Section 402(d)(3) of the Veterans' Benefits and Programs Improvement Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 1721 note) is amended by striking ''and under any other program administered by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor''.

(3) TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 4110(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (7); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through (12) as paragraphs (7) through (11), respectively.

(4) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.—The last sentence of section 162(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12622(b)) is amended by striking ''or the Office of Job Training''.

(d) UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.—

(1) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 3327 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking ''the employment offices of the United States Employment Service'' and inserting ''Governors''; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ''of the United States Employment Service''.

(2) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(A) Section 1143a(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(B) Section 2410k(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking '', and where appropriate the Interstate Job Bank (established by the United States Employment Service),''.

(3) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (g).

(4) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993.—Section 4468 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (29 U.S.C. 1662d–1 note) is repealed.

(5) TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 4110(d) of title 38, United States Code (as amended by subsection (c)(3)), is further amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (10); and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (11) as paragraph (10).

(6) TITLE 39, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(A) Section 3202(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (D), by striking the semicolon and inserting ''; and'';

(ii) by striking subparagraph (E); and

(iii) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (E).

(B) Section 3203(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking ''(1)(E), (2), and (3)'' and inserting ''(2) and (3)''.

(C) Section 3206(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking ''(1)(F)'' and inserting ''(1)(E)''.

(7) NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT OF 1990.—Section 162(b) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12622(b)) (as amended by subsection (c)(4)) is further amended by striking the last sentence.

(e) REORGANIZATION PLANS.—Except with respect to functions transferred under section 777, the authority granted to the Employment and Training Administration, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, or any unit of the Employment and Training Administration or the Office of Vocational and Adult Education by any reorganization plan shall terminate on July 1, 1998.

Subtitle F—Repeals of Employment and Training and Vocational and Adult Education Programs

SEC. 781. REPEALS.

(a) IMMEDIATE REPEALS.—The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Section 204 of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1255a note).

(2) Title II of Public Law 95–250 (92 Stat. 172).

(3) The Displaced Homemakers Self-Sufficiency Assistance Act (29 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

(4) Section 211 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App. 211).

(5) Subtitle C of title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11441 et seq.).

(6) Section 5322 of title 49, United States Code.

(7) Subchapter I of chapter 421 of title 49, United States Code.

(b) SUBSEQUENT REPEALS.—The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Sections 235 and 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2295 and 2296), and paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 250(d) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2331(d)).

(2) The Adult Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.).

(3) The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

(4) The School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.).

(5) The Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.).

(6) The Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

(7) Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.).

(8) Title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11421 et seq.), other than subtitle C of such title.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IMMEDIATE REPEALS.—The repeals made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) SUBSEQUENT REPEALS.—The repeals made by subsection (b) shall take effect on July 1, 1998.

SEC. 782. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) IMMEDIATE REPEALS.—

(1) REFERENCES TO SECTION 204 OF THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986.—The table of contents for the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 is amended by striking the item relating to section 204 of such Act.

(2) REFERENCES TO TITLE II OF PUBLIC LAW 95–250.—Section 103 of Public Law 95–250 (16 U.S.C. 791) is amended—

(A) by striking the second sentence of subsection (a); and

(B) by striking the second sentence of subsection (b).

(3) REFERENCES TO SUBTITLE C OF TITLE VII OF THE STEWART B. MCKINNEY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT.—

(A) Section 762(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11472(a)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''each of the following programs'' and inserting ''the emergency community services homeless grant program established in section 751''; and

(ii) by striking ''tribes:'' and all that follows and inserting ''tribes.''.

(B) The table of contents of such Act is amended by striking the items relating to subtitle C of title VII of such Act.

(4) REFERENCES TO TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(A) Sections 5313(b)(1) and 5314(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, are amended by striking ''5317, and 5322'' and inserting ''and 5317''.

(B) The table of contents for chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 5322.

(b) SUBSEQUENT REPEALS.—

(1) REFERENCES TO THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT.—

(A) Section 245A(h)(4)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255a(h)(4)(C)) is amended by striking ''Vocational Education Act of 1963'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(B) The Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5801 et seq.) is amended—

(i) in section 306 (20 U.S.C. 5886)—

(I) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking all beginning with '' which process'' through ''Act'' and inserting ''which process shall include coordination with the benchmarks described in section 731(c)(2) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''; and

(II) in subsection (l), by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''; and

(ii) in section 311(b) (20 U.S.C. 5891(b)), by striking paragraph (6).

(C) The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

(i) in section 1114(b)(2)(C)(v) (20 U.S.C. 6314(b)(2)(C)(v)), by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995'';

(ii) in section 9115(b)(5) (20 U.S.C. 7815(b)(5)), by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995'';

(iii) in section 14302(a)(2) (20 U.S.C. 8852(a)(2))—

(I) by striking subparagraph (C); and

(II) by redesignating subparagraphs (D), (E), and (F) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), respectively; and

(iv) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) of section 14307(a)(1) (20 U.S.C. 8857(a)(1)), by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(D) Section 533(c)(4)(A) of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note) is amended by striking ''(20 U.S.C. 2397h(3)'' and inserting '', as such section was in effect on the day preceding the date of enactment of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(E) Section 563 of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6301 note) is amended by striking ''the date of enactment of an Act reauthorizing the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.)'' and inserting ''July 1, 1998''.

(F) Section 135(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 135(c)(3)(B)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''subparagraph (C) or (D) of section 521(3) of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act'' and inserting ''subparagraph (C) or (D) of section 703(2) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''; and

(ii) by striking ''any State (as defined in section 521(27) of such Act)'' and inserting ''any State or outlying area (as the terms 'State' and 'outlying area' are defined in section 703 of such Act)''.

(G) Section 101(a)(11)(A) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)(11)(A)) is amended by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.)'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(H) Section 214(c) of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App. 214(c)) is amended by striking ''Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(I) Section 104 of the Vocational Education Amendments of 1968 (82 Stat. 1091) is amended by striking ''section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act'' and inserting ''the Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(2) REFERENCES TO THE ADULT EDUCATION ACT.—

(A) Subsection (b) of section 402 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act (8 U.S.C. 1522, note) is repealed.

(B) Paragraph (20) of section 3 of the Library Services and Construction Act (20 U.S.C. 351a(20)) is amended to read as follows:

''(20) The term 'educationally disadvantaged adult' means an individual who—

''(A) is age 16 or older, or beyond the age of compulsory school attendance under State law;

''(B) is not enrolled in secondary school;

''(C) demonstrates basic skills equivalent to or below that of students at the fifth grade level; or

''(D) has been placed in the lowest or beginning level of an adult education program when that program does not use grade level equivalencies as a measure of students' basic skills.''.

(C)(i) Section 1202(c)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6362(c)(1)) is amended by striking ''Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(ii) Section 1205(8)(B) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6365(8)(B)) is amended by striking ''Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(iii) Section 1206(a)(1)(A) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6366(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''an adult basic education program under the Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''adult education activities under the Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(iv) Section 3113(1) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 6813(1)) is amended by striking ''section 312 of the Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''section 703 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(v) Section 9161(2) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 7881(2)) is amended by striking ''section 312(2) of the Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''section 703 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(D) Section 203(b)(8) of the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3013(b)(8)) is amended by striking ''Adult Education Act'' and inserting ''Workforce Development Act of 1995''.

(3) RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.—After consultation with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Partnership shall prepare and submit to Congress recommended legislation containing technical and conforming amendments to reflect the changes made by section 781(b).

(4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 31, 1997, the Federal Partnership shall submit the recommended legislation referred to under paragraph (3).

TITLE VIII—WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Subtitle A—Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

SEC. 801. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this subtitle, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.).

SEC. 802. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

Section 2 (29 U.S.C. 701) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4), by striking ''the provision of individualized training, independent living services, educational and support services,'' and inserting ''implementation of a statewide workforce development system that provides meaningful and effective participation for individuals with disabilities in workforce development activities and activities carried out through the vocational rehabilitation program established under title I, and through the provision of independent living services, support services,''; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by inserting ''statewide workforce development systems that include, as integral components,'' after ''(A)''.

SEC. 803. CONSOLIDATED REHABILITATION PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 (29 U.S.C. 705) is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 6.

SEC. 804. DEFINITIONS.

Section 7 (29 U.S.C. 706) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

''(36) The term 'statewide workforce development system' means a statewide system, as defined in section 703 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995.

''(37) The term 'workforce development activities' has the meaning given the term in section 703 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995.

''(38) The term 'workforce employment activities' means the activities described in paragraphs (2) through (8) of section 716(a) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, including activities described in section 716(a)(6) of such Act provided through a voucher described in section 716(a)(9) of such Act.''.

SEC. 805. ADMINISTRATION.

Section 12(a)(1) (29 U.S.C. 711(a)(1)) is amended by inserting '', including providing assistance to achieve the meaningful and effective participation by individuals with disabilities in the activities carried out through a statewide workforce development system'' before the semicolon.

SEC. 806. REPORTS.

Section 13 (29 U.S.C. 712) is amended in the fourth sentence by striking ''The data elements'' and all that follows through ''age,'' and inserting the following: ''The information shall include all information that is required to be submitted in the report described in section 731(a) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995 and that pertains to the employment of individuals with disabilities, including information on age,''.

SEC. 807. EVALUATION.

Section 14(a) (29 U.S.C. 713(a)) is amended in the third sentence by striking ''to the extent feasible,'' and all that follows through the end of the sentence and inserting the following: ''to the maximum extent appropriate, be consistent with the State benchmarks established under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 731(c) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995. For purposes of this section, the Secretary may modify or supplement such benchmarks after consultation with the National Board established under section 772 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, to the extent necessary to address unique considerations applicable to the participation of individuals with disabilities in the vocational rehabilitation program established under title I and activities carried out under other provisions of this Act.''.

SEC. 808. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

Section 100(a) (29 U.S.C. 720(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (E), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (F)—

(i) by inserting ''workforce development activities and'' before ''vocational rehabilitation services''; and

(ii) by striking the period and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following subparagraph:

''(G) linkages between the vocational rehabilitation program established under this title and other components of the statewide workforce development system are critical to ensure effective and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in workforce development activities.''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking ''a comprehensive'' and inserting ''statewide comprehensive''; and

(B) by striking ''program of vocational rehabilitation that is designed'' and inserting ''programs of vocational rehabilitation, each of which is—

''(A) an integral component of a statewide workforce development system; and

''(B) designed''.

SEC. 809. STATE PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a) (29 U.S.C. 721(a)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking '', or shall submit'' and all that follows through ''et seq.)'' and inserting '', and shall submit the State plan on the same dates as the State submits the State plan described in section 714 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995 to the Federal Partnership established under section 771 of such Act'';

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following: ''The State shall also submit the State plan for vocational rehabilitation services for review and comment to any State workforce development board established for the State under section 715 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, which shall submit the comments on the State plan to the designated State unit.'';

(3) by striking paragraphs (10), (12), (13), (15), (17), (19), (23), (27), (28), (30), (34), and (35);

(4) in paragraph (20), by striking ''(20)'' and inserting ''(B)'';

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (14), (16), (18), (21), (22), (24), (25), (26), (29), (31), (32), (33), and (36) as paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23), and (24), respectively;

(6) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) as clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv), respectively; and

(B) by inserting before clause (ii) (as redesignated in subparagraph (A)) the following: ''(i) a State entity primarily responsible for implementing workforce employment activities through the statewide workforce development system of the State,'';

(7) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''(1)(B)(i)'' and inserting ''(1)(B)(ii)''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking ''(1)(B)(ii)'' and inserting ''(1)(B)(iii)'';

(8) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following paragraph:

''(3) provide a plan for expanding and improving vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities on a statewide basis, including—

''(A) a statement of values and goals;

''(B) evidence of ongoing efforts to use outcome measures to make decisions about the effectiveness and future direction of the vocational rehabilitation program established under this title in the State; and

''(C) information on specific strategies for strengthening the program as an integral component of the statewide workforce development system established in the State, including specific innovative, state-of-the-art approaches for achieving sustained success in improving and expanding vocational rehabilitation services provided through the program, for all individuals with disabilities who seek employment, through plans, policies, and procedures that link the program with other components of the system, including plans, policies, and procedures relating to—

''(i) entering into cooperative agreements, between the designated State unit and appropriate entities responsible for carrying out the other components of the statewide workforce development system, which agreements may provide for—

''(I) provision of intercomponent staff training and technical assistance regarding the availability and benefits of, and eligibility standards for, vocational rehabilitation services, and regarding the provision of equal, effective, and meaningful participation by individuals with disabilities in workforce employment activities in the State through program accessibility, use of nondiscriminatory policies and procedures, and provision of reasonable accommodations, auxiliary aids and services, and rehabilitation technology, for individuals with disabilities;

''(II) use of information and financial management systems that link all components of the statewide workforce development system, that link the components to other electronic networks, and that relate to such subjects as labor market information, and information on job vacancies, skill qualifications, career planning, and workforce development activities;

''(III) use of customer service features such as common intake and referral procedures, customer data bases, resource information, and human service hotlines;

''(IV) establishment of cooperative efforts with employers to facilitate job placement and to develop and sustain working relationships with employers, trade associations, and labor organizations;

''(V) identification of staff roles and responsibilities and available resources for each entity that carries out a component of the statewide workforce development system with regard to paying for necessary services (consistent with State law); and

''(VI) specification of procedures for resolving disputes among such entities; and

''(ii) providing for the replication of such cooperative agreements at the local level between individual offices of the designated State unit and local entities carrying out activities through the statewide workforce development system;'';

(9) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated in paragraph (5))—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

''(A) contain the plans, policies, and methods to be followed in carrying out the State plan and in the administration and supervision of the plan, including—

''(i)(I) the results of a comprehensive, statewide assessment of the rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities (including individuals with severe disabilities, individuals with disabilities who are minorities, and individuals with disabilities who have been unserved, or underserved, by the vocational rehabilitation system) who are residing within the State; and

''(II) the response of the State to the assessment;

''(ii) a description of the method to be used to expand and improve services to individuals with the most severe disabilities, including individuals served under part C of title VI;

''(iii) with regard to community rehabilitation programs—

''(I) a description of the method to be used (such as a cooperative agreement) to utilize the programs to the maximum extent feasible; and

''(II) a description of the needs of the programs, including the community rehabilitation programs funded under the Act entitled ''An Act to Create a Committee on Purchases of Blind-made Products, and for other purposes'', approved June 25, 1938 (commonly known as the Wagner-O'Day Act; 41 U.S.C. 46 et seq.) and such programs funded by State use contracting programs; and

''(iv) an explanation of the methods by which the State will provide vocational rehabilitation services to all individuals with disabilities within the State who are eligible for such services, and, in the event that vocational rehabilitation services cannot be provided to all such eligible individuals with disabilities who apply for such services, information—

''(I) showing and providing the justification for the order to be followed in selecting individuals to whom vocational rehabilitation services will be provided (which order of selection for the provision of vocational rehabilitation services shall be determined on the basis of serving first the individuals with the most severe disabilities in accordance with criteria established by the State, and shall be consistent with priorities in such order of selection so determined, and outcome and service goals for serving individuals with disabilities, established in regulations prescribed by the Commissioner);

''(II) showing the outcomes and service goals, and the time within which the outcomes and service goals may be achieved, for the rehabilitation of individuals receiving such services; and

''(III) describing how individuals with disabilities who will not receive such services if such order is in effect will be referred to other components of the statewide workforce development system for access to services offered by the components;''; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following subparagraphs:

''(C) with regard to the statewide assessment of rehabilitation needs described in subparagraph (A)(i)—

''(i) provide that the State agency will make reports at such time, in such manner, and containing such information, as the Commissioner may require to carry out the functions of the Commissioner under this title, and comply with such provisions as are necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports; and

''(ii) provide that reports made under clause (i) will include information regarding individuals with disabilities and, if an order of selection described in subparagraph (A)(iv)(I) is in effect in the State, will separately include information regarding individuals with the most severe disabilities, on—

''(I) the number of such individuals who are evaluated and the number rehabilitated;

''(II) the costs of administration, counseling, provision of direct services, development of community rehabilitation programs, and other functions carried out under this Act; and

''(III) the utilization by such individuals of other programs pursuant to paragraph (11); and

''(D) describe—

''(i) how a broad range of rehabilitation technology services will be provided at each stage of the rehabilitation process;

''(ii) how a broad range of such rehabilitation technology services will be provided on a statewide basis; and

''(iii) the training that will be provided to vocational rehabilitation counselors, client assistance personnel, personnel of the providers of one-stop delivery of core services described in section 716(a)(2) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, and other related services personnel;'';

(10) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8) (as redesignated in paragraph (5))—

(A) in clause (i)(II), by striking '', based on projections'' and all that follows through ''relevant factors''; and

(B) by striking clauses (iii) and (iv) and inserting the following clauses:

''(iii) a description of the ways in which the system for evaluating the performance of rehabilitation counselors, coordinators, and other personnel used in the State facilitates the accomplishment of the purpose and policy of this title, including the policy of serving, among others, individuals with the most severe disabilities;

''(iv) provide satisfactory assurances that the system described in clause (iii) in no way impedes such accomplishment; and'';

(11) in paragraph (9) (as redesignated in paragraph (5)) by striking ''required—'' and all that follows through ''(B) prior'' and inserting ''required prior'';

(12) in paragraph (10) (as redesignated in paragraph (5))—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''plan in accordance with such program'' and inserting ''State plan in accordance with the employment plan'';

(13) in paragraph (11)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''State's public'' and all that follows and inserting ''State programs that are not part of the statewide workforce development system of the State;''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) by striking ''if appropriate—'' and all that follows through ''entering into'' and inserting ''if appropriate, entering into'';

(ii) by redesignating subclauses (I), (II), and (III) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively; and

(iii) by indenting the clauses and aligning the margins of the clauses with the margins of clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8) (as redesignated in paragraph (5));

(14) in paragraph (14) (as redesignated in paragraph (5))—

(A) by striking ''(14)'' and inserting ''(14)(A)''; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon the following '', and, in the case of the designated State unit, will take actions to take such views into account that include providing timely notice, holding public hearings, preparing a summary of hearing comments, and documenting and disseminating information relating to the manner in which the comments will affect services; and'';

(15) in paragraph (16) (as redesignated in paragraph (5)), by striking ''referrals to other Federal and State programs'' and inserting ''referrals within the statewide workforce development system of the State to programs''; and

(16) in paragraph (17) (as redesignated in paragraph (5))—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''; and

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) in clause (ii), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a semicolon;

(ii) in clause (iii), by striking the semicolon and inserting ''; and''; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following clause:

''(iv) the manner in which students who are individuals with disabilities and who are not in special education programs can access and receive vocational rehabilitation services, where appropriate;''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 7 (29 U.S.C. 706) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking ''101(a)(1)(B)(i)'' and inserting ''101(a)(1)(B)(ii)''; and

(B) in paragraph (22)(A)(i)(II), by striking ''101(a)(5)(A)'' each place it appears and inserting ''101(a)(6)(A)(iv)''.

(2) Section 12(d) (29 U.S.C. 711(d)) is amended by striking ''101(a)(5)(A)'' and inserting ''101(a)(6)(A)(iv)''.

(3) Section 101(a) (29 U.S.C. 721(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking ''paragraph (4) of this subsection'' and inserting ''paragraph (5)'';

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''paragraph (1)(B)(i)'' and inserting ''paragraph (1)(B)(ii)''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking ''paragraph (1)(B)(ii)'' and inserting ''paragraph (1)(B)(iii)'';

(C) in paragraph (17) (as redesignated in subsection (a)(5)), by striking ''paragraph (11)(C)(ii)'' and inserting ''paragraph (11)(C)'';

(D) in paragraph (22) (as redesignated in subsection (a)(5)), by striking ''paragraph (36)'' and inserting ''paragraph (24)''; and

(E) in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (24) (as redesignated in subsection (a)(5)), by striking ''101(a)(1)(A)(i)'' and inserting ''paragraph (1)(A)(i)''.

(4) Section 102 (29 U.S.C. 722) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(3), by striking ''101(a)(24)'' and inserting ''101(a)(17)''; and

(B) in subsection (d)(2)(C)(ii)—

(i) in subclause (II), by striking ''101(a)(36)'' and inserting ''101(a)(24)''; and

(ii) in subclause (III), by striking ''101(a)(36)(C)(ii)'' and inserting ''101(a)(24)(C)(ii)''.

(5) Section 105(a)(1) (29 U.S.C. 725(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''101(a)(36)'' and inserting ''101(a)(24)''.

(6) Section 107(a) (29 U.S.C. 727(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2)(F), by striking ''101(a)(32)'' and inserting ''101(a)(22)'';

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking ''101(a)(5)(A)'' and inserting ''101(a)(6)(A)(iv)''; and

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking ''101(a)(35)'' and inserting ''101(a)(8)(A)(iii)''.

(7) Section 111(a) (29 U.S.C. 731(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''and development and implementation'' and all that follows through ''referred to in section 101(a)(34)(B)''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking ''and such payments shall not be made in an amount which would result in a violation of the provisions of the State plan required by section 101(a)(17)''.

(8) Section 124(a)(1)(A) (29 U.S.C. 744(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''(not including sums used in accordance with section 101(a)(34)(B))''.

(9) Section 315(b)(2) (29 U.S.C. 777e(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''101(a)(22)'' and inserting ''101(a)(16)''.

(10) Section 635(b)(2) (29 U.S.C. 795n(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''101(a)(5)'' and inserting ''101(a)(6)(A)(i)(I)''.

(11) Section 802(h)(2)(B)(ii) (29 U.S.C. 797a(h)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking ''101(a)(5)(A)'' and inserting ''101(a)(6)(A)(iv)''.

(12) Section 102(e)(23)(A) of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2212(e)(23)(A)) is amended by striking ''section 101(a)(36) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)(36))'' and inserting ''section 101(a)(24) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 721(a)(24))''.

SEC. 810. INDIVIDUALIZED EMPLOYMENT PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 (29 U.S.C. 722) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

''SEC. 102. INDIVIDUALIZED EMPLOYMENT PLANS.'';

(2) in subsection (a)(6), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan'';

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking ''program'' and inserting ''plan'';

(B) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan'';

(ii) in clause (iv)—

(I) by striking subclause (I) and inserting the following:

''(I) include a statement of the specific vocational rehabilitation services to be provided (including, if appropriate, rehabilitation technology services and training in how to use such services) that includes specification of the public or private entity that will provide each such vocational rehabilitation service and the projected dates for the initiation and the anticipated duration of each such service; and'';

(II) by striking subclause (II); and

(III) by redesignating subclause (III) as subclause (II); and

(iii) in clause (xi)(I), by striking ''program'' and inserting ''plan'';

(C) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking ''written rehabilitation program and amendments to the program'' and inserting ''employment plan and amendments to the plan''; and

(D) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking ''program'' each place the term appears and inserting ''plan''; and

(ii) by striking ''written rehabilitation'' each place the term appears and inserting ''employment'';

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''; and

(B) by striking ''written program'' each place the term appears and inserting ''plan''; and

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (5), by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''; and

(B) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking the second sentence.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The table of contents for the Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 102 and inserting the following:

''Sec. 102. Individualized employment plans.''.

(2) Paragraphs (22)(B) and (27)(B), and subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (34) of section 7 (29 U.S.C. 706), section 12(e)(1) (29 U.S.C. 711(e)(1)), section 501(e) (29 U.S.C. 791(e)), subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) of section 635(b)(6) (29 U.S.C. 795n(b)(6) (C), (D), and (E)), section 802(g)(8)(B) (29 U.S.C. 797a(g)(8)(B)), and section 803(c)(2)(D) (29 U.S.C. 797b(c)(2)(D)) are amended by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' each place the term appears and inserting ''employment plan''.

(3) Section 7(22)(B)(i) (29 U.S.C. 706(22)(B)(i)) is amended by striking ''rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''.

(4) Section 107(a)(3)(D) (29 U.S.C. 727(a)(3)(D)) is amended by striking ''written rehabilitation programs'' and inserting ''employment plans''.

(5) Section 101(b)(7)(A)(ii)(II) of the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals With Disabilities Act of 1988 (29 U.S.C. 2211(b)(7)(A)(ii)(II)) is amended by striking ''written rehabilitation program'' and inserting ''employment plan''.

SEC. 811. SCOPE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

Section 103 (29 U.S.C. 723) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(4)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''surgery or'';

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking the comma at the end and inserting ''; and'';

(C) by striking subparagraph (E); and

(D) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (E); and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking ''the most severe''.

SEC. 812. STATE REHABILITATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 (29 U.S.C. 725) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)(A)(vi), by inserting before the semicolon the following: ''who, to the extent feasible, are members of any State workforce development board established for the State under section 715 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995''; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

''(3) advise the designated State agency and the designated State unit regarding strategies for ensuring that the vocational rehabilitation program established under this title becomes an integral part of the statewide workforce development system of the State;''; and

(C) in paragraph (6) (as redesignated in subparagraph (A))—

(i) by striking ''6024), and'' and inserting ''6024),''; and

(ii) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting the following: '', and any State workforce development board established for the State under section 715 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995;''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (B)(iv), and clauses (ii)(I) and (iii)(I) of subparagraph (C), of paragraph (24) (as redesignated in section 409(a)(5)) of section 101(a) (29 U.S.C. 721(a)) are amended by striking ''105(c)(3)'' and inserting ''105(c)(4)''.

SEC. 813. EVALUATION STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.

Section 106(a)(1) (29 U.S.C. 726(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1994'' and inserting ''1996''; and

(2) by striking the period and inserting the following: ''that shall, to the maximum extent appropriate, be consistent with the State benchmarks established under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 731(c) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995. For purposes of this section, the Commissioner may modify or supplement such benchmarks, after consultation with the National Board established under section 772 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, to the extent necessary to address unique considerations applicable to the participation of individuals with disabilities in the vocational rehabilitation program.''.

SEC. 814. REPEALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title I (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by repealing part C; and

(2) by redesignating parts D and E as parts C and D, respectively.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents for the Act is amended—

(1) by striking the items relating to part C of title I; and

(2) by striking the items relating to parts D and E of title I and inserting the following:

''PART C—AMERICAN INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

''Sec. 130. Vocational rehabilitation services grants.

''PART D—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES CLIENT INFORMATION

''Sec. 140. Review of data collection and reporting system.

''Sec. 141. Exchange of data.''.

SEC. 815. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the amendments made by this subtitle shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) STATEWIDE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.—The changes made in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.) by the amendments made by this subtitle that relate to State benchmarks, or other components of a statewide system, shall take effect—

(1) in a State that submits and obtains approval of an interim plan under section 763 for program year 1997, on July 1, 1997; and

(2) in any other State, on July 1, 1998.

Subtitle B—Amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act

SEC. 821. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.

Section 412(c)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(D) Funds available under this paragraph may not be provided to States for workforce employment activities authorized and funded under the Workforce Development Act of 1995.''.

Subtitle C—Amendments to the National Literacy Act of 1991

SEC. 831. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY.

Section 102 of the National Literacy Act of 1991 (20 U.S.C. 1213c note) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 102. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY.

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established the National Institute for Literacy (in this section referred to as the 'Institute'). The Institute shall be administered by the National Board established under section 772 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995 (in this section referred to as the 'National Board'). The National Board may include in the Institute any research and development center, institute, or clearinghouse that the National Board determines is appropriately included in the Institute.

''(2) OFFICES.—The Institute shall have offices separate from the offices of the Department of Education or the Department of Labor.

''(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The National Board shall consider the recommendations of the National Institute Council established under subsection (d) in planning the goals of the Institute and in the implementation of any programs to achieve such goals. The daily operations of the Institute shall be carried out by the Director of the Institute appointed under subsection (g). If such Council's recommendations are not followed, the National Board shall provide a written explanation to such Council concerning actions the National Board has taken that includes the National Board's reasons for not following such Council's recommendations with respect to such actions. Such Council may also request a meeting with the National Board to discuss such Council's recommendations.

''(b) DUTIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Institute is authorized, in order to improve the quality and accountability of the adult basic skills and literacy delivery system, to—

''(A) coordinate the support of research and development on literacy and basic skills education across Federal agencies and carry out basic and applied research and development on topics such as—

''(i) identifying effective models of basic skills and literacy education for adults and families that are essential to success in job training, work, the family, and the community;

''(ii) carrying out evaluations of the effectiveness of literacy and adult education programs and services, including those supported by this Act; and

''(iii) supporting the development of models at the State and local level of accountability systems that consist of goals, performance measures, benchmarks, and assessments that can be used to improve the quality of literacy and adult education services;

''(B) provide technical assistance, information, and other program improvement activities to national, State, and local organizations, such as—

''(i) providing information and training to State and local workforce development boards and one-stop centers concerning how literacy and basic skills services can be incorporated in a coordinated workforce development model;

''(ii) improving the capacity of national, State, and local public and private literacy and basic skills professional development and technical assistance organizations, such as the State Literacy Resource Centers established under section 103; and

''(iii) providing information on-line and in print to all literacy and basic skills programs about best practices, models of collaboration for effective workforce, family, English as a Second Language, and other literacy programs, and other informational and communication needs; and

''(C) work with the National Board, the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, and the Congress to ensure that they have the best information available on literacy and basic skills programs in formulating Federal policy around the issues of literacy, basic skills, and workforce development.

''(2) CONTRACTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS.—The Institute may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, or make grants to, individuals, public or private nonprofit institutions, agencies, organizations, or consortia of such institutions, agencies, or organizations to carry out the activities of the Institute. Such grants, contracts, or agreements shall be subject to the laws and regulations that generally apply to grants, contracts, or agreements entered into by Federal agencies.

''(c) LITERACY LEADERSHIP.—

''(1) FELLOWSHIPS.—The Institute is, in consultation with the Council, authorized to award fellowships, with such stipends and allowances that the Director considers necessary, to outstanding individuals pursuing careers in adult education or literacy in the areas of instruction, management, research, or innovation.

''(2) USE OF FELLOWSHIPS.—Fellowships awarded under this subsection shall be used, under the auspices of the Institute, to engage in research, education, training, technical assistance, or other activities to advance the field of adult education or literacy, including the training of volunteer literacy providers at the national, State, or local level.

''(3) DESIGNATION.—Individuals receiving fellowships pursuant to this subsection shall be known as ''Literacy Leader Fellows''.

''(d) NATIONAL INSTITUTE COUNCIL.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—

''(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the National Institute Council (in this section referred to as the ''Council''). The Council shall consist of 10 individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate from individuals who—

''(i) are not otherwise officers or employees of the Federal Government;

''(ii) are representative of entities or groups described in subparagraph (B); and

''(iii) are chosen from recommendations made to the President by individuals who represent such entities or groups.

''(B) ENTITIES OR GROUPS.—Entities or groups described in this subparagraph are—

''(i) literacy organizations and providers of literacy services, including—

''(I) providers of literacy services receiving assistance under this Act; and

''(II) nonprofit providers of literacy services;

''(ii) businesses that have demonstrated interest in literacy programs;

''(iii) literacy students;

''(iv) experts in the area of literacy research;

''(v) State and local governments; and

''(vi) organized labor.

''(2) DUTIES.—The Council shall—

''(A) make recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and staff of the Institute;

''(B) provide independent advice on the operation of the Institute; and

''(C) receive reports from the National Board and the Director.

''(3) Except as otherwise provided, the Council established by this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

''(4) APPOINTMENT.—

''(A) DURATION.—Each member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Any such member may be appointed for not more than 2 consecutive terms.

''(B) VACANCIES.—Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of that term. A member may serve after the expiration of that members' term until a successor has taken office. A vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made. A vacancy in the Council shall not affect the powers of the Council.

''(5) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hearings. Any recommendation may be passed only by a majority of its members present.

''(6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council shall be elected by the members. The term of

office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be 2 years.

''(7) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of its members.

''(e) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.—The Institute and the Council may accept (but not solicit), use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or devises of services or property, both real and personal, for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Institute or the Council, respectively. Gifts, bequests, or devises of money and proceeds from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests, or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be available for disbursement upon order of the Institute or the Council, respectively.

''(f) MAILS.—The Council and the Institute may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

''(g) STAFF.—The National Board, after considering recommendations made by the Council, shall appoint and fix the pay of a Director of the Institute and staff of the Institute.

''(h) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.—The Director of the Institute and staff of the Institute may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of that title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that an individual so appointed may not receive pay in excess of the annual rate of basic pay payable for GS–15 of the General Schedule.

''(i) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Council and the Institute may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

''(j) REPORT.—The Institute shall submit a report to the Congress biennially. Each report submitted under this subsection shall include—

''(1) a comprehensive and detailed description of the Institute's operations, activities, financial condition, and accomplishments in the field of literacy for such fiscal year;

''(2) a description of how plans for the operation of the Institute for the succeeding fiscal year will facilitate achievement of the goals of the Institute and the goals of the literacy programs within the National Board, Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health and Human Services; and

''(3) any additional minority, or dissenting views submitted by members of the Council.

''(k) FUNDING.—Any amounts appropriated to the National Board, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes that the Institute is authorized to perform under this section may be provided to the Institute for such purposes.''.

SEC. 832. STATE LITERACY RESOURCE CENTERS.

Section 103 of the National Literacy Act of 1991 is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 103. STATE LITERACY RESOURCE CENTERS.

''(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to establish a network of State or regional adult literacy resource centers to assist State and local public and private nonprofit efforts to eliminate illiteracy by—

''(1) stimulating the coordination of literacy services;

''(2) enhancing the capacity of State and local organizations to provide literacy services; and

''(3) serving as a reciprocal link between the National Institute for Literacy established under section 102 and service providers for the purpose of sharing information, data, research, and expertise and literacy resources.

''(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—From amounts appropriated pursuant to section 734(b)(6) of the Workforce Development Act of 1995, the National Board is authorized to make grants for purposes of establishing a network of State or regional adult literacy resource centers.

''(c) ALLOTMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—From sums available for purposes of making grants under this section for any fiscal year, the National Board shall allot to each State having an application approved under subsection (f) an amount that bears the same ratio to such sums as the amount allotted to such State—

''(A) in the case of fiscal year 1996 only, under section 313(b) of the Adult Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1201(b)) for fiscal year 1995 for the purpose of making grants under section 321 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1203), bears to the aggregate amount allotted to all States under such section for fiscal year 1995 for such purpose; and

''(B) in the case of fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, under section 712 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995 for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made, bears to the aggregate amount allotted to all States under such section for such preceding fiscal year.

''(2) CONTRACTS.—The chief executive officer of each State that receives its allotment under this section shall contract on a competitive basis with the State educational agency, 1 or more local educational agencies, a State office on literacy, a volunteer organization, a community-based organization, an institution of higher education, or another nonprofit entity to operate a State or regional literacy resource center. No applicant participating in a competition pursuant to the preceding sentence shall participate in the review of its own application.

''(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided to each State under subsection (c)(1) to carry out this section shall be used to conduct activities to—

''(1) improve and promote the diffusion and adoption of state-of-the-art teaching methods, technologies and program evaluations;

''(2) develop innovative approaches to the coordination of literacy services within and among States and with the Federal Government;

''(3) assist public and private agencies in coordinating the delivery of literacy services;

''(4) encourage government and industry partnerships, including partnerships with small businesses, private nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations;

''(5) encourage innovation and experimentation in literacy activities that will enhance the delivery of literacy services and address emerging problems;

''(6) provide technical and policy assistance to State and local governments and service providers to improve literacy policy and programs and access to such programs;

''(7) provide training and technical assistance to literacy instructors in reading instruction and in—

''(A) selecting and making the most effective use of state-of-the-art methodologies, instructional materials, and technologies such as—

''(i) computer assisted instruction;

''(ii) video tapes;

''(iii) interactive systems; and

''(iv) data link systems; or

''(B) assessing learning style, screening for learning disabilities, and providing individualized remedial reading instruction; or

''(8) encourage and facilitate the training of full-time professional adult educators.

''(e) ALTERNATIVE USES OF EQUIPMENT.—Equipment purchases pursuant to this section, when not being used to carry out the provisions of this section, may be used for other instructional purposes if—

''(1) the acquisition of the equipment was reasonable and necessary for the purpose of conducting a properly designed project or activity under this section;

''(2) the equipment is used after regular program hours or on weekends; and

''(3) such other use is—

''(A) incidental to the use of the equipment under this section;

''(B) does not interfere with the use of the equipment under this section; and

''(C) does not add to the cost of using the equipment under this section.

''(f) APPLICATIONS.—Each State or group of States, as appropriate, that desires to receive a grant under this section for a regional adult literacy resource center, a State adult literacy resource center, or both, shall submit to the National Board an application that describes how the State or group of States will—

''(1) develop a literacy resource center or expand an existing literacy resource center;

''(2) provide services and activities with the assistance provided under this section;

''(3) assure access to services of the center for the maximum participation of all public and private programs and organizations providing or seeking to provide basic skills instruction, including local educational agencies, agencies responsible for corrections education, welfare agencies, labor organizations, businesses, volunteer groups, and community-based organizations;

''(4) address the measurable goals for improving literacy levels as set forth in the plan submitted pursuant to section 714 of the Workforce Development Act of 1995; and

''(5) develop procedures for the coordination of literacy activities for statewide and local literacy efforts conducted by public and private organizations, and for enhancing the systems of service delivery.

''(g) PAYMENTS; FEDERAL SHARE.—

''(1) PAYMENTS.—The National Board shall pay to each State having an application approved pursuant to subsection (f) the Federal share of the cost of the activities described in the application.

''(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share—

''(A) for each of the first 2 fiscal years in which the State receives funds under this section shall not exceed 80 percent;

''(B) for each of the third and fourth fiscal years in which the State receives funds under this section shall not exceed 70 percent; and

''(C) for the fifth and each succeeding fiscal year in which the State receives funds under this section shall not exceed 60 percent.

''(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of payments under this section may be in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including plant, equipment, or services.

''(h) REGIONAL CENTERS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A group of States may enter into an interstate agreement to develop and operate a regional adult literacy resource center for purposes of receiving assistance under this section if the States determine that a regional approach is more appropriate for their situation.

''(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Any State that receives assistance under this section as part of a regional center shall only be required to provide under subsection (g) 50 percent of the funds such State would otherwise be required to provide under such subsection.

''(3) MINIMUM.—In any fiscal year in which the amount a State will receive under this section is less than $100,000, the National

Board may designate the State to receive assistance under this section only as part of a regional center.

''(4) INAPPLICABILITY.—The provisions of paragraph (3) shall not apply to any State that can demonstrate to the National Board that the total amount of Federal, State, local and private funds expended to carry out the purposes of this section would equal or exceed $100,000.

''(5) SPECIAL RULE.—In any fiscal year in which paragraph (2) applies, the National Board may allow certain States that receive assistance as part of a regional center to reserve a portion of such assistance for a State adult literacy resource center pursuant to this section.''.

SEC. 833. NATIONAL WORKFORCE LITERACY ASSISTANCE COLLABORATIVE.

Subsection (c) of section 201 of the National Literacy Act of 1991 (20 U.S.C. 1211–1) is repealed.

SEC. 834. FAMILY LITERACY PUBLIC BROADCASTING PROGRAM.

Section 304 of the National Literacy Act of 1991 (20 U.S.C. 1213c note) is repealed.

SEC. 835. MANDATORY LITERACY PROGRAM.

Paragraph (3) of section 601(i) of the National Literacy Act of 1991 (20 U.S.C. 1211–2(i) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1994, and'' and inserting ''1994,''; and

(2) by inserting '', and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001'' before the period.

TITLE IX—CHILD SUPPORT

SEC. 900. REFERENCE TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this title an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

Subtitle A—Eligibility for Services; Distribution of Payments

SEC. 901. STATE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

(a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following new paragraph:

''(4) provide that the State will—

''(A) provide services relating to the establishment of paternity or the establishment, modification, or enforcement of child support obligations, as appropriate, under the plan with respect to—

''(i) each child for whom (I) assistance is provided under the State program funded under part A of this title, (II) benefits or services are provided under the State program funded under part E of this title, or (III) medical assistance is provided under the State plan approved under title XIX, unless the State agency administering the plan determines (in accordance with paragraph (29)) that it is against the best interests of the child to do so; and

''(ii) any other child, if an individual applies for such services with respect to the child; and

''(B) enforce any support obligation established with respect to—

''(i) a child with respect to whom the State provides services under the plan; or

''(ii) the custodial parent of such a child.''; and

(2) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by striking ''provide that'' and inserting ''provide that—'';

(B) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

''(A) services under the plan shall be made available to nonresidents on the same terms as to residents;'';

(C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ''on individuals not receiving assistance under any State program funded under part A'' after ''such services shall be imposed'';

(D) in each of subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E)—

(i) by indenting the subparagraph in the same manner as, and aligning the left margin of the subparagraph with the left margin of, the matter inserted by subparagraph (B) of this paragraph; and

(ii) by striking the final comma and inserting a semicolon; and

(E) in subparagraph (E), by indenting each of clauses (i) and (ii) 2 additional ems.

(b) CONTINUATION OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES CEASING TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE STATE PROGRAM FUNDED UNDER PART A.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (23);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (24) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (24) the following new paragraph:

''(25) provide that when a family with respect to which services are provided under the plan ceases to receive assistance under the State program funded under part A, the State shall provide appropriate notice to the family and continue to provide such services, subject to the same conditions and on the same basis as in the case of individuals to whom services are furnished under this section, except that an application or other request to continue services shall not be required of such a family and paragraph (6)(B) shall not apply to the family.''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 452(b) (42 U.S.C. 652(b)) is amended by striking ''454(6)'' and inserting ''454(4)''.

(2) Section 452(g)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)(A)) is amended by striking ''454(6)'' each place it appears and inserting ''454(4)(A)(ii)''.

(3) Section 466(a)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(3)(B)) is amended by striking ''in the case of overdue support which a State has agreed to collect under section 454(6)'' and inserting ''in any other case''.

(4) Section 466(e) (42 U.S.C. 666(e)) is amended by striking ''paragraph (4) or (6) of section 454'' and inserting ''section 454(4)''.

SEC. 902. DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 457 (42 U.S.C. 657) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 457. DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTED SUPPORT.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An amount collected on behalf of a family as support by a State pursuant to a plan approved under this part shall be distributed as follows:

''(1) FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.—In the case of a family receiving assistance from the State, the State shall—

''(A) retain, or distribute to the family, the State share of the amount so collected; and

''(B) pay to the Federal Government the Federal share of the amount so collected.

''(2) FAMILIES THAT FORMERLY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE.—In the case of a family that formerly received assistance from the State:

''(A) CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS.—The State shall, with regard to amounts collected which represent amounts owed for the current month, distribute the amounts so collected to the family.

''(B) PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES.—The State shall, with regard to amounts collected which exceed amounts owed for the current month, distribute the amounts so collected as follows:

''(i) DISTRIBUTION TO THE FAMILY TO SATISFY ARREARAGES THAT ACCRUED AFTER THE FAMILY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE.—The State shall distribute the amount so collected to the family to the extent necessary to satisfy any support arrearages with respect to the family that accrued after the family stopped receiving assistance from the State.

''(ii) DISTRIBUTION TO THE FAMILY TO SATISFY ARREARAGES THAT ACCRUED BEFORE OR WHILE THE FAMILY RECEIVED ASSISTANCE TO THE EXTENT PAYMENTS EXCEED ASSISTANCE RECEIVED.—In the case of arrearages of support obligations with respect to the family that were assigned to the State making or receiving the collection, as a condition of receiving assistance from the State, and which accrued before or while the family received such assistance, the State may retain all or a part of the State share and if the State does so retain, shall retain and pay to the Federal Government the Federal share of amounts so collected, to the extent the amount so retained does not exceed the amount of assistance provided to the family by the State.

''(iii) DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINDER TO THE FAMILY.—To the extent that neither clause (i) nor clause (ii) applies to the amount so collected, the State shall distribute the amount to the family.

''(3) FAMILIES THAT NEVER RECEIVED ASSISTANCE.—In the case of any other family, the State shall distribute the amount so collected to the family.

''(b) TRANSITION RULE.—Any rights to support obligations which were assigned to a State as a condition of receiving assistance from the State under part A before the effective date of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995 shall remain assigned after such date.

''(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in subsection (a):

''(1) ASSISTANCE.—The term 'assistance from the State' means—

''(A) assistance under the State program funded under part A or under the State plan approved under part A of this title (as in effect before October 1, 1995); or

''(B) benefits under the State plan approved under part E of this title.

''(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The term 'Federal share' means, with respect to an amount collected by the State to satisfy a support obligation owed to a family for a time period—

''(A) the greatest Federal medical assistance percentage in effect for the State for fiscal year 1995 or any succeeding fiscal year; or

''(B) if support is not owed to the family for any month for which the family received aid to families with dependent children under the State plan approved under part A of this title (as in effect before October 1, 1995), the Federal reimbursement percentage for the fiscal year in which the time period occurs.

''(3) FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE.—The term 'Federal medical assistance percentage' means—

''(A) the Federal medical assistance percentage (as defined in section 1905(b)) in the case of any State for which subparagraph (B) does not apply; or

''(B) the Federal medical assistance percentage (as defined in section 1118), in the case of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

''(4) FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE.—The term 'Federal reimbursement percentage' means, with respect to a fiscal year—

''(A) the total amount paid to the State under section 403 for the fiscal year; divided by

''(B) the total amount expended by the State to carry out the State program under part A during the fiscal year.

''(5) STATE SHARE.—The term 'State share' means 100 percent minus the Federal share.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 464(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 664(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''section 457(b)(4) or (d)(3)'' and inserting ''section 457''.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (11)—

(A) by striking ''(11)'' and inserting ''(11)(A)''; and

(B) by inserting after the semicolon ''and''; and

(2) by redesignating paragraph (12) as subparagraph (B) of paragraph (11).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) GENERAL RULE.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on October 1, 1999.

(2) EARLIER EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULES RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT COLLECTED FOR FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE.—Section 457(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, as added by the amendment made by subsection (a), shall become effective on October 1, 1995.

(3) SPECIAL RULE.—A State may elect to have the amendment made by subsection (a) become effective on a date earlier than October 1, 1999, which date shall coincide with the operation of the single statewide automated data processing and information retrieval system required by section 454A of the Social Security Act (as added by section 944(a)(2)) and the State disbursement unit required by section 454B of the Social Security Act (as added by section 912(b)), and the existence of State requirements for assignment of support as a condition of eligibility for assistance under part A of the Social Security Act (as added by title I).

(4) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall become effective on October 1, 1995.

SEC. 903. RIGHTS TO NOTIFICATION AND HEARINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by section 902(b), is amended by inserting after paragraph (11) the following new paragraph:

''(12) establish procedures to provide that—

''(A) individuals who are applying for or receiving services under this part, or are parties to cases in which services are being provided under this part—

''(i) receive notice of all proceedings in which support obligations might be established or modified; and

''(ii) receive a copy of any order establishing or modifying a child support obligation, or (in the case of a petition for modification) a notice of determination that there should be no change in the amount of the child support award, within 14 days after issuance of such order or determination; and

''(B) individuals applying for or receiving services under this part have access to a fair hearing or other formal complaint procedure that meets standards established by the Secretary and ensures prompt consideration and resolution of complaints (but the resort to such procedure shall not stay the enforcement of any support order);''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on October 1, 1997.

SEC. 904. PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS.

(a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by section 901(b), is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (24);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (25) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (25) the following new paragraph:

''(26) will have in effect safeguards, applicable to all confidential information handled by the State agency, that are designed to protect the privacy rights of the parties, including—

''(A) safeguards against unauthorized use or disclosure of information relating to proceedings or actions to establish paternity, or to establish or enforce support;

''(B) prohibitions against the release of information on the whereabouts of 1 party to another party against whom a protective order with respect to the former party has been entered; and

''(C) prohibitions against the release of information on the whereabouts of 1 party to another party if the State has reason to believe that the release of the information may result in physical or emotional harm to the former party.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall become effective on October 1, 1997.

Subtitle B—Locate and Case Tracking

SEC. 911. STATE CASE REGISTRY.

Section 454A, as added by section 944(a)(2), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(e) STATE CASE REGISTRY.—

''(1) CONTENTS.—The automated system required by this section shall include a registry (which shall be known as the 'State case registry') that contains records with respect to—

''(A) each case in which services are being provided by the State agency under the State plan approved under this part; and

''(B) each support order established or modified in the State on or after October 1, 1998.

''(2) LINKING OF LOCAL REGISTRIES.—The State case registry may be established by linking local case registries of support orders through an automated information network, subject to this section.

''(3) USE OF STANDARDIZED DATA ELEMENTS.—Such records shall use standardized data elements for both parents (such as names, social security numbers and other uniform identification numbers, dates of birth, and case identification numbers), and contain such other information (such as on-case status) as the Secretary may require.

''(4) PAYMENT RECORDS.—Each case record in the State case registry with respect to which services are being provided under the State plan approved under this part and with respect to which a support order has been established shall include a record of—

''(A) the amount of monthly (or other periodic) support owed under the order, and other amounts (including arrearages, interest or late payment penalties, and fees) due or overdue under the order;

''(B) any amount described in subparagraph (A) that has been collected;

''(C) the distribution of such collected amounts;

''(D) the birth date of any child for whom the order requires the provision of support; and

''(E) the amount of any lien imposed with respect to the order pursuant to section 466(a)(4).

''(5) UPDATING AND MONITORING.—The State agency operating the automated system required by this section shall promptly establish and maintain, and regularly monitor, case records in the State case registry with respect to which services are being provided under the State plan approved under this part, on the basis of—

''(A) information on administrative actions and administrative and judicial proceedings and orders relating to paternity and support;

''(B) information obtained from comparison with Federal, State, or local sources of information;

''(C) information on support collections and distributions; and

''(D) any other relevant information.

''(f) INFORMATION COMPARISONS AND OTHER DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION.—The State shall use the automated system required by this section to extract information from (at such times, and in such standardized format or formats, as may be required by the Secretary), to share and compare information with, and to receive information from, other data bases and information comparison services, in order to obtain (or provide) information necessary to enable the State agency (or the Secretary or other State or Federal agencies) to carry out this part, subject to section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Such information comparison activities shall include the following:

''(1) FEDERAL CASE REGISTRY OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.—Furnishing to the Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders established under section 453(h) (and update as necessary, with information including notice of expiration of orders) the minimum amount of information on child support cases recorded in the State case registry that is necessary to operate the registry (as specified by the Secretary in regulations).

''(2) FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.—Exchanging information with the Federal Parent Locator Service for the purposes specified in section 453.

''(3) TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAID AGENCIES.—Exchanging information with State agencies (of the State and of other States) administering programs funded under part A, programs operated under State plans under title XIX, and other programs designated by the Secretary, as necessary to perform State agency responsibilities under this part and under such programs.

''(4) INTRASTATE AND INTERSTATE INFORMATION COMPARISONS.—Exchanging information with other agencies of the State, agencies of other States, and interstate information networks, as necessary and appropriate to carry out (or assist other States to carry out) the purposes of this part.''.

SEC. 912. COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

(a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 901(b) and 904(a), is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (25);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (26) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (26) the following new paragraph:

''(27) provide that, on and after October 1, 1998, the State agency will—

''(A) operate a State disbursement unit in accordance with section 454B; and

''(B) have sufficient State staff (consisting of State employees), and (at State option) private or governmental contractors reporting directly to the State agency, to—

''(i) provide automated monitoring and enforcement of support collections through the unit (including carrying out the automated data processing responsibilities described in section 454A(g)); and

''(ii) take the actions described in section 466(c)(1) in appropriate cases.''.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT.—Part D of title IV (42 U.S.C. 651–669), as amended by section 944(a)(2), is amended by inserting after section 454A the following new section:

''SEC. 454B. COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

''(a) STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to meet the requirements of this section, the State agency must establish and operate a unit (which shall be known as the 'State disbursement unit') for the collection and disbursement of payments under support orders

in all cases being enforced by the State pursuant to section 454(4).

''(2) OPERATION.—The State disbursement unit shall be operated—

''(A) directly by the State agency (or 2 or more State agencies under a regional cooperative agreement), or (to the extent appropriate) by a contractor responsible directly to the State agency; and

''(B) in coordination with the automated system established by the State pursuant to section 454A.

''(3) LINKING OF LOCAL DISBURSEMENT UNITS.—The State disbursement unit may be established by linking local disbursement units through an automated information network, subject to this section. The Secretary must agree that the system will not cost more nor take more time to establish or operate than a centralized system. In addition, employers shall be given 1 location to which income withholding is sent.

''(b) REQUIRED PROCEDURES.—The State disbursement unit shall use automated procedures, electronic processes, and computer-driven technology to the maximum extent feasible, efficient, and economical, for the collection and disbursement of support payments, including procedures—

''(1) for receipt of payments from parents, employers, and other States, and for disbursements to custodial parents and other obligees, the State agency, and the agencies of other States;

''(2) for accurate identification of payments;

''(3) to ensure prompt disbursement of the custodial parent's share of any payment; and

''(4) to furnish to any parent, upon request, timely information on the current status of support payments under an order requiring payments to be made by or to the parent.

''(c) TIMING OF DISBURSEMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the State disbursement unit shall distribute all amounts payable under section 457(a) within 2 business days after receipt from the employer or other source of periodic income, if sufficient information identifying the payee is provided.

''(2) PERMISSIVE RETENTION OF ARREARAGES.—The State disbursement unit may delay the distribution of collections toward arrearages until the resolution of any timely appeal with respect to such arrearages.

''(d) BUSINESS DAY DEFINED.—As used in this section, the term 'business day' means a day on which State offices are open for regular business.''.

(c) USE OF AUTOMATED SYSTEM.—Section 454A, as added by section 944(a)(2) and as amended by section 911, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The State shall use the automated system required by this section, to the maximum extent feasible, to assist and facilitate the collection and disbursement of support payments through the State disbursement unit operated under section 454B, through the performance of functions, including, at a minimum—

''(A) transmission of orders and notices to employers (and other debtors) for the withholding of wages and other income—

''(i) within 2 business days after receipt from a court, another State, an employer, the Federal Parent Locator Service, or another source recognized by the State of notice of, and the income source subject to, such withholding; and

''(ii) using uniform formats prescribed by the Secretary;

''(B) ongoing monitoring to promptly identify failures to make timely payment of support; and

''(C) automatic use of enforcement procedures (including procedures authorized pursuant to section 466(c)) where payments are not timely made.

''(2) BUSINESS DAY DEFINED.—As used in paragraph (1), the term 'business day' means a day on which State offices are open for regular business.''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall become effective on October 1, 1998.

SEC. 913. STATE DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.

(a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 901(b), 904(a) and 912(a), is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (26);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (27) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (27) the following new paragraph:

''(28) provide that, on and after October 1, 1997, the State will operate a State Directory of New Hires in accordance with section 453A.''.

(b) STATE DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.—Part D of title IV (42 U.S.C. 651–669) is amended by inserting after section 453 the following new section:

''SEC. 453A. STATE DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 1997, each State shall establish an automated directory (to be known as the 'State Directory of New Hires') which shall contain information supplied in accordance with subsection (b) by employers on each newly hired employee.

''(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

''(A) EMPLOYEE.—The term 'employee'—

''(i) means an individual who is an employee within the meaning of chapter 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

''(ii) does not include an employee of a Federal or State agency performing intelligence or counterintelligence functions, if the head of such agency has determined that reporting pursuant to paragraph (1) with respect to the employee could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an ongoing investigation or intelligence mission.

''(B) EMPLOYER.—The term 'employer' includes—

''(i) any governmental entity, and

''(ii) any labor organization.

''(C) LABOR ORGANIZATION.—The term 'labor organization' shall have the meaning given such term in section 2(5) of the National Labor Relations Act, and includes any entity (also known as a 'hiring hall') which is used by the organization and an employer to carry out requirements described in section 8(f)(3) of such Act of an agreement between the organization and the employer.

''(b) EMPLOYER INFORMATION.—

''(1) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), each employer shall furnish to the Directory of New Hires of the State in which a newly hired employee works, a report that contains the name, address, and social security number of the employee, and the name of, and identifying number assigned under section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to, the employer.

''(B) MULTISTATE EMPLOYERS.—An employer that has employees who are employed in 2 or more States and that transmits reports magnetically or electronically may comply with subparagraph (A) by designating 1 State in which such employer has employees to which it will transmit the report described in subparagraph (A), and transmitting such report to such State. Any employer that transmits reports pursuant to this subparagraph shall notify the Secretary in writing as to which State such employer designates for the purpose of sending reports.

''(C) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS.—Any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States shall comply with subparagraph (A) by transmitting the report described in subparagraph (A) to the National Directory of New Hires established pursuant to section 453.

''(2) TIMING OF REPORT.—The report required by paragraph (1) with respect to an employee shall be made not later than the later of—

''(A) 30 days after the date the employer hires the employee; or

''(B) in the case of an employer that reports by magnetic or electronic means, the 1st business day of the week following the date on which the employee 1st receives wages or other compensation from the employer.

''(c) REPORTING FORMAT AND METHOD.—Each report required by subsection (b) shall be made on a W–4 form and may be transmitted by 1st class mail, magnetically, or electronically.

''(d) CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES ON NONCOMPLYING EMPLOYERS.—An employer that fails to comply with subsection (b) with respect to an employee shall be subject to a State civil money penalty which shall be less than—

''(1) $25; or

''(2) $500 if, under State law, the failure is the result of a conspiracy between the employer and the employee to not supply the required report or to supply a false or incomplete report.

''(e) ENTRY OF EMPLOYER INFORMATION.—Information shall be entered into the data base maintained by the State Directory of New Hires within 5 business days of receipt from an employer pursuant to subsection (b).

''(f) INFORMATION COMPARISONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 1998, an agency designated by the State shall, directly or by contract, conduct automated comparisons of the social security numbers reported by employers pursuant to subsection (b) and the social security numbers appearing in the records of the State case registry for cases being enforced under the State plan.

''(2) NOTICE OF MATCH.—When an information comparison conducted under paragraph (1) reveals a match with respect to the social security number of an individual required to provide support under a support order, the State Directory of New Hires shall provide the agency administering the State plan approved under this part of the appropriate State with the name, address, and social security number of the employee to whom the social security number is assigned, and the name of, and identifying number assigned under section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to, the employer.

''(g) TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION.—

''(1) TRANSMISSION OF WAGE WITHHOLDING NOTICES TO EMPLOYERS.—Within 2 business days after the date information regarding a newly hired employee is entered into the State Directory of New Hires, the State agency enforcing the employee's child support obligation shall transmit a notice to the employer of the employee directing the employer to withhold from the wages of the employee an amount equal to the monthly (or other periodic) child support obligation of the employee, unless the employee's wages are not subject to withholding pursuant to section 466(b)(3).

''(2) TRANSMISSIONS TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES.—

''(A) NEW HIRE INFORMATION.—Within 2 business days after the date information regarding a newly hired employee is entered into the State Directory of New Hires, the State Directory of New Hires shall furnish

the information to the National Directory of New Hires.

''(B) WAGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INFORMATION.—The State Directory of New Hires shall, on a quarterly basis, furnish to the National Directory of New Hires extracts of the reports required under section 303(a)(6) to be made to the Secretary of Labor concerning the wages and unemployment compensation paid to individuals, by such dates, in such format, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall specify in regulations.

''(3) BUSINESS DAY DEFINED.—As used in this subsection, the term 'business day' means a day on which State offices are open for regular business.

''(h) OTHER USES OF NEW HIRE INFORMATION.—

''(1) LOCATION OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGORS.—The agency administering the State plan approved under this part shall use information received pursuant to subsection (f)(2) to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support obligations.

''(2) VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—A State agency responsible for administering a program specified in section 1137(b) shall have access to information reported by employers pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for purposes of verifying eligibility for the program.

''(3) ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION.—State agencies operating employment security and workers' compensation programs shall have access to information reported by employers pursuant to subsection (b) for the purposes of administering such programs.''.

(c) QUARTERLY WAGE REPORTING.—Section 1137(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(including State and local governmental entities)'' after ''employers''; and

(2) by inserting '', and except that no report shall be filed with respect to an employee of a State agency performing intelligence or counterintelligence functions, if the head of such agency has determined that filing such a report could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an ongoing investigation or intelligence mission'' after ''paragraph (2)''.

SEC. 914. AMENDMENTS CONCERNING INCOME WITHHOLDING.

(a) MANDATORY INCOME WITHHOLDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 466(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

''(1)(A) Procedures described in subsection (b) for the withholding from income of amounts payable as support in cases subject to enforcement under the State plan.

''(B) Procedures under which the wages of a person with a support obligation imposed by a support order issued (or modified) in the State before October 1, 1996, if not otherwise subject to withholding under subsection (b), shall become subject to withholding as provided in subsection (b) if arrearages occur, without the need for a judicial or administrative hearing.''.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 466(b) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''subsection (a)(1)'' and inserting ''subsection (a)(1)(A)''.

(B) Section 466(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

''(4)(A) Such withholding must be carried out in full compliance with all procedural due process requirements of the State, and the State must send notice to each absent parent to whom paragraph (1) applies—

''(i) that the withholding has commenced; and

''(ii) of the procedures to follow if the absent parent desires to contest such withholding on the grounds that the withholding or the amount withheld is improper due to a mistake of fact.

''(B) The notice under subparagraph (A) shall include the information provided to the employer under paragraph (6)(A).''.

(C) Section 466(b)(5) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)(5)) is amended by striking all that follows ''administered by'' and inserting ''the State through the State disbursement unit established pursuant to section 454B, in accordance with the requirements of section 454B.''.

(D) Section 466(b)(6)(A) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)(6)(A)) is amended—

(i) in clause (i), by striking ''to the appropriate agency'' and all that follows and inserting ''to the State disbursement unit within 2 business days after the date the amount would (but for this subsection) have been paid or credited to the employee, for distribution in accordance with this part.'';

(ii) in clause (ii), by inserting ''be in a standard format prescribed by the Secretary, and'' after ''shall''; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iii) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'business day' means a day on which State offices are open for regular business.''.

(E) Section 466(b)(6)(D) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)(6)(D)) is amended by striking ''any employer'' and all that follows and inserting ''any employer who—

''(i) discharges from employment, refuses to employ, or takes disciplinary action against any absent parent subject to wage withholding required by this subsection because of the existence of such withholding and the obligations or additional obligations which it imposes upon the employer; or

''(ii) fails to withhold support from wages, or to pay such amounts to the State disbursement unit in accordance with this subsection.''.

(F) Section 466(b) (42 U.S.C. 666(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(11) Procedures under which the agency administering the State plan approved under this part may execute a withholding order through electronic means and without advance notice to the obligor.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 466(c) (42 U.S.C. 666(c)) is repealed.

SEC. 915. LOCATOR INFORMATION FROM INTERSTATE NETWORKS.

Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(12) Procedures to ensure that all Federal and State agencies conducting activities under this part have access to any system used by the State to locate an individual for purposes relating to motor vehicles or law enforcement.''.

SEC. 916. EXPANSION OF THE FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.

(a) EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS AND ASSETS.—Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking all that follows ''subsection (c))'' and inserting '', for the purpose of establishing parentage, establishing, setting the amount of, modifying, or enforcing child support obligations, or enforcing child visitation orders—

''(1) information on, or facilitating the discovery of, the location of any individual—

''(A) who is under an obligation to pay child support or provide child visitation rights;

''(B) against whom such an obligation is sought;

''(C) to whom such an obligation is owed,

including the individual's social security number (or numbers), most recent address, and the name, address, and employer identification number of the individual's employer;

''(2) information on the individual's wages (or other income) from, and benefits of, employment (including rights to or enrollment in group health care coverage); and

''(3) information on the type, status, location, and amount of any assets of, or debts owed by or to, any such individual.''; and

(2) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''social security'' and all that follows through ''absent parent'' and inserting ''information described in subsection (a)''.

(b) AUTHORIZED PERSON FOR INFORMATION REGARDING VISITATION RIGHTS.—Section 453(c) (42 U.S.C. 653(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''support'' and inserting ''support or to seek to enforce orders providing child visitation rights'';

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking '', or any agent of such court; and'' and inserting ''or to issue an order against a resident parent for visitation rights, or any agent of such court;'';

(3) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting ''; and''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(4) the absent parent, only with regard to a court order against a resident parent for child visitation rights.''.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT FOR INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Section 453(e)(2) (42 U.S.C. 653(e)(2)) is amended in the 4th sentence by inserting ''in an amount which the Secretary determines to be reasonable payment for the information exchange (which amount shall not include payment for the costs of obtaining, compiling, or maintaining the information)'' before the period.

(d) REIMBURSEMENT FOR REPORTS BY STATE AGENCIES.—Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) The Secretary may reimburse Federal and State agencies for the costs incurred by such entities in furnishing information requested by the Secretary under this section in an amount which the Secretary determines to be reasonable payment for the information exchange (which amount shall not include payment for the costs of obtaining, compiling, or maintaining the information).''.

(e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Sections 452(a)(9), 453(a), 453(b), 463(a), 463(e), and 463(f) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(9), 653(a), 653(b), 663(a), 663(e), and 663(f)) are each amended by inserting ''Federal'' before ''Parent'' each place such term appears.

(2) Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653) is amended in the heading by adding ''FEDERAL'' before ''PARENT''.

(f) NEW COMPONENTS.—Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653), as amended by subsection (d) of this section, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(h)(1) Not later than October 1, 1998, in order to assist States in administering programs under State plans approved under this part and programs funded under part A, and for the other purposes specified in this section, the Secretary shall establish and maintain in the Federal Parent Locator Service an automated registry (which shall be known as the 'Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders'), which shall contain abstracts of support orders and other information described in paragraph (2) with respect to each case in each State case registry maintained pursuant to section 454A(e), as furnished (and regularly updated), pursuant to section 454A(f), by State agencies administering programs under this part.

''(2) The information referred to in paragraph (1) with respect to a case shall be such

information as the Secretary may specify in regulations (including the names, social security numbers or other uniform identification numbers, and State case identification numbers) to identify the individuals who owe or are owed support (or with respect to or on behalf of whom support obligations are sought to be established), and the State or States which have the case.

''(i)(1) In order to assist States in administering programs under State plans approved under this part and programs funded under part A, and for the other purposes specified in this section, the Secretary shall, not later than October 1, 1996, establish and maintain in the Federal Parent Locator Service an automated directory to be known as the National Directory of New Hires, which shall contain the information supplied pursuant to section 453A(g)(2).

''(2) Information shall be entered into the data base maintained by the National Directory of New Hires within 2 business days of receipt pursuant to section 453A(g)(2).

''(3) The Secretary of the Treasury shall have access to the information in the National Directory of New Hires for purposes of administering section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the advance payment of the earned income tax credit under section 3507 of such Code, and verifying a claim with respect to employment in a tax return.

''(4) The Secretary shall maintain within the National Directory of New Hires a list of multistate employers that report information regarding newly hired employees pursuant to section 453A(b)(1)(B), and the State which each such employer has designated to receive such information.

''(j)(1)(A) The Secretary shall transmit information on individuals and employers maintained under this section to the Social Security Administration to the extent necessary for verification in accordance with subparagraph (B).

''(B) The Social Security Administration shall verify the accuracy of, correct, or supply to the extent possible, and report to the Secretary, the following information supplied by the Secretary pursuant to subparagraph (A):

''(i) The name, social security number, and birth date of each such individual.

''(ii) The employer identification number of each such employer.

''(2) For the purpose of locating individuals in a paternity establishment case or a case involving the establishment, modification, or enforcement of a support order, the Secretary shall—

''(A) compare information in the National Directory of New Hires against information in the support case abstracts in the Federal Case Registry of Child Support Orders not less often than every 2 business days; and

''(B) within 2 such days after such a comparison reveals a match with respect to an individual, report the information to the State agency responsible for the case.

''(3) To the extent and with the frequency that the Secretary determines to be effective in assisting States to carry out their responsibilities under programs operated under this part and programs funded under part A, the Secretary shall—

''(A) compare the information in each component of the Federal Parent Locator Service maintained under this section against the information in each other such component (other than the comparison required by paragraph (2)), and report instances in which such a comparison reveals a match with respect to an individual to State agencies operating such programs; and

''(B) disclose information in such registries to such State agencies.

''(4) The National Directory of New Hires shall provide the Commissioner of Social Security with all information in the National Directory, which shall be used to determine the accuracy of payments under the supplemental security income program under title XVI and in connection with benefits under title II.

''(5) The Secretary may provide access to information reported by employers pursuant to section 453A(b) for research purposes found by the Secretary to be likely to contribute to achieving the purposes of part A or this part, but without personal identifiers.

''(k)(1) The Secretary shall reimburse the Commissioner of Social Security, at a rate negotiated between the Secretary and the Commissioner, for the costs incurred by the Commissioner in performing the verification services described in subsection (j).

''(2) The Secretary shall reimburse costs incurred by State directories of new hires in furnishing information as required by subsection (j)(3), at rates which the Secretary determines to be reasonable (which rates shall not include payment for the costs of obtaining, compiling, or maintaining such information).

''(3) A State or Federal agency that receives information from the Secretary pursuant to this section shall reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary in furnishing the information, at rates which the Secretary determines to be reasonable (which rates shall include payment for the costs of obtaining, verifying, maintaining, and comparing the information).

''(l) Information in the Federal Parent Locator Service, and information resulting from comparisons using such information, shall not be used or disclosed except as expressly provided in this section, subject to section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

''(m) The Secretary shall establish and implement safeguards with respect to the entities established under this section designed to—

''(1) ensure the accuracy and completeness of information in the Federal Parent Locator Service; and

''(2) restrict access to confidential information in the Federal Parent Locator Service to authorized persons, and restrict use of such information to authorized purposes.

''(n) Each department, agency, and instrumentality of the United States shall on a quarterly basis report to the Federal Parent Locator Service the name and social security number of each employee and the wages paid to the employee during the previous quarter, except that no report shall be filed with respect to an employee of a department, agency, or instrumentality performing intelligence or counterintelligence functions, if the head of such department, agency, or instrumentality has determined that filing such a report could endanger the safety of the employee or compromise an ongoing investigation or intelligence mission.''.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TO PART D OF TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 454(8)(B) (42 U.S.C. 654(8)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

''(B) the Federal Parent Locator Service established under section 453;''.

(2) TO FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT.—Section 3304(a)(16) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) by striking ''Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare'' each place such term appears and inserting ''Secretary of Health and Human Services'';

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''such information'' and all that follows and inserting ''information furnished under subparagraph (A) or (B) is used only for the purposes authorized under such subparagraph;'';

(C) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (A);

(D) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(E) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

''(B) wage and unemployment compensation information contained in the records of such agency shall be furnished to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in accordance with regulations promulgated by such Secretary) as necessary for the purposes of the National Directory of New Hires established under section 453(i) of the Social Security Act, and''.

(3) TO STATE GRANT PROGRAM UNDER TITLE III OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Subsection (h) of section 303 (42 U.S.C. 503) is amended to read as follows:

''(h)(1) The State agency charged with the administration of the State law shall, on a reimbursable basis—

''(A) disclose quarterly, to the Secretary of Health and Human Services wage and claim information, as required pursuant to section 453(i)(1), contained in the records of such agency;

''(B) ensure that information provided pursuant to subparagraph (A) meets such standards relating to correctness and verification as the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Labor, may find necessary; and

''(C) establish such safeguards as the Secretary of Labor determines are necessary to insure that information disclosed under subparagraph (A) is used only for purposes of section 453(i)(1) in carrying out the child support enforcement program under title IV.

''(2) Whenever the Secretary of Labor, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the State agency charged with the administration of the State law, finds that there is a failure to comply substantially with the requirements of paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor shall notify such State agency that further payments will not be made to the State until the Secretary of Labor is satisfied that there is no longer any such failure. Until the Secretary of Labor is so satisfied, the Secretary shall make no future certification to the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the State.

''(3) For purposes of this subsection—

''(A) the term 'wage information' means information regarding wages paid to an individual, the social security account number of such individual, and the name, address, State, and the Federal employer identification number of the employer paying such wages to such individual; and

''(B) the term 'claim information' means information regarding whether an individual is receiving, has received, or has made application for, unemployment compensation, the amount of any such compensation being received (or to be received by such individual), and the individual's current (or most recent) home address.''.

SEC. 917. COLLECTION AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR USE IN CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

(a) STATE LAW REQUIREMENT.—Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by section 915, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(13) Procedures requiring that the social security number of—

''(A) any applicant for a professional license, commercial driver's license, occupational license, or marriage license be recorded on the application;

''(B) any individual who is subject to a divorce decree, support order, or paternity determination or acknowledgment be placed in the records relating to the matter; and

''(C) any individual who has died be placed in the records relating to the death and be recorded on the death certificate.

For purposes of subparagraph (A), if a State allows the use of a number other than the social security number, the State shall so advise any applicants.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)), as amended by section 321(a)(9) of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994, is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking ''may require'' and inserting ''shall require'';

(2) in clause (ii), by inserting after the 1st sentence the following: ''In the administration of any law involving the issuance of a marriage certificate or license, each State shall require each party named in the certificate or license to furnish to the State (or political subdivision thereof), or any State agency having administrative responsibility for the law involved, the social security number of the party.'';

(3) in clause (ii), by inserting ''or marriage certificate'' after ''Such numbers shall not be recorded on the birth certificate''.

(4) in clause (vi), by striking ''may'' and inserting ''shall''; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

''(x) An agency of a State (or a political subdivision thereof) charged with the administration of any law concerning the issuance or renewal of a license, certificate, permit, or other authorization to engage in a profession, an occupation, or a commercial activity shall require all applicants for issuance or renewal of the license, certificate, permit, or other authorization to provide the applicant's social security number to the agency for the purpose of administering such laws, and for the purpose of responding to requests for information from an agency operating pursuant to part D of title IV.

''(xi) All divorce decrees, support orders, and paternity determinations issued, and all paternity acknowledgments made, in each State shall include the social security number of each party to the decree, order, determination, or acknowledgement in the records relating to the matter, for the purpose of responding to requests for information from an agency operating pursuant to part D of title IV.''.

Subtitle C—Streamlining and Uniformity of Procedures

SEC. 921. ADOPTION OF UNIFORM STATE LAWS.

Section 466 (42 U.S.C. 666) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(f)(1) In order to satisfy section 454(20)(A) on or after January 1, 1997, each State must have in effect the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, as approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in August 1992 (with the modifications and additions specified in this subsection), and the procedures required to implement such Act.

''(2) The State law enacted pursuant to paragraph (1) may be applied to any case involving an order which is established or modified in a State and which is sought to be modified or enforced in another State.

''(3) The State law enacted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall contain the following provision in lieu of section 611(a)(1) of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act:

'' '(1) the following requirements are met:

'' '(i) the child, the individual obligee, and the obligor—

'' '(I) do not reside in the issuing State; and

'' '(II) either reside in this State or are subject to the jurisdiction of this State pursuant to section 201; and

'' '(ii) in any case where another State is exercising or seeks to exercise jurisdiction to modify the order, the conditions of section 204 are met to the same extent as required for proceedings to establish orders; or'.

''(4) The State law enacted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall provide that, in any proceeding subject to the law, process may be served (and proved) upon persons in the State by any means acceptable in any State which is the initiating or responding State in the proceeding.''.

SEC. 922. IMPROVEMENTS TO FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.

Section 1738B of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking ''subsection (e)'' and inserting ''subsections (e), (f), and (i)'';

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting after the 2nd undesignated paragraph the following:

'' 'child's home State' means the State in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as parent for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the time of filing of a petition or comparable pleading for support and, if a child is less than 6 months old, the State in which the child lived from birth with any of them. A period of temporary absence of any of them is counted as part of the 6-month period.'';

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting ''by a court of a State'' before ''is made'';

(4) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting ''and subsections (e), (f), and (g)'' after ''located'';

(5) in subsection (d)—

(A) by inserting ''individual'' before ''contestant''; and

(B) by striking ''subsection (e)'' and inserting ''subsections (e) and (f)'';

(6) in subsection (e), by striking ''make a modification of a child support order with respect to a child that is made'' and inserting ''modify a child support order issued'';

(7) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting ''pursuant to subsection (i)'' before the semicolon;

(8) in subsection (e)(2)—

(A) by inserting ''individual'' before ''contestant'' each place such term appears; and

(B) by striking ''to that court's making the modification and assuming'' and inserting ''with the State of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction for a court of another State to modify the order and assume'';

(9) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

(10) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

''(f) RECOGNITION OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.—If 1 or more child support orders have been issued in this or another State with regard to an obligor and a child, a court shall apply the following rules in determining which order to recognize for purposes of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction and enforcement:

''(1) If only 1 court has issued a child support order, the order of that court must be recognized.

''(2) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and only 1 of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, the order of that court must be recognized.

''(3) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and more than 1 of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, an order issued by a court in the current home State of the child must be recognized, but if an order has not been issued in the current home State of the child, the order most recently issued must be recognized.

''(4) If 2 or more courts have issued child support orders for the same obligor and child, and none of the courts would have continuing, exclusive jurisdiction under this section, a court may issue a child support order, which must be recognized.

''(5) The court that has issued an order recognized under this subsection is the court having continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.'';

(11) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking ''PRIOR'' and inserting ''MODIFIED''; and

(B) by striking ''subsection (e)'' and inserting ''subsections (e) and (f)'';

(12) in subsection (h) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting ''including the duration of current payments and other obligations of support'' before the comma; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting ''arrears under'' after ''enforce''; and

(13) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(i) REGISTRATION FOR MODIFICATION.—If there is no individual contestant or child residing in the issuing State, the party or support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify and enforce, a child support order issued in another State shall register that order in a State with jurisdiction over the nonmovant for the purpose of modification.''.

SEC. 923. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT IN INTERSTATE CASES.

Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by sections 915 and 917(a), is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(14) Procedures under which—

''(A)(i) the State shall respond within 5 business days to a request made by another State to enforce a support order; and

''(ii) the term 'business day' means a day on which State offices are open for regular business;

''(B) the State may, by electronic or other means, transmit to another State a request for assistance in a case involving the enforcement of a support order, which request—

''(i) shall include such information as will enable the State to which the request is transmitted to compare the information about the case to the information in the data bases of the State; and

''(ii) shall constitute a certification by the requesting State—

''(I) of the amount of support under the order the payment of which is in arrears; and

''(II) that the requesting State has complied with all procedural due process requirements applicable to the case;

''(C) if the State provides assistance to another State pursuant to this paragraph with respect to a case, neither State shall consider the case to be transferred to the caseload of such other State; and

''(D) the State shall maintain records of—

''(i) the number of such requests for assistance received by the State;

''(ii) the number of cases for which the State collected support in response to such a request; and

''(iii) the amount of such collected support.''.

SEC. 924. USE OF FORMS IN INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT.

(a) PROMULGATION.—Section 452(a) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (9);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (10) and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(11) not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, establish an advisory committee, which shall include State directors of programs under this part, and not later than June 30, 1996, after consultation with the advisory committee, promulgate forms to be used by States in interstate cases for—

''(A) collection of child support through income withholding;

''(B) imposition of liens; and

''(C) administrative subpoenas.''.

(b) USE BY STATES.—Section 454(9) (42 U.S.C. 654(9)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (C);

(2) by inserting ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (D); and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(E) no later than October 1, 1996, in using the forms promulgated pursuant to section 452(a)(11) for income withholding, imposition of liens, and issuance of administrative subpoenas in interstate child support cases;''.

SEC. 925. STATE LAWS PROVIDING EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.

(a) STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS.—Section 466 (42 U.S.C. 666), as amended by section 914, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking the 1st sentence and inserting the following: ''Expedited administrative and judicial procedures (including the procedures specified in subsection (c)) for establishing paternity and for establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations.''; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

''(c) The procedures specified in this subsection are the following:

''(1) Procedures which give the State agency the authority to take the following actions relating to establishment or enforcement of support orders, without the necessity of obtaining an order from any other judicial or administrative tribunal, and to recognize and enforce the authority of State agencies of other States) to take the following actions:

''(A) To order genetic testing for the purpose of paternity establishment as provided in section 466(a)(5).

''(B) To subpoena any financial or other information needed to establish, modify, or enforce a support order, and to impose penalties for failure to respond to such a subpoena.

''(C) To require all entities in the State (including for-profit, nonprofit, and governmental employers) to provide promptly, in response to a request by the State agency of that or any other State administering a program under this part, information on the employment, compensation, and benefits of any individual employed by such entity as an employee or contractor, and to sanction failure to respond to any such request.

''(D) To obtain access, subject to safeguards on privacy and information security, to the following records (including automated access, in the case of records maintained in automated data bases):

''(i) Records of other State and local government agencies, including—

''(I) vital statistics (including records of marriage, birth, and divorce);

''(II) State and local tax and revenue records (including information on residence address, employer, income and assets);

''(III) records concerning real and titled personal property;

''(IV) records of occupational and professional licenses, and records concerning the ownership and control of corporations, partnerships, and other business entities;

''(V) employment security records;

''(VI) records of agencies administering public assistance programs;

''(VII) records of the motor vehicle department; and

''(VIII) corrections records.

''(ii) Certain records held by private entities, including—

''(I) customer records of public utilities and cable television companies; and

''(II) information (including information on assets and liabilities) on individuals who owe or are owed support (or against or with respect to whom a support obligation is sought) held by financial institutions (subject to limitations on liability of such entities arising from affording such access).

''(E) In cases where support is subject to an assignment in order to comply with a requirement imposed pursuant to part A or section 1912, or to a requirement to pay through the State disbursement unit established pursuant to section 454B, upon providing notice to obligor and obligee, to direct the obligor or other payor to change the payee to the appropriate government entity.

''(F) To order income withholding in accordance with subsections (a)(1) and (b) of section 466.

''(G) In cases in which there is a support arrearage, to secure assets to satisfy the arrearage by—

''(i) intercepting or seizing periodic or lump-sum payments from—

''(I) a State or local agency, including unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, and other benefits; and

''(II) judgments, settlements, and lotteries;

''(ii) attaching and seizing assets of the obligor held in financial institutions;

''(iii) attaching public and private retirement funds; and

''(iv) imposing liens in accordance with subsection (a)(4) and, in appropriate cases, to force sale of property and distribution of proceeds.

''(H) For the purpose of securing overdue support, to increase the amount of monthly support payments to include amounts for arrearages, subject to such conditions or limitations as the State may provide.

Such procedures shall be subject to due process safeguards, including (as appropriate) requirements for notice, opportunity to contest the action, and opportunity for an appeal on the record to an independent administrative or judicial tribunal.

''(2) The expedited procedures required under subsection (a)(2) shall include the following rules and authority, applicable with respect to all proceedings to establish paternity or to establish, modify, or enforce support orders:

''(A) Procedures under which—

''(i) each party to any paternity or child support proceeding is required (subject to privacy safeguards) to file with the tribunal and the State case registry upon entry of an order, and to update as appropriate, information on location and identity of the party, including social security number, residential and mailing addresses, telephone number, driver's license number, and name, address, and name and telephone number of employer; and

''(ii) in any subsequent child support enforcement action between the parties, upon sufficient showing that diligent effort has been made to ascertain the location of such a party, the tribunal may deem State due process requirements for notice and service of process to be met with respect to the party, upon delivery of written notice to the most recent residential or employer address filed with the tribunal pursuant to clause (i).

''(B) Procedures under which—

''(i) the State agency and any administrative or judicial tribunal with authority to hear child support and paternity cases exerts statewide jurisdiction over the parties; and

''(ii) in a State in which orders are issued by courts or administrative tribunals, a case may be transferred between local jurisdictions in the State without need for any additional filing by the petitioner, or service of process upon the respondent, to retain jurisdiction over the parties.''.

(b) AUTOMATION OF STATE AGENCY FUNCTIONS.—Section 454A, as added by section 944(a)(2) and as amended by sections 911 and 912(c), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(h) EXPEDITED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.—The automated system required by this section shall be used, to the maximum extent feasible, to implement the expedited administrative procedures required by section 466(c).''.

Subtitle D—Paternity Establishment

SEC. 931. STATE LAWS CONCERNING PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) STATE LAWS REQUIRED.—Section 466(a)(5) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

''(5)(A)(i) Procedures which permit the establishment of the paternity of a child at any time before the child attains 21 years of age.

''(ii) As of August 16, 1984, clause (i) shall also apply to a child for whom paternity has not been established or for whom a paternity action was brought but dismissed because a statute of limitations of less than 21 years was then in effect in the State.

''(B)(i) Procedures under which the State is required, in a contested paternity case, unless otherwise barred by State law, to require the child and all other parties (other than individuals found under section 454(29) to have good cause for refusing to cooperate) to submit to genetic tests upon the request of any such party if the request is supported by a sworn statement by the party—

''(I) alleging paternity, and setting forth facts establishing a reasonable possibility of the requisite sexual contact between the parties; or

''(II) denying paternity, and setting forth facts establishing a reasonable possibility of the nonexistence of sexual contact between the parties.

''(ii) Procedures which require the State agency in any case in which the agency orders genetic testing—

''(I) to pay costs of such tests, subject to recoupment (where the State so elects) from the alleged father if paternity is established; and

''(II) to obtain additional testing in any case where an original test result is contested, upon request and advance payment by the contestant.

''(C)(i) Procedures for a simple civil process for voluntarily acknowledging paternity under which the State must provide that, before a mother and a putative father can sign an acknowledgment of paternity, the mother and the putative father must be given notice, orally and in writing, of the alternatives to, the legal consequences of, and the rights (including, if 1 parent is a minor, any rights afforded due to minority status) and responsibilities that arise from, signing the acknowledgment.

''(ii) Such procedures must include a hospital-based program for the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity focusing on the period immediately before or after the birth of a child.

''(iii)(I) Such procedures must require the State agency responsible for maintaining birth records to offer voluntary paternity establishment services.

''(II)(aa) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations governing voluntary paternity establishment services offered by hospitals and birth record agencies.

''(bb) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations specifying the types of other entities that may offer voluntary paternity establishment services, and governing the provision of such services, which shall include a requirement that such an entity must use the same notice provisions used by, use the

same materials used by, provide the personnel providing such services with the same training provided by, and evaluate the provision of such services in the same manner as the provision of such services is evaluated by, voluntary paternity establishment programs of hospitals and birth record agencies.

''(iv) Such procedures must require the State to develop and use an affidavit for the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity which includes the minimum requirements of the affidavit developed by the Secretary under section 452(a)(7) for the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity, and to give full faith and credit to such an affidavit signed in any other State according to its procedures.

''(D)(i) Procedures under which the name of the father shall be included on the record of birth of the child only—

''(I) if the father and mother have signed a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity; or

''(II) pursuant to an order issued in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

Nothing in this clause shall preclude a State agency from obtaining an admission of paternity from the father for submission in a judicial or administrative proceeding, or prohibit an order issued in a judicial or administrative proceeding which bases a legal finding of paternity on an admission of paternity by the father and any other additional showing required by State law.

''(ii) Procedures under which—

''(I) a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity is considered a legal finding of paternity, subject to the right of any signatory to rescind the acknowledgment within 60 days;

''(II) after the 60-day period referred to in subclause (I), a signed voluntary acknowledgment of paternity may be challenged in court only on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact, with the burden of proof upon the challenger, and under which the legal responsibilities (including child support obligations) of any signatory arising from the acknowledgment may not be suspended during the challenge, except for good cause shown; and

''(III) judicial or administrative proceedings are not required or permitted to ratify an unchallenged acknowledgment of paternity.

''(E) Procedures under which judicial or administrative proceedings are not required or permitted to ratify an unchallenged acknowledgment of paternity.

''(F) Procedures—

''(i) requiring the admission into evidence, for purposes of establishing paternity, of the results of any genetic test that is—

''(I) of a type generally acknowledged as reliable by accreditation bodies designated by the Secretary; and

''(II) performed by a laboratory approved by such an accreditation body;

''(ii) requiring an objection to genetic testing results to be made in writing not later than a specified number of days before any hearing at which the results may be introduced into evidence (or, at State option, not later than a specified number of days after receipt of the results); and

''(iii) making the test results admissible as evidence of paternity without the need for foundation testimony or other proof of authenticity or accuracy, unless objection is made.

''(G) Procedures which create a rebuttable or, at the option of the State, conclusive presumption of paternity upon genetic testing results indicating a threshold probability that the alleged father is the father of the child.

''(H) Procedures requiring a default order to be entered in a paternity case upon a showing of service of process on the defendant and any additional showing required by State law.

''(I) Procedures providing that the parties to an action to establish paternity are not entitled to a trial by jury.

''(J) Procedures which require that a temporary order be issued, upon motion by a party, requiring the provision of child support pending an administrative or judicial determination of parentage, where there is clear and convincing evidence of paternity (on the basis of genetic tests or other evidence).

''(K) Procedures under which bills for pregnancy, childbirth, and genetic testing are admissible as evidence without requiring third-party foundation testimony, and shall constitute prima facie evidence of amounts incurred for such services or for testing on behalf of the child.

''(L) Procedures ensuring that the putative father has a reasonable opportunity to initiate a paternity action.

''(M) Procedures under which voluntary acknowledgments and adjudications of paternity by judicial or administrative processes are filed with the State registry of birth records for comparison with information in the State case registry.''.

(b) NATIONAL PATERNITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT AFFIDAVIT.—Section 452(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(7)) is amended by inserting '', and develop an affidavit to be used for the voluntary acknowledgment of paternity which shall include the social security number of each parent'' before the semicolon.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 468 (42 U.S.C. 668) is amended by striking ''a simple civil process for voluntarily acknowledging paternity and''.

SEC. 932. OUTREACH FOR VOLUNTARY PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT.

Section 454(23) (42 U.S.C. 654(23)) is amended by inserting ''and will publicize the availability and encourage the use of procedures for voluntary establishment of paternity and child support by means the State deems appropriate'' before the semicolon.

SEC. 933. COOPERATION BY APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE.

Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 901(b), 904(a), 912(a), and 913(a), is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (27);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (28) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (28) the following new paragraph:

''(29) provide that the State agency responsible for administering the State plan—

''(A) shall make the determination (and redetermination at appropriate intervals) as to whether an individual who has applied for or is receiving assistance under the State program funded under part A or the State program under title XIX is cooperating in good faith with the State in establishing the paternity of, or in establishing, modifying, or enforcing a support order for, any child of the individual by providing the State agency with the name of, and such other information as the State agency may require with respect to, the noncustodial parent of the child, subject to such good cause and other exceptions as the State shall establish and taking into account the best interests of the child;

''(B) shall require the individual to supply additional necessary information and appear at interviews, hearings, and legal proceedings;

''(C) shall require the individual and the child to submit to genetic tests pursuant to judicial or administrative order; and

''(D) shall promptly notify the individual and the State agency administering the State program funded under part A and the State agency administering the State program under title XIX of each such determination, and if noncooperation is determined, the basis therefore.''.

Subtitle E—Program Administration and Funding

SEC. 941. PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVES AND PENALTIES.

(a) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 458 (42 U.S.C. 658) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking ''aid to families'' and all through the end period, and inserting ''assistance under a program funded under part A, and regardless of the economic circumstances of their parents, the Secretary shall, from the support collected which would otherwise represent the reimbursement to the Federal government under section 457, pay to each State for each fiscal year, on a quarterly basis (as described in subsection (e)) beginning with the quarter commencing October 1, 1999, an incentive payment in an amount determined under subsections (b) and (c).'';

(B) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the following:

''(b)(1) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, the Secretary shall establish a committee which shall include State directors of programs under this part and which shall develop for the Secretary's approval a formula for the distribution of incentive payments to the States.

''(2) The formula developed and approved under paragraph (1)—

''(A) shall result in a percentage of the collections described in subsection (a) being distributed to each State based on the State's comparative performance in the following areas and any other areas approved by the Secretary under this subsection:

''(i) The IV-D paternity establishment percentage, as defined in section 452(g)(2).

''(ii) The percentage of cases with a support order with respect to which services are being provided under the State plan approved under this part.

''(iii) The percentage of cases with a support order in which child support is paid with respect to which services are being so provided.

''(iv) In cases receiving services under the State plan approved under this part, the amount of child support collected compared to the amount of outstanding child support owed.

''(v) The cost-effectiveness of the State program;

''(B) shall take into consideration—

''(i) the impact that incentives can have on reducing the need to provide public assistance and on permanently removing families from public assistance;

''(ii) the need to balance accuracy and fairness with simplicity of understanding and data gathering;

''(iii) the need to reward performance which improves short- and long-term program outcomes, especially establishing paternity and support orders and encouraging the timely payment of support;

''(iv) the Statewide paternity establishment percentage;

''(v) baseline data on current performance and projected costs of performance increases to assure that top performing States can actually achieve the top incentive levels with a reasonable resource investment;

''(vi) performance outcomes which would warrant an increase in the total incentive payments made to the States; and

''(vii) the use or distribution of any portion of the total incentive payments in excess of the total of the payments which may be distributed under subsection (c);

''(C) shall be determined so as to distribute to the States total incentive payments equal

to the total incentive payments for all States in fiscal year 1994, plus a portion of any increase in the reimbursement to the Federal Government under section 457 from fiscal year 1999 or any other increase based on other performance outcomes approved by the Secretary under this subsection;

''(D) shall use a definition of the term 'State' which does not include any area within the jurisdiction of an Indian tribal government; and

''(E) shall use a definition of the term 'Statewide paternity establishment percentage' to mean with respect to a State and a fiscal year—

''(i) the total number of children in the State who were born out of wedlock, who have not attained 1 year of age and for whom paternity is established or acknowledged during the fiscal year; divided by

''(ii) the total number of children born out of wedlock in the State during the fiscal year.

''(c) The total amount of the incentives payment made by the Secretary to a State in a fiscal year shall not exceed 90 percent of the total amounts expended by such State during such year for the operation of the plan approved under section 454, less payments to the State pursuant to section 455 for such year.'';

(2) in subsection (d), by striking '', and any amounts'' through ''shall be excluded''.

(b) PAYMENTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—Section 454(22) (42 U.S.C. 654(22)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon the following: '', but a political subdivision shall not be entitled to receive, and the State may retain, any amount in excess of the amount the political subdivision expends on the State program under this part, less the amount equal to the percentage of that expenditure paid by the Secretary under section 455''.

(c) CALCULATION OF IV–D PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT PERCENTAGE.—

(1) Section 452(g)(1) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(1)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting ''its overall performance in child support enforcement is satisfactory (as defined in section 458(b) and regulations of the Secretary), and'' after ''1994,''; and

(B) in each of subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking ''75'' and inserting ''90''.

(2) Section 452(g)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)(A)) is amended in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(A) by striking ''paternity establishment percentage'' and inserting ''IV–D paternity establishment percentage''; and

(B) by striking ''(or all States, as the case may be)''.

(3) Section 452(g)(3) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(3)) is amended—

(A) by striking subparagraph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(B) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking ''the percentage of children born out-of-wedlock in a State'' and inserting ''the percentage of children in a State who are born out of wedlock or for whom support has not been established''; and

(C) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by inserting ''and overall performance in child support enforcement'' after ''paternity establishment percentages''; and

(ii) by inserting ''and securing support'' before the period.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) INCENTIVE ADJUSTMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, except to the extent provided in subparagraph (B).

(B) EXCEPTION.—Section 458 of the Social Security Act, as in effect before the date of the enactment of this section, shall be effective for purposes of incentive payments to States for fiscal years before fiscal year 2000.

(2) PENALTY REDUCTIONS.—The amendments made by subsection (c) shall become effective with respect to calendar quarters beginning on and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 942. FEDERAL AND STATE REVIEWS AND AUDITS.

(a) STATE AGENCY ACTIVITIES.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (14), by striking ''(14)'' and inserting ''(14)(A)'';

(2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as subparagraph (B) of paragraph (14); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the following new paragraph:

''(15) provide for—

''(A) a process for annual reviews of and reports to the Secretary on the State program operated under the State plan approved under this part, including such information as may be necessary to measure State compliance with Federal requirements for expedited procedures, using such standards and procedures as are required by the Secretary, under which the State agency will determine the extent to which the program is operated in compliance with this part; and

''(B) a process of extracting from the automated data processing system required by paragraph (16) and transmitting to the Secretary data and calculations concerning the levels of accomplishment (and rates of improvement) with respect to applicable performance indicators (including IV–D paternity establishment percentages and overall performance in child support enforcement) to the extent necessary for purposes of sections 452(g) and 458.''.

(b) FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 452(a)(4) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

''(4)(A) review data and calculations transmitted by State agencies pursuant to section 454(15)(B) on State program accomplishments with respect to performance indicators for purposes of subsection (g) of this section and section 458;

''(B) review annual reports submitted pursuant to section 454(15)(A) and, as appropriate, provide to the State comments, recommendations for additional or alternative corrective actions, and technical assistance; and

''(C) conduct audits, in accordance with the Government auditing standards of the Comptroller General of the United States—

''(i) at least once every 3 years (or more frequently, in the case of a State which fails to meet the requirements of this part concerning performance standards and reliability of program data) to assess the completeness, reliability, and security of the data, and the accuracy of the reporting systems, used in calculating performance indicators under subsection (g) of this section and section 458;

''(ii) of the adequacy of financial management of the State program operated under the State plan approved under this part, including assessments of—

''(I) whether Federal and other funds made available to carry out the State program are being appropriately expended, and are properly and fully accounted for; and

''(II) whether collections and disbursements of support payments are carried out correctly and are fully accounted for; and

''(iii) for such other purposes as the Secretary may find necessary;''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall be effective with respect to calendar quarters beginning 12 months or more after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 943. REQUIRED REPORTING PROCEDURES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 452(a)(5) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(5)) is amended by inserting '', and establish procedures to be followed by States for collecting and reporting information required to be provided under this part, and establish uniform definitions (including those necessary to enable the measurement of State compliance with the requirements of this part relating to expedited processes) to be applied in following such procedures'' before the semicolon.

(b) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 901(b), 904(a), 912(a), 913(a), and 933, is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (28);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (29) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (29) the following new paragraph:

''(30) provide that the State shall use the definitions established under section 452(a)(5) in collecting and reporting information as required under this part.''.

SEC. 944. AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) REVISED REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 454(16) (42 U.S.C. 654(16)) is amended—

(A) by striking '', at the option of the State,'';

(B) by inserting ''and operation by the State agency'' after ''for the establishment'';

(C) by inserting ''meeting the requirements of section 454A'' after ''information retrieval system'';

(D) by striking ''in the State and localities thereof, so as (A)'' and inserting ''so as'';

(E) by striking ''(i)''; and

(F) by striking ''(including'' and all that follows and inserting a semicolon.

(2) AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING.—Part D of title IV (42 U.S.C. 651–669) is amended by inserting after section 454 the following new section:

''SEC. 454A. AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to meet the requirements of this section, the State agency administering the State program under this part shall have in operation a single statewide automated data processing and information retrieval system which has the capability to perform the tasks specified in this section with the frequency and in the manner required by or under this part.

''(b) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.—The automated system required by this section shall perform such functions as the Secretary may specify relating to management of the State program under this part, including—

''(1) controlling and accounting for use of Federal, State, and local funds in carrying out the program; and

''(2) maintaining the data necessary to meet Federal reporting requirements under this part on a timely basis.

''(c) CALCULATION OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—In order to enable the Secretary to determine the incentive and penalty adjustments required by sections 452(g) and 458, the State agency shall—

''(1) use the automated system—

''(A) to maintain the requisite data on State performance with respect to paternity establishment and child support enforcement in the State; and

''(B) to calculate the IV–D paternity establishment percentage and overall performance in child support enforcement for the State for each fiscal year; and

''(2) have in place systems controls to ensure the completeness and reliability of, and ready access to, the data described in paragraph (1)(A), and the accuracy of the calculations described in paragraph (1)(B).

''(d) INFORMATION INTEGRITY AND SECURITY.—The State agency shall have in effect safeguards on the integrity, accuracy, and completeness of, access to, and use of data in the automated system required by this section, which shall include the following (in addition to such other safeguards as the Secretary may specify in regulations):

''(1) POLICIES RESTRICTING ACCESS.—Written policies concerning access to data by State agency personnel, and sharing of data with other persons, which—

''(A) permit access to and use of data only to the extent necessary to carry out the State program under this part; and

''(B) specify the data which may be used for particular program purposes, and the personnel permitted access to such data.

''(2) SYSTEMS CONTROLS.—Systems controls (such as passwords or blocking of fields) to ensure strict adherence to the policies described in paragraph (1).

''(3) MONITORING OF ACCESS.—Routine monitoring of access to and use of the automated system, through methods such as audit trails and feedback mechanisms, to guard against and promptly identify unauthorized access or use.

''(4) TRAINING AND INFORMATION.—Procedures to ensure that all personnel (including State and local agency staff and contractors) who may have access to or be required to use confidential program data are informed of applicable requirements and penalties (including those in section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), and are adequately trained in security procedures.

''(5) PENALTIES.—Administrative penalties (up to and including dismissal from employment) for unauthorized access to, or disclosure or use of, confidential data.''.

(3) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prescribe final regulations for implementation of section 454A of the Social Security Act not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE.—Section 454(24) (42 U.S.C. 654(24)), as amended by sections 904(a)(2) and 912(a)(1), is amended to read as follows:

''(24) provide that the State will have in effect an automated data processing and information retrieval system—

''(A) by October 1, 1997, which meets all requirements of this part which were enacted on or before the date of enactment of the Family Support Act of 1988; and

''(B) by October 1, 1999, which meets all requirements of this part enacted on or before the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995, except that such deadline shall be extended by 1 day for each day (if any) by which the Secretary fails to meet the deadline imposed by section 944(a)(3) of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995.''.

(b) SPECIAL FEDERAL MATCHING RATE FOR DEVELOPMENT COSTS OF AUTOMATED SYSTEMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 455(a) (42 U.S.C. 655(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(i) by striking ''90 percent'' and inserting ''the percent specified in paragraph (3)'';

(ii) by striking ''so much of''; and

(iii) by striking ''which the Secretary'' and all that follows and inserting '', and''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3)(A) The Secretary shall pay to each State, for each quarter in fiscal years 1996 and 1997, 90 percent of so much of the State expenditures described in paragraph (1)(B) as the Secretary finds are for a system meeting the requirements specified in section 454(16) (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995), but limited to the amount approved for States in the advance planning documents of such States submitted on or before May 1, 1995.

''(B)(i) The Secretary shall pay to each State, for each quarter in fiscal years 1997 through 2001, the percentage specified in clause (ii) of so much of the State expenditures described in paragraph (1)(B) as the Secretary finds are for a system meeting the requirements of sections 454(16) and 454A.

''(ii) The percentage specified in this clause is the greater of—

''(I) 80 percent; or

''(II) the percentage otherwise applicable to Federal payments to the State under subparagraph (A) (as adjusted pursuant to section 458).''.

(2) TEMPORARY LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS UNDER SPECIAL FEDERAL MATCHING RATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may not pay more than $260,000,000 in the aggregate under section 455(a)(3) of the Social Security Act for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(B) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION AMONG STATES.—The total amount payable to a State under section 455(a)(3) of such Act for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 shall not exceed the limitation determined for the State by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in regulations.

(C) ALLOCATION FORMULA.—The regulations referred to in subparagraph (B) shall prescribe a formula for allocating the amount specified in subparagraph (A) among States with plans approved under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act, which shall take into account—

(i) the relative size of State caseloads under such part; and

(ii) the level of automation needed to meet the automated data processing requirements of such part.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 123(c) of the Family Support Act of 1988 (102 Stat. 2352; Public Law 100–485) is repealed.

SEC. 945. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) FOR TRAINING OF FEDERAL AND STATE STAFF, RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS OF REGIONAL OR NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—Section 452 (42 U.S.C. 652) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(j) Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the Secretary for each fiscal year an amount equal to 1 percent of the total amount paid to the Federal Government pursuant to section 457(a) during the immediately preceding fiscal year (as determined on the basis of the most recent reliable data available to the Secretary as of the end of the 3rd calendar quarter following the end of such preceding fiscal year), to cover costs incurred by the Secretary for—

''(1) information dissemination and technical assistance to States, training of State and Federal staff, staffing studies, and related activities needed to improve programs under this part (including technical assistance concerning State automated systems required by this part); and

''(2) research, demonstration, and special projects of regional or national significance relating to the operation of State programs under this part.''.

(b) OPERATION OF FEDERAL PARENT LOCATOR SERVICE.—Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653), as amended by section 916(f), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(n) Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there is hereby appropriated to the Secretary for each fiscal year an amount equal to 2 percent of the total amount paid to the Federal Government pursuant to section 457(a) during the immediately preceding fiscal year (as determined on the basis of the most recent reliable data available to the Secretary as of the end of the 3rd calendar quarter following the end of such preceding fiscal year), to cover costs incurred by the Secretary for operation of the Federal Parent Locator Service under this section, to the extent such costs are not recovered through user fees.''.

SEC. 946. REPORTS AND DATA COLLECTION BY THE SECRETARY.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) Section 452(a)(10)(A) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)(A)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''this part;'' and inserting ''this part, including—''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

''(i) the total amount of child support payments collected as a result of services furnished during the fiscal year to individuals receiving services under this part;

''(ii) the cost to the States and to the Federal Government of so furnishing the services; and

''(iii) the number of cases involving families—

''(I) who became ineligible for assistance under State programs funded under part A during a month in the fiscal year; and

''(II) with respect to whom a child support payment was received in the month;''.

(2) Section 452(a)(10)(C) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)(C)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(i) by striking ''with the data required under each clause being separately stated for cases'' and inserting ''separately stated for (1) cases'';

(ii) by striking ''cases where the child was formerly receiving'' and inserting ''or formerly received'';

(iii) by inserting ''or 1912'' after ''471(a)(17)''; and

(iv) by inserting ''(2)'' before ''all other'';

(B) in each of clauses (i) and (ii), by striking '', and the total amount of such obligations'';

(C) in clause (iii), by striking ''described in'' and all that follows and inserting ''in which support was collected during the fiscal year;'';

(D) by striking clause (iv); and

(E) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vii), and inserting after clause (iii) the following new clauses:

''(iv) the total amount of support collected during such fiscal year and distributed as current support;

''(v) the total amount of support collected during such fiscal year and distributed as arrearages;

''(vi) the total amount of support due and unpaid for all fiscal years; and''.

(3) Section 452(a)(10)(G) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)(G)) is amended by striking ''on the use of Federal courts and''.

(4) Section 452(a)(10) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (H), by striking ''and'';

(B) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the following new subparagraph:

''(J) compliance, by State, with the standards established pursuant to subsections (h) and (i).''.

(5) Section 452(a)(10) (42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10)) is amended by striking all that follows subparagraph (J), as added by paragraph (4).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to fiscal year 1996 and succeeding fiscal years.

Subtitle F—Establishment and Modification of Support Orders

SEC. 951. NATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a commission to be known as the National Child Support Guidelines Commission (in this section referred to as the ''Commission'').

(b) GENERAL DUTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall determine—

(A) whether it is appropriate to develop a national child support guideline for consideration by the Congress or for adoption by individual States; or

(B) based on a study of various guideline models, the benefits and deficiencies of such models, and any needed improvements.

(2) DEVELOPMENT OF MODELS.—If the Commission determines under paragraph (1)(A) that a national child support guideline is needed or under paragraph (1)(B) that improvements to guideline models are needed, the Commission shall develop such national guideline or improvements.

(c) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION.—In making the recommendations concerning guidelines required under subsection (b), the Commission shall consider—

(1) the adequacy of State child support guidelines established pursuant to section 467;

(2) matters generally applicable to all support orders, including—

(A) the feasibility of adopting uniform terms in all child support orders;

(B) how to define income and under what circumstances income should be imputed; and

(C) tax treatment of child support payments;

(3) the appropriate treatment of cases in which either or both parents have financial obligations to more than 1 family, including the effect (if any) to be given to—

(A) the income of either parent's spouse; and

(B) the financial responsibilities of either parent for other children or stepchildren;

(4) the appropriate treatment of expenses for child care (including care of the children of either parent, and work-related or job-training-related child care);

(5) the appropriate treatment of expenses for health care (including uninsured health care) and other extraordinary expenses for children with special needs;

(6) the appropriate duration of support by 1 or both parents, including—

(A) support (including shared support) for postsecondary or vocational education; and

(B) support for disabled adult children;

(7) procedures to automatically adjust child support orders periodically to address changed economic circumstances, including changes in the Consumer Price Index or either parent's income and expenses in particular cases;

(8) procedures to help noncustodial parents address grievances regarding visitation and custody orders to prevent such parents from withholding child support payments until such grievances are resolved; and

(9) whether, or to what extent, support levels should be adjusted in cases in which custody is shared or in which the noncustodial parent has extended visitation rights.

(d) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) NUMBER; APPOINTMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of 12 individuals appointed not later than January 15, 1997, of which—

(i) 2 shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and 1 shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the Committee;

(ii) 2 shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and 1 shall be appointed by the ranking minority member of the Committee; and

(iii) 6 shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.—Members of the Commission shall have expertise and experience in the evaluation and development of child support guidelines. At least 1 member shall represent advocacy groups for custodial parents, at least 1 member shall represent advocacy groups for noncustodial parents, and at least 1 member shall be the director of a State program under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act.

(2) TERMS OF OFFICE.—Each member shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(e) COMMISSION POWERS, COMPENSATION, ACCESS TO INFORMATION, AND SUPERVISION.—The 1st sentence of subparagraph (C), the 1st and 3rd sentences of subparagraph (D), subparagraph (F) (except with respect to the conduct of medical studies), clauses (ii) and (iii) of subparagraph (G), and subparagraph (H) of section 1886(e)(6) of the Social Security Act shall apply to the Commission in the same manner in which such provisions apply to the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

(f) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the appointment of members, the Commission shall submit to the President, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, a recommended national child support guideline and a final assessment of issues relating to such a proposed national child support guideline.

(g) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate 6 months after the submission of the report described in subsection (e).

SEC. 952. SIMPLIFIED PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.

Section 466(a)(10) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(10)) is amended to read as follows:

''(10) Procedures under which the State shall review and adjust each support order being enforced under this part upon the request of either parent or the State if there is an assignment. Such procedures shall provide the following:

''(A) The State shall review and, as appropriate, adjust the support order every 3 years, taking into account the best interests of the child involved.

''(B)(i) The State may elect to review and, if appropriate, adjust an order pursuant to subparagraph (A) by—

''(I) reviewing and, if appropriate, adjusting the order in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to section 467(a) if the amount of the child support award under the order differs from the amount that would be awarded in accordance with the guidelines; or

''(II) applying a cost-of-living adjustment to the order in accordance with a formula developed by the State and permit either party to contest the adjustment, within 30 days after the date of the notice of the adjustment, by making a request for review and, if appropriate, adjustment of the order in accordance with the child support guidelines established pursuant to section 467(a).

''(ii) Any adjustment under clause (i) shall be made without a requirement for proof or showing of a change in circumstances.

''(C) The State may use automated methods (including automated comparisons with wage or State income tax data) to identify orders eligible for review, conduct the review, identify orders eligible for adjustment, and apply the appropriate adjustment to the orders eligible for adjustment under the threshold established by the State.

''(D)(i) The State shall, at the request of either parent subject to such an order or of any State child support enforcement agency, review and, if appropriate, adjust the order in accordance with the guidelines established pursuant to section 467(a) based upon a substantial change in the circumstances of either parent.

''(ii) The State shall provide notice to the parents subject to such an order informing them of their right to request the State to review and, if appropriate, adjust the order pursuant to clause (i). The notice may be included in the order.''.

SEC. 953. FURNISHING CONSUMER REPORTS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT.

Section 604 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681b) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

''(4) In response to a request by the head of a State or local child support enforcement agency (or a State or local government official authorized by the head of such an agency), if the person making the request certifies to the consumer reporting agency that—

''(A) the consumer report is needed for the purpose of establishing an individual's capacity to make child support payments or determining the appropriate level of such payments;

''(B) the paternity of the consumer for the child to which the obligation relates has been established or acknowledged by the consumer in accordance with State laws under which the obligation arises (if required by those laws);

''(C) the person has provided at least 10 days' prior notice to the consumer whose report is requested, by certified or registered mail to the last known address of the consumer, that the report will be requested; and

''(D) the consumer report will be kept confidential, will be used solely for a purpose described in subparagraph (A), and will not be used in connection with any other civil, administrative, or criminal proceeding, or for any other purpose.

''(5) To an agency administering a State plan under section 454 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654) for use to set an initial or modified child support award.''.

SEC. 954. NONLIABILITY FOR DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING FINANCIAL RECORDS TO STATE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or State law, a depository institution shall not be liable under any Federal or State law to any person for disclosing any financial record of an individual to a State child support enforcement agency attempting to establish, modify, or enforce a child support obligation of such individual.

(b) PROHIBITION OF DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL RECORD OBTAINED BY STATE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—A State child support enforcement agency which obtains a financial record of an individual from a financial institution pursuant to subsection (a) may disclose such financial record only for the purpose of, and to the extent necessary in, establishing, modifying, or enforcing a child support obligation of such individual.

(c) CIVIL DAMAGES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE.—

(1) DISCLOSURE BY STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.—If any person knowingly, or by reason of negligence, discloses a financial record of an individual in violation of subsection (b), such individual may bring a civil

action for damages against such person in a district court of the United States.

(2) NO LIABILITY FOR GOOD FAITH BUT ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATION.—No liability shall arise under this subsection with respect to any disclosure which results from a good faith, but erroneous, interpretation of subsection (b).

(3) DAMAGES.—In any action brought under paragraph (1), upon a finding of liability on the part of the defendant, the defendant shall be liable to the plaintiff in an amount equal to the sum of—

(A) the greater of—

(i) $1,000 for each act of unauthorized disclosure of a financial record with respect to which such defendant is found liable; or

(ii) the sum of—

(I) the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized disclosure; plus

(II) in the case of a willful disclosure or a disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages; plus

(B) the costs (including attorney's fees) of the action.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

(1) The term ''depository institution'' means—

(A) a depository institution, as defined in section 3(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(c));

(B) an institution-affiliated party, as defined in section 3(u) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(v)); and

(C) any Federal credit union or State credit union, as defined in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752), including an institution-affiliated party of such a credit union, as defined in section 206(r) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 1786(r)).

(2) The term ''financial record'' has the meaning given such term in section 1101 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401).

(3) The term ''State child support enforcement agency'' means a State agency which administers a State program for establishing and enforcing child support obligations.

Subtitle G—Enforcement of Support Orders

SEC. 961. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE COLLECTION OF ARREARAGES.

(a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—Section 6305(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to collection of certain liability) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (3);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting '', and'';

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

''(5) no additional fee may be assessed for adjustments to an amount previously certified pursuant to such section 452(b) with respect to the same obligor.''; and

(4) by striking ''Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare'' each place it appears and inserting ''Secretary of Health and Human Services''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall become effective October 1, 1997.

SEC. 962. AUTHORITY TO COLLECT SUPPORT FROM FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) CONSOLIDATION AND STREAMLINING OF AUTHORITIES.—Section 459 (42 U.S.C. 659) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 459. CONSENT BY THE UNITED STATES TO INCOME WITHHOLDING, GARNISHMENT, AND SIMILAR PROCEEDINGS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY OBLIGATIONS.

''(a) CONSENT TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 207 of this Act and section 5301 of title 38, United States Code), effective January 1, 1975, moneys (the entitlement to which is based upon remuneration for employment) due from, or payable by, the United States or the District of Columbia (including any agency, subdivision, or instrumentality thereof) to any individual, including members of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be subject, in like manner and to the same extent as if the United States or the District of Columbia were a private person, to withholding in accordance with State law enacted pursuant to subsections (a)(1) and (b) of section 466 and regulations of the Secretary under such subsections, and to any other legal process brought, by a State agency administering a program under a State plan approved under this part or by an individual obligee, to enforce the legal obligation of the individual to provide child support or alimony.

''(b) CONSENT TO REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE PERSON.—With respect to notice to withhold income pursuant to subsection (a)(1) or (b) of section 466, or any other order or process to enforce support obligations against an individual (if the order or process contains or is accompanied by sufficient data to permit prompt identification of the individual and the moneys involved), each governmental entity specified in subsection (a) shall be subject to the same requirements as would apply if the entity were a private person, except as otherwise provided in this section.

''(c) DESIGNATION OF AGENT; RESPONSE TO NOTICE OR PROCESS—

''(1) DESIGNATION OF AGENT.—The head of each agency subject to this section shall—

''(A) designate an agent or agents to receive orders and accept service of process in matters relating to child support or alimony; and

''(B) annually publish in the Federal Register the designation of the agent or agents, identified by title or position, mailing address, and telephone number.

''(2) RESPONSE TO NOTICE OR PROCESS.—If an agent designated pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection receives notice pursuant to State procedures in effect pursuant to subsection (a)(1) or (b) of section 466, or is effectively served with any order, process, or interrogatory, with respect to an individual's child support or alimony payment obligations, the agent shall—

''(A) as soon as possible (but not later than 15 days) thereafter, send written notice of the notice or service (together with a copy of the notice or service) to the individual at the duty station or last-known home address of the individual;

''(B) within 30 days (or such longer period as may be prescribed by applicable State law) after receipt of a notice pursuant to such State procedures, comply with all applicable provisions of section 466; and

''(C) within 30 days (or such longer period as may be prescribed by applicable State law) after effective service of any other such order, process, or interrogatory, respond to the order, process, or interrogatory.

''(d) PRIORITY OF CLAIMS.—If a governmental entity specified in subsection (a) receives notice or is served with process, as provided in this section, concerning amounts owed by an individual to more than 1 person—

''(1) support collection under section 466(b) must be given priority over any other process, as provided in section 466(b)(7);

''(2) allocation of moneys due or payable to an individual among claimants under section 466(b) shall be governed by section 466(b) and the regulations prescribed under such section; and

''(3) such moneys as remain after compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be available to satisfy any other such processes on a 1st-come, 1st-served basis, with any such process being satisfied out of such moneys as remain after the satisfaction of all such processes which have been previously served.

''(e) NO REQUIREMENT TO VARY PAY CYCLES.—A governmental entity that is affected by legal process served for the enforcement of an individual's child support or alimony payment obligations shall not be required to vary its normal pay and disbursement cycle in order to comply with the legal process.

''(f) RELIEF FROM LIABILITY.—

''(1) Neither the United States, nor the government of the District of Columbia, nor any disbursing officer shall be liable with respect to any payment made from moneys due or payable from the United States to any individual pursuant to legal process regular on its face, if the payment is made in accordance with this section and the regulations issued to carry out this section.

''(2) No Federal employee whose duties include taking actions necessary to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) with regard to any individual shall be subject under any law to any disciplinary action or civil or criminal liability or penalty for, or on account of, any disclosure of information made by the employee in connection with the carrying out of such actions.

''(g) REGULATIONS.—Authority to promulgate regulations for the implementation of this section shall, insofar as this section applies to moneys due from (or payable by)—

''(1) the United States (other than the legislative or judicial branches of the Federal Government) or the government of the District of Columbia, be vested in the President (or the designee of the President);

''(2) the legislative branch of the Federal Government, be vested jointly in the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or their designees), and

''(3) the judicial branch of the Federal Government, be vested in the Chief Justice of the United States (or the designee of the Chief Justice).

''(h) MONEYS SUBJECT TO PROCESS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), moneys paid or payable to an individual which are considered to be based upon remuneration for employment, for purposes of this section—

''(A) consist of—

''(i) compensation paid or payable for personal services of the individual, whether the compensation is denominated as wages, salary, commission, bonus, pay, allowances, or otherwise (including severance pay, sick pay, and incentive pay);

''(ii) periodic benefits (including a periodic benefit as defined in section 228(h)(3)) or other payments—

''(I) under the insurance system established by title II;

''(II) under any other system or fund established by the United States which provides for the payment of pensions, retirement or retired pay, annuities, dependents' or survivors' benefits, or similar amounts payable on account of personal services performed by the individual or any other individual;

''(III) as compensation for death under any Federal program;

''(IV) under any Federal program established to provide 'black lung' benefits; or

''(V) by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as pension, or as compensation for a service-connected disability or death (except any compensation paid by the Secretary to a member of the Armed Forces who is in receipt of retired or retainer pay if the member has waived a portion of the retired pay of the

member in order to receive the compensation); and

''(iii) workers' compensation benefits paid under Federal or State law; but

''(B) do not include any payment—

''(i) by way of reimbursement or otherwise, to defray expenses incurred by the individual in carrying out duties associated with the employment of the individual; or

''(ii) as allowances for members of the uniformed services payable pursuant to chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code, as prescribed by the Secretaries concerned (defined by section 101(5) of such title) as necessary for the efficient performance of duty.

''(2) CERTAIN AMOUNTS EXCLUDED.—In determining the amount of any moneys due from, or payable by, the United States to any individual, there shall be excluded amounts which—

''(A) are owed by the individual to the United States;

''(B) are required by law to be, and are, deducted from the remuneration or other payment involved, including Federal employment taxes, and fines and forfeitures ordered by court-martial;

''(C) are properly withheld for Federal, State, or local income tax purposes, if the withholding of the amounts is authorized or required by law and if amounts withheld are not greater than would be the case if the individual claimed all dependents to which he was entitled (the withholding of additional amounts pursuant to section 3402(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 may be permitted only when the individual presents evidence of a tax obligation which supports the additional withholding);

''(D) are deducted as health insurance premiums;

''(E) are deducted as normal retirement contributions (not including amounts deducted for supplementary coverage); or

''(F) are deducted as normal life insurance premiums from salary or other remuneration for employment (not including amounts deducted for supplementary coverage).

''(i) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

''(1) UNITED STATES.—The term 'United States' includes any department, agency, or instrumentality of the legislative, judicial, or executive branch of the Federal Government, the United States Postal Service, the Postal Rate Commission, any Federal corporation created by an Act of Congress that is wholly owned by the Federal Government, and the governments of the territories and possessions of the United States.

''(2) CHILD SUPPORT.—The term 'child support', when used in reference to the legal obligations of an individual to provide such support, means periodic payments of funds for the support and maintenance of a child or children with respect to which the individual has such an obligation, and (subject to and in accordance with State law) includes payments to provide for health care, education, recreation, clothing, or to meet other specific needs of such a child or children, and includes attorney's fees, interest, and court costs, when and to the extent that the same are expressly made recoverable as such pursuant to a decree, order, or judgment issued in accordance with applicable State law by a court of competent jurisdiction.

''(3) ALIMONY.—The term 'alimony', when used in reference to the legal obligations of an individual to provide the same, means periodic payments of funds for the support and maintenance of the spouse (or former spouse) of the individual, and (subject to and in accordance with State law) includes separate maintenance, alimony pendente lite, maintenance, and spousal support, and includes attorney's fees, interest, and court costs when and to the extent that the same are expressly made recoverable as such pursuant to a decree, order, or judgment issued in accordance with applicable State law by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such term does not include any payment or transfer of property or its value by an individual to the spouse or a former spouse of the individual in compliance with any community property settlement, equitable distribution of property, or other division of property between spouses or former spouses.

''(4) PRIVATE PERSON.—The term 'private person' means a person who does not have sovereign or other special immunity or privilege which causes the person not to be subject to legal process.

''(5) LEGAL PROCESS.—The term 'legal process' means any writ, order, summons, or other similar process in the nature of garnishment—

''(A) which is issued by—

''(i) a court of competent jurisdiction in any State, territory, or possession of the United States;

''(ii) a court of competent jurisdiction in any foreign country with which the United States has entered into an agreement which requires the United States to honor the process; or

''(iii) an authorized official pursuant to an order of such a court of competent jurisdiction or pursuant to State or local law; and

''(B) which is directed to, and the purpose of which is to compel, a governmental entity which holds moneys which are otherwise payable to an individual to make a payment from the moneys to another party in order to satisfy a legal obligation of the individual to provide child support or make alimony payments.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TO PART D OF TITLE IV.—Sections 461 and 462 (42 U.S.C. 661 and 662) are repealed.

(2) TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 5520a of title 5, United States Code, is amended, in subsections (h)(2) and (i), by striking ''sections 459, 461, and 462 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659, 661, and 662)'' and inserting ''section 459 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659)''.

(c) MILITARY RETIRED AND RETAINER PAY.—

(1) DEFINITION OF COURT.—Section 1408(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (B);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph:

''(D) any administrative or judicial tribunal of a State competent to enter orders for support or maintenance (including a State agency administering a program under a State plan approved under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act), and, for purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'State' includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.''.

(2) DEFINITION OF COURT ORDER.—Section 1408(a)(2) of such title is amended by inserting ''or a court order for the payment of child support not included in or accompanied by such a decree or settlement,'' before ''which—''.

(3) PUBLIC PAYEE.—Section 1408(d) of such title is amended—

(A) in the heading, by inserting ''(OR FOR BENEFIT OF)'' before ''SPOUSE OR''; and

(B) in paragraph (1), in the 1st sentence, by inserting ''(or for the benefit of such spouse or former spouse to a State disbursement unit established pursuant to section 454B of the Social Security Act or other public payee designated by a State, in accordance with part D of title IV of the Social Security Act, as directed by court order, or as otherwise directed in accordance with such part D)'' before ''in an amount sufficient''.

(4) RELATIONSHIP TO PART D OF TITLE IV.—Section 1408 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(j) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—In any case involving an order providing for payment of child support (as defined in section 459(i)(2) of the Social Security Act) by a member who has never been married to the other parent of the child, the provisions of this section shall not apply, and the case shall be subject to the provisions of section 459 of such Act.''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall become effective 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 963. ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF LOCATOR INFORMATION.—

(1) MAINTENANCE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a centralized personnel locator service that includes the address of each member of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary. Upon request of the Secretary of Transportation, addresses for members of the Coast Guard shall be included in the centralized personnel locator service.

(2) TYPE OF ADDRESS.—

(A) RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the address for a member of the Armed Forces shown in the locator service shall be the residential address of that member.

(B) DUTY ADDRESS.—The address for a member of the Armed Forces shown in the locator service shall be the duty address of that member in the case of a member—

(i) who is permanently assigned overseas, to a vessel, or to a routinely deployable unit; or

(ii) with respect to whom the Secretary concerned makes a determination that the member's residential address should not be disclosed due to national security or safety concerns.

(3) UPDATING OF LOCATOR INFORMATION.—Within 30 days after a member listed in the locator service establishes a new residential address (or a new duty address, in the case of a member covered by paragraph (2)(B)), the Secretary concerned shall update the locator service to indicate the new address of the member.

(4) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall make information regarding the address of a member of the Armed Forces listed in the locator service available, on request, to the Federal Parent Locator Service established under section 453 of the Social Security Act.

(b) FACILITATING GRANTING OF LEAVE FOR ATTENDANCE AT HEARINGS.—

(1) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of each military department, and the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, shall prescribe regulations to facilitate the granting of leave to a member of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of that Secretary in a case in which—

(A) the leave is needed for the member to attend a hearing described in paragraph (2);

(B) the member is not serving in or with a unit deployed in a contingency operation (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code); and

(C) the exigencies of military service (as determined by the Secretary concerned) do not otherwise require that such leave not be granted.

(2) COVERED HEARINGS.—Paragraph (1) applies to a hearing that is conducted by a court or pursuant to an administrative process established under State law, in connection with a civil action—

(A) to determine whether a member of the Armed Forces is a natural parent of a child; or

(B) to determine an obligation of a member of the Armed Forces to provide child support.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term ''court'' has the meaning given that term in section 1408(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(B) The term ''child support'' has the meaning given such term in section 459(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 659(i)).

(c) PAYMENT OF MILITARY RETIRED PAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS.—

(1) DATE OF CERTIFICATION OF COURT ORDER.—Section 1408 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 962(c)(4), is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (j) and (k), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

''(i) CERTIFICATION DATE.—It is not necessary that the date of a certification of the authenticity or completeness of a copy of a court order for child support received by the Secretary concerned for the purposes of this section be recent in relation to the date of receipt by the Secretary.''.

(2) PAYMENTS CONSISTENT WITH ASSIGNMENTS OF RIGHTS TO STATES.—Section 1408(d)(1) of such title is amended by inserting after the 1st sentence the following: ''In the case of a spouse or former spouse who assigns to a State the rights of the spouse or former spouse to receive support, the Secretary concerned may make the child support payments referred to in the preceding sentence to that State in amounts consistent with that assignment of rights.''.

(3) ARREARAGES OWED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.—Section 1408(d) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(6) In the case of a court order for which effective service is made on the Secretary concerned on or after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and which provides for payments from the disposable retired pay of a member to satisfy the amount of child support set forth in the order, the authority provided in paragraph (1) to make payments from the disposable retired pay of a member to satisfy the amount of child support set forth in a court order shall apply to payment of any amount of child support arrearages set forth in that order as well as to amounts of child support that currently become due.''.

(4) PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall begin payroll deductions within 30 days after receiving notice of withholding, or for the 1st pay period that begins after such 30-day period.

SEC. 964. VOIDING OF FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS.

Section 466 (42 U.S.C. 666), as amended by section 921, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) In order to satisfy section 454(20)(A), each State must have in effect—

''(1)(A) the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act of 1981;

''(B) the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act of 1984; or

''(C) another law, specifying indicia of fraud which create a prima facie case that a debtor transferred income or property to avoid payment to a child support creditor, which the Secretary finds affords comparable rights to child support creditors; and

''(2) procedures under which, in any case in which the State knows of a transfer by a child support debtor with respect to which such a prima facie case is established, the State must—

''(A) seek to void such transfer; or

''(B) obtain a settlement in the best interests of the child support creditor.''.

SEC. 965. WORK REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS OWING CHILD SUPPORT.

Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by sections 901(a), 915, 917(a), and 923, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(15) Procedures requiring the State, in any case in which an individual owes support with respect to a child receiving services under this part, to seek a court order or administrative order that requires the individual to—

''(A) pay such support in accordance with a plan approved by the court; or

''(B) if the individual is not working and is not incapacitated, participate in work activities (including, at State option, work activities as defined in section 482) as the court deems appropriate.''.

SEC. 966. DEFINITION OF SUPPORT ORDER.

Section 453 (42 U.S.C. 653) as amended by sections 916 and 945(b), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(o) As used in this part, the term 'support order' means a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, issued by a court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, for the support and maintenance of a child, including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing State, or a child and the parent with whom the child is living, which provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement, and which may include related costs and fees, interest and penalties, income withholding, attorneys' fees, and other relief.''.

SEC. 967. REPORTING ARREARAGES TO CREDIT BUREAUS.

Section 466(a)(7) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

''(7)(A) Procedures (subject to safeguards pursuant to subparagraph (B)) requiring the State to report periodically to consumer reporting agencies (as defined in section 603(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) the name of any absent parent who is delinquent in the payment of support, and the amount of overdue support owed by such parent.

''(B) Procedures ensuring that, in carrying out subparagraph (A), information with respect to an absent parent is reported—

''(i) only after such parent has been afforded all due process required under State law, including notice and a reasonable opportunity to contest the accuracy of such information; and

''(ii) only to an entity that has furnished evidence satisfactory to the State that the entity is a consumer reporting agency.''.

SEC. 968. LIENS.

Section 466(a)(4) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

''(4) Procedures under which—

''(A) liens arise by operation of law against real and personal property for amounts of overdue support owed by an absent parent who resides or owns property in the State; and

''(B) the State accords full faith and credit to liens described in subparagraph (A) arising in another State, without registration of the underlying order.''.

SEC. 969. STATE LAW AUTHORIZING SUSPENSION OF LICENSES.

Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by sections 915, 917(a), 923, and 965, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(16) Procedures under which the State has (and uses in appropriate cases) authority to withhold or suspend, or to restrict the use of, driver's licenses, professional and occupational licenses, and recreational licenses of individuals owing overdue support or failing, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with subpoenas or warrants relating to paternity or child support proceedings.''.

SEC. 970. DENIAL OF PASSPORTS FOR NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.

(a) HHS CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.—

(1) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—Section 452 (42 U.S.C. 652), as amended by section 945, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(k)(1) If the Secretary receives a certification by a State agency in accordance with the requirements of section 454(31) that an individual owes arrearages of child support in an amount exceeding $5,000, the Secretary shall transmit such certification to the Secretary of State for action (with respect to denial, revocation, or limitation of passports) pursuant to section 470(b) of the Work Opportunity Act of 1995.

''(2) The Secretary shall not be liable to an individual for any action with respect to a certification by a State agency under this section.''.

(2) STATE CSE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 901(b), 904(a), 912(b), 913(a), 933, and 943(a), is amended—

(A) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (29);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (30) and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding after paragraph (30) the following new paragraph:

''(31) provide that the State agency will have in effect a procedure (which may be combined with the procedure for tax refund offset under section 464) for certifying to the Secretary, for purposes of the procedure under section 452(k) (concerning denial of passports), determinations that individuals owe arrearages of child support in an amount exceeding $5,000, under which procedure—

''(A) each individual concerned is afforded notice of such determination and the consequences thereof, and an opportunity to contest the determination; and

''(B) the certification by the State agency is furnished to the Secretary in such format, and accompanied by such supporting documentation, as the Secretary may require.''.

(b) STATE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE FOR DENIAL OF PASSPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall, upon certification by the Secretary of Health and Human Services transmitted under section 452(k) of the Social Security Act, refuse to issue a passport to such individual, and may revoke, restrict, or limit a passport issued previously to such individual.

(2) LIMIT ON LIABILITY.—The Secretary of State shall not be liable to an individual for any action with respect to a certification by a State agency under this section.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall become effective October 1, 1996.

SEC. 971. INTERNATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.

The Secretary of State is authorized to negotiate reciprocal agreements with foreign nations on behalf of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States regarding the international enforcement of child support obligations and designating the Department of Health and Human Services as the central authority for such enforcement.

Subtitle H—Medical Support

SEC. 975. TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO ERISA DEFINITION OF MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 609(a)(2)(B) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1169(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''issued by a court of competent jurisdiction'';

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting a comma; and

(3) by adding, after and below clause (ii), the following:

''if such judgment, decree, or order (I) is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or (II) is issued through an administrative process established under State law and has the force and effect of law under applicable State law.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1996.—Any amendment to a plan required to be made by an amendment made by this section shall not be required to be made before the 1st plan year beginning on or after January 1, 1996, if—

(A) during the period after the date before the date of the enactment of this Act and before such 1st plan year, the plan is operated in accordance with the requirements of the amendments made by this section; and

(B) such plan amendment applies retroactively to the period after the date before the date of the enactment of this Act and before such 1st plan year.

A plan shall not be treated as failing to be operated in accordance with the provisions of the plan merely because it operates in accordance with this paragraph.

SEC. 976. ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.

Section 466(a) (42 U.S.C. 666(a)), as amended by sections 915, 917(a), 923, 965, and 969, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(17) Procedures under which all child support orders enforced under this part shall include a provision for the health care coverage of the child, and in the case in which an absent parent provides such coverage and changes employment, and the new employer provides health care coverage, the State agency shall transfer notice of the provision to the employer, which notice shall operate to enroll the child in the absent parent's health plan, unless the absent parent contests the notice.''.

Subtitle I—Enhancing Responsibility and Opportunity for Nonresidential Parents

SEC. 981. GRANTS TO STATES FOR ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAMS.

Part D of title IV (42 U.S.C. 651–669) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 469A. GRANTS TO STATES FOR ACCESS AND VISITATION PROGRAMS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administration for Children and Families shall make grants under this section to enable States to establish and administer programs to support and facilitate absent parents' access to and visitation of their children, by means of activities including mediation (both voluntary and mandatory), counseling, education, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement (including monitoring, supervision and neutral drop-off and pickup), and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements.

''(b) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of the grant to be made to a State under this section for a fiscal year shall be an amount equal to the lesser of—

''(1) 90 percent of State expenditures during the fiscal year for activities described in subsection (a); or

''(2) the allotment of the State under subsection (c) for the fiscal year.

''(c) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The allotment of a State for a fiscal year is the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount appropriated for grants under this section for the fiscal year as the number of children in the State living with only 1 biological parent bears to the total number of such children in all States.

''(2) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—The Administration for Children and Families shall adjust allotments to States under paragraph (1) as necessary to ensure that no State is allotted less than—

''(A) $50,000 for fiscal year 1996 or 1997; or

''(B) $100,000 for any succeeding fiscal year.

''(d) NO SUPPLANTATION OF STATE EXPENDITURES FOR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.—A State to which a grant is made under this section may not use the grant to supplant expenditures by the State for activities specified in subsection (a), but shall use the grant to supplement such expenditures at a level at least equal to the level of such expenditures for fiscal year 1995.

''(e) STATE ADMINISTRATION.—Each State to which a grant is made under this section—

''(1) may administer State programs funded with the grant, directly or through grants to or contracts with courts, local public agencies, or nonprofit private entities;

''(2) shall not be required to operate such programs on a statewide basis; and

''(3) shall monitor, evaluate, and report on such programs in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary.''.

Subtitle J—Effect of Enactment

SEC. 991. EFFECTIVE DATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise specifically provided (but subject to subsections (b) and (c))—

(1) the provisions of this title requiring the enactment or amendment of State laws under section 466 of the Social Security Act, or revision of State plans under section 454 of such Act, shall be effective with respect to periods beginning on and after October 1, 1996; and

(2) all other provisions of this title shall become effective upon the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) GRACE PERIOD FOR STATE LAW CHANGES.—The provisions of this title shall become effective with respect to a State on the later of—

(1) the date specified in this title, or

(2) the effective date of laws enacted by the legislature of such State implementing such provisions,

but in no event later than the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter beginning after the close of the 1st regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

(c) GRACE PERIOD FOR STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—A State shall not be found out of compliance with any requirement enacted by this title if the State is unable to so comply without amending the State constitution until the earlier of—

(1) 1 year after the effective date of the necessary State constitutional amendment; or

(2) 5 years after the date of the enactment of this title.

TITLE X—REFORM OF PUBLIC HOUSING

SEC. 1001. CEILING RENTS.

Section 3(a)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF CEILING RENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A public housing agency may provide that each family residing in a public housing project shall pay monthly rent in an amount established by such agency in accordance with this paragraph.

''(B) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT.—The rental amount established under subparagraph (A)—

''(i) shall reflect the reasonable rental value of the dwelling unit in which the family resides, as compared with similar types and sizes of dwelling units in the market area in which the public housing project is located;

''(ii) shall be greater than or equal to the monthly cost to operate the housing (including any replacement reserves at the discretion of the public housing agency); and

''(iii) shall not exceed the amount payable as rent by such family under paragraph (1).''.

SEC. 1002. DEFINITION OF ADJUSTED INCOME FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

(a) DEFINITION OF ADJUSTED INCOME.—Section 3(b)(5) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

''(5) The term 'adjusted income' means the income that remains after excluding—

''(A) $480 for each member of the family residing in the household (other than the head of the household or spouse)—

''(i) who is under 18 years of age; or

''(ii) who is—

''(I) 18 years of age or older; and

''(II) a person with disabilities or a full-time student;

''(B) $400 for an elderly or disabled family;

''(C) the amount by which the aggregate of—

''(i) medical expenses for an elderly or disabled family; and

''(ii) reasonable attendant care and auxiliary apparatus expenses for each family member who is a person with disabilities, to the extent necessary to enable any member of the family (including a member who is a person with disabilities) to be employed;

exceeds 3 percent of the annual income of the family;

''(D) child care expenses, to the extent necessary to enable another member of the family to be employed or to further his or her education;

''(E) excessive travel expenses, not to exceed $25 per family per week, for employment- or education-related travel, except that this subparagraph shall apply only to a family assisted by an Indian housing authority; and

''(F) subject to the requirements of subsection (e), for public housing, adjustments to earned income established by the public housing agency, not to exceed 20 percent of the earned income of the family.''.

(b) ADJUSTMENTS TO DEFINITION OF EARNED INCOME.—Section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a) is amended—

(1) in the first undesignated paragraph immediately following subsection (c)(3) (as added by section 515(b) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), by striking ''The earnings of'' and inserting the following:

''(d) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN EARNINGS.—The earnings of''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(e) ADJUSTMENTS TO EARNED INCOME.—If a public housing agency establishes any adjustment to income pursuant to subsection (b)(5)(F), the Secretary—

''(1) shall not take into account any reduction of the per dwelling unit rental income of the public housing agency resulting from that adjustment in calculating the contributions under section 9 for the public housing agency for the operation of the public housing; and

''(2) shall not reduce the level of operating subsidies payable to the public housing agency due to an increase in per dwelling unit

rental income that results from a higher level of income earned by any residents whose adjusted incomes are calculated taking into account that adjustment to income, until the public housing agency has recovered a sum equal to the cumulative difference between—

''(A) the operating subsidies actually received by the agency; and

''(B) the operating subsidies that the public housing agency would have received if paragraph (1) was not applied.''.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Congress describing the fiscal and societal impact of the amendment made by subsection (b)(2).

(d) REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—

(1) MAXIMUM ANNUAL LIMITATION ON RENT INCREASES RESULTING FROM EMPLOYMENT.—Section 957 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12714) is repealed effective November 28, 1990.

(2) ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.—Section 923 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12714 note) is repealed effective October 28, 1992.

SEC. 1003. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER WELFARE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 27. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER WELFARE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—If the benefits of a family are reduced under a Federal, State, or local law relating to welfare or a public assistance program for the failure of any member of the family to perform an action required under the law or program, the family may not, for the duration of the reduction, receive any increased assistance under this Act as the result of a decrease in the income of the family to the extent that the decrease in income is the result of the benefits reduction.

''(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case in which the benefits of a family are reduced because the welfare or public assistance program to which the Federal, State, or local law relates limits the period during which benefits may be provided under the program.''.

SEC. 1004. APPLICABILITY TO INDIAN HOUSING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section 201(b)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the amendments made by this title shall apply to public housing developed or operated pursuant to a contract between the Secretary and an Indian housing authority.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term ''Indian housing authority'' has the same meaning as in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937;

(2) the term ''public housing'' has the same meaning as in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937; and

(3) the term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 1005. IMPLEMENTATION.

The Secretary shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this title and the amendments made by this title.

SEC. 1006. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

TITLE XI—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

SEC. 1101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1995''.

Subtitle A—General Program

SEC. 1111. REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.).

SEC. 1112. FINDINGS.

Section 2 (42 U.S.C. 5101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), the read as follows:

''(1) each year, close to 1,000,000 American children are victims of abuse and neglect;'';

(2) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting ''assessment,'' after ''prevention,'';

(3) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking ''tens of''; and

(B) by striking ''direct'' and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting ''tangible expenditures, as well as significant intangible costs;'';

(4) in paragraph (7), by striking ''remedy the causes of'' and inserting ''prevent'';

(5) in paragraph (8), by inserting ''safety,'' after ''fosters the health,'';

(6) in paragraph (10)—

(A) by striking ''ensure that every community in the United States has'' and inserting ''assist States and communities with''; and

(B) by inserting ''and family'' after ''comprehensive child''; and

(7) in paragraph (11)—

(A) by striking ''child protection'' each place that such appears and inserting ''child and family protection''; and

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''sufficient''.

SEC. 1113. OFFICE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

Section 101 (42 U.S.C.5101) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 101. OFFICE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may establish an office to be known as the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect.

''(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office established under subsection (a) shall be to execute and coordinate the functions and activities of this Act. In the event that such functions and activities are performed by another entity or entities within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Secretary shall ensure that such functions and activities are executed with the necessary expertise and in a fully coordinated manner involving regular intradepartmental and interdepartmental consultation with all agencies involved in child abuse and neglect activities.''.

SEC. 1114. ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

Section 102 (42 U.S.C.5102) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 102. ADVISORY BOARD ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

''(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary may appoint an advisory board to make recommendations to the Secretary and to the appropriate committees of Congress concerning specific issues relating to child abuse and neglect.

''(b) SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS.—The Secretary shall publish a notice in the Federal Register soliciting nominations for the appointment of members of the advisory board under subsection (a).

''(c) COMPOSITION.—In establishing the board under subsection (a), the Secretary shall appoint members from the general public who are individuals knowledgeable in child abuse and neglect prevention, intervention, treatment, or research, and with due consideration to representation of ethnic or racial minorities and diverse geographic areas, and who represent—

''(1) law (including the judiciary);

''(2) psychology (including child development);

''(3) social services (including child protective services);

''(4) medicine (including pediatrics);

''(5) State and local government;

''(6) organizations providing services to disabled persons;

''(7) organizations providing services to adolescents;

''(8) teachers;

''(9) parent self-help organizations;

''(10) parents' groups;

''(11) voluntary groups;

''(12) family rights groups; and

''(13) children's rights advocates.

''(d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

''(e) ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The board shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at its first meeting from among the members of the board.

''(f) DUTIES.—Not later than 1 year after the establishment of the board under subsection (a), the board shall submit to the Secretary and the appropriate committees of Congress a report, or interim report, containing—

''(1) recommendations on coordinating Federal, State, and local child abuse and neglect activities with similar activities at the Federal, State, and local level pertaining to family violence prevention;

''(2) specific modifications needed in Federal and State laws and programs to reduce the number of unfounded or unsubstantiated reports of child abuse or neglect while enhancing the ability to identify and substantiate legitimate cases of abuse or neglect which place a child in danger; and

''(3) recommendations for modifications needed to facilitate coordinated national data collection with respect to child protection and child welfare.''.

SEC. 1115. REPEAL OF INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.

Section 103 (42 U.S.C.5103) is repealed.

SEC. 1116. NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.

Section 104 (42 U.S.C.5104) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), to read as follows:

''(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall through the Department, or by one or more contracts of not less than 3 years duration let through a competition, establish a national clearinghouse for information relating to child abuse.'';

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''Director'' and inserting ''Secretary'';

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting ''assessment,'' after ''prevention,''; and

(ii) by striking '', including'' and all that follows through ''105(b)'' and inserting ''and'';

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''general population'' and inserting ''United States'';

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding ''and'' at the end thereof;

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''; and'' at the end thereof and inserting a period; and

(iv) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(D) by striking paragraph (3); and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''Director'' and inserting ''Secretary'';

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''that is represented on the task force'' and inserting ''involved with child abuse and neglect and mechanisms for the sharing of such information among other Federal agencies and clearinghouses'';

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking ''State, regional'' and all that follows and inserting the following: ''Federal, State, regional, and local child welfare data systems which shall include:

''(A) standardized data on false, unfounded, unsubstantiated, and substantiated reports; and

''(B) information on the number of deaths due to child abuse and neglect;'';

(D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and

(E) by inserting after paragraph (3), the following new paragraphs:

''(4) through a national data collection and analysis program and in consultation with appropriate State and local agencies and experts in the field, collect, compile, and make available State child abuse and neglect reporting information which, to the extent practical, shall be universal and case specific, and integrated with other case-based foster care and adoption data collected by the Secretary;

''(5) compile, analyze, and publish a summary of the research conducted under section 105(a); and''.

SEC. 1117. RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

(a) RESEARCH.—Section 105(a) (42 (42 U.S.C. 5105(a)) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking ''OF THE NATIONAL CENTER ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT'';

(2) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking '', through the Center, conduct research on'' and inserting '', in consultation with other Federal agencies and recognized experts in the field, carry out a continuing interdisciplinary program of research that is designed to provide information needed to better protect children from abuse or neglect and to improve the well-being of abused or neglected children, with at least a portion of such research being field initiated. Such research program may focus on'';

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as subparagraph (B) through (D), respectively;

(C) by inserting before subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated) the following new subparagraph:

''(A) the nature and scope of child abuse and neglect;'';

(D) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated), to read as follows:

''(B) causes, prevention, assessment, identification, treatment, cultural and socio-economic distinctions, and the consequences of child abuse and neglect;'';

(E) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by striking clause (ii); and

(ii) in clause (iii), to read as follows:

''(ii) the incidence of substantiated and unsubstantiated reported child abuse cases;

''(iii) the number of substantiated cases that result in a judicial finding of child abuse or neglect or related criminal court convictions;

''(iv) the extent to which the number of unsubstantiated, unfounded and false reported cases of child abuse or neglect have contributed to the inability of a State to respond effectively to serious cases of child abuse or neglect;

''(v) the extent to which the lack of adequate resources and the lack of adequate training of reporters have contributed to the inability of a State to respond effectively to serious cases of child abuse and neglect;

''(vi) the number of unsubstantiated, false, or unfounded reports that have resulted in a child being placed in substitute care, and the duration of such placement;

''(vii) the extent to which unsubstantiated reports return as more serious cases of child abuse or neglect;

''(viii) the incidence and prevalence of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and physical and emotional neglect in substitute care; and

''(ix) the incidence and outcomes of abuse allegations reported within the context of divorce, custody, or other family court proceedings, and the interaction between this venue and the child protective services system.''; and

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking ''and demonstrations''; and

(ii) by striking ''paragraph (1)(A) and activities under section 106'' and inserting ''paragraph (1)''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''and demonstration''.

(b) REPEAL.—Subsection (b) of section 105 (42 U.S.C. 5105(b)) is repealed.

(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 105(c) (42 U.S.C. 5105(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''The Secretary'' and inserting:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary'';

(2) by striking '', through the Center,'';

(3) by inserting ''State and local'' before ''public and nonprofit'';

(4) by inserting ''assessment,'' before ''identification''; and

(5) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

''(2) EVALUATION.—Such technical assistance may include an evaluation or identification of—

''(A) various methods and procedures for the investigation, assessment, and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse cases;

''(B) ways to mitigate psychological trauma to the child victim; and

''(C) effective programs carried out by the States under titles I and II.

''(3) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary may provide for and disseminate information relating to various training resources available at the State and local level to—

''(A) individuals who are engaged, or who intend to engage, in the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

''(B) appropriate State and local officials to assist in training law enforcement, legal, judicial, medical, mental health, education, and child welfare personnel in appropriate methods of interacting during investigative, administrative, and judicial proceedings with children who have been subjected to abuse.''.

(d) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.—Section 105(d)(2) (42 U.S.C. 5105(d)(2)) is amended by striking the second sentence.

(e) PEER REVIEW.—Section 105(e) (42 U.S.C. 5105(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking ''establish a formal'' and inserting '', in consultation with experts in the field and other federal agencies, establish a formal, rigorous, and meritorious'';

(ii) by striking ''and contracts''; and

(iii) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: ''The purpose of this process is to enhance the quality and usefulness of research in the field of child abuse and neglect.''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking ''Office of Human Development'' and inserting ''Administration on Children and Families''; and

(ii) by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: ''The Secretary shall ensure that the peer review panel utilizes scientifically valid review criteria and scoring guidelines for review committees.''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking '', contract, or other financial assistance''; and

(B) by adding at the end thereof the following flush sentence:

''The Secretary shall award grants under this section on the basis of competitive review.''.

SEC. 1118. GRANTS FOR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.

Section 106 (42 U.S.C. 5106) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking ''OR SERVICE'';

(2) in subsection (a), to read as follows:

''(a) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—The Secretary may make grants to, and enter into contracts with, public agencies or nonprofit private agencies or organizations (or combinations of such agencies or organizations) for time limited, demonstration programs and projects for the following purposes:

''(1) TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may award grants to public or private nonprofit organizations under this section—

''(A) for the training of professional and paraprofessional personnel in the fields of medicine, law, education, social work, and other relevant fields who are engaged in, or intend to work in, the field of prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect, including the links between domestic violence and child abuse;

''(B) to provide culturally specific instruction in methods of protecting children from child abuse and neglect to children and to persons responsible for the welfare of children, including parents of and persons who work with children with disabilities;

''(C) to improve the recruitment, selection, and training of volunteers serving in private and public nonprofit children, youth and family service organizations in order to prevent child abuse and neglect through collaborative analysis of current recruitment, selection, and training programs and development of model programs for dissemination and replication nationally; and

''(D) for the establishment of resource centers for the purpose of providing information and training to professionals working in the field of child abuse and neglect.

''(2) MUTUAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may award grants to private non-profit organizations (such as Parents Anonymous) to establish or maintain a national network of mutual support and self-help programs as a means of strengthening families in partnership with their communities.

''(3) OTHER INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants to public agencies that demonstrate innovation in responding to reports of child abuse and neglect including programs of collaborative partnerships between the State child protective service agency, community social service agencies and family support programs, schools, churches and synagogues, and other community agencies to allow for the establishment of a triage system that—

''(i) accepts, screens and assesses reports received to determine which such reports require an intensive intervention and which require voluntary referral to another agency, program or project;

''(ii) provides, either directly or through referral, a variety of community-linked services to assist families in preventing child abuse and neglect; and

''(iii) provides further investigation and intensive intervention where the child's safety is in jeopardy.

''(B) KINSHIP CARE.—The Secretary may award grants to public entities to assist such entities in developing or implementing procedures using adult relatives as the preferred placement for children removed from their home, where such relatives are determined to be capable of providing a safe nurturing environment for the child or where such relatives comply with the State child protection standards.

''(C) VISITATION CENTERS.—The Secretary may award grants to public or private nonprofit entities to assist such entities in the establishment or operation of supervised visitation centers where there is documented, highly suspected, or elevated risk of child sexual, physical, or emotional abuse where, due to domestic violence, there is an ongoing risk of harm to a parent or child.'';

(3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2); and

(4) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

''(d) EVALUATION.—In making grants for demonstration projects under this section, the Secretary shall require all such projects to be evaluated for their effectiveness. Funding for such evaluations shall be provided either as a stated percentage of a demonstration grant or as a separate grant entered into by the Secretary for the purpose of evaluating a particular demonstration project or group of projects.''.

SEC. 1119. STATE GRANTS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

Section 107 (42 U.S.C. 5106a) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 107. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

''(a) DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make grants to the States, based on the population of children under the age of 18 in each State that applies for a grant under this section, for purposes of assisting the States in improving the child protective service system of each such State in—

''(1) the intake, assessment, screening, and investigation of reports of abuse and neglect;

''(2)(A) creating and improving the use of multidisciplinary teams and interagency protocols to enhance investigations; and

''(B) improving legal preparation and representation, including—

''(i) procedures for appealing and responding to appeals of substantiated reports of abuse and neglect; and

''(ii) provisions for the appointment of a guardian ad litem.

''(3) case management and delivery of services provided to children and their families;

''(4) enhancing the general child protective system by improving risk and safety assessment tools and protocols, automation systems that support the program and track reports of child abuse and neglect from intake through final disposition and information referral systems;

''(5) developing, strengthening, and facilitating training opportunities and requirements for individuals overseeing and providing services to children and their families through the child protection system;

''(6) developing and facilitating training protocols for individuals mandated to report child abuse or neglect;

''(7) developing, strengthening, and supporting child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment, and research programs in the public and private sectors;

''(8) developing, implementing, or operating—

''(A) information and education programs or training programs designed to improve the provision of services to disabled infants with life-threatening conditions for—

''(i) professional and paraprofessional personnel concerned with the welfare of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including personnel employed in child protective services programs and health-care facilities; and

''(ii) the parents of such infants; and

''(B) programs to assist in obtaining or coordinating necessary services for families of disabled infants with life-threatening conditions, including—

''(i) existing social and health services;

''(ii) financial assistance; and

''(iii) services necessary to facilitate adoptive placement of any such infants who have been relinquished for adoption; or

''(9) developing and enhancing the capacity of community-based programs to integrate shared leadership strategies between parents and professionals to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect at the neighborhood level.

''(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—In order for a State to qualify for a grant under subsection (a), such State shall provide an assurance or certification, signed by the chief executive officer of the State, that the State—

''(1) has in effect and operation a State law or Statewide program relating to child abuse and neglect which ensures—

''(A) provisions or procedures for the reporting of known and suspected instances of child abuse and neglect;

''(B) procedures for the immediate screening, safety assessment, and prompt investigation of such reports;

''(C) procedures for immediate steps to be taken to ensure and protect the safety of the abused or neglected child and of any other child under the same care who may also be in danger of abuse or neglect;

''(D) provisions for immunity from prosecution under State and local laws and regulations for individuals making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect;

''(E) methods to preserve the confidentiality of all records in order to protect the rights of the child and of the child's parents or guardians, including methods to ensure that disclosure (and redisclosure) of information concerning child abuse or neglect involving specific individuals is made only to persons or entities that the State determines have a need for such information directly related to the purposes of this Act;

''(F) requirements for the prompt disclosure of all relevant information to any Federal, State, or local governmental entity, or any agent of such entity, with a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect;

''(G) the cooperation of State law enforcement officials, court of competent jurisdiction, and appropriate State agencies providing human services;

''(H) provisions requiring, and procedures in place that facilitate the prompt expungement of any records that are accessible to the general public or are used for purposes of employment or other background checks in cases determined to be unsubstantiated or false, except that nothing in this section shall prevent State child protective service agencies from keeping information on unsubstantiated reports in their casework files to assist in future risk and safety assessment; and

''(I) provisions and procedures requiring that in every case involving an abused or neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed to represent the child in such proceedings; and

''(2) has in place procedures for responding to the reporting of medical neglect (including instances of withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions), procedures or programs, or both (within the State child protective services system), to provide for—

''(A) coordination and consultation with individuals designated by and within appropriate health-care facilities;

''(B) prompt notification by individuals designated by and within appropriate health-care facilities of cases of suspected medical neglect (including instances of withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions); and

''(C) authority, under State law, for the State child protective service system to pursue any legal remedies, including the authority to initiate legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, as may be necessary to prevent the withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life threatening conditions.

''(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the State shall provide an assurance or certification that the State has in place provisions, procedures, and mechanisms by which individuals who disagree with an official finding of abuse or neglect can appeal such finding.

''(d) STATE PROGRAM PLAN.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a State shall submit every 5 years a plan to the Secretary that specifies the child protective service system area or areas described in subsection (a) that the State intends to address with funds received under the grant. Such plan shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be coordinated with the plan of the State for child welfare services and family preservation and family support services under part B of title IV of the Social Security Act and shall contain an outline of the activities that the State intends to carry out using amounts provided under the grant to achieve the purposes of this Act, including the procedures to be used for—

''(1) receiving and assessing reports of child abuse or neglect;

''(2) investigating such reports;

''(3) protecting children by removing them from dangerous settings and ensuring their placement in a safe environment;

''(4) providing services or referral for services for families and children where the child is not in danger of harm;

''(5) providing services to individuals, families, or communities, either directly or through referral, aimed at preventing the occurrence of child abuse and neglect;

''(6) providing training to support direct line and supervisory personnel in report-taking, screening, assessment, decision-making, and referral for investigation; and

''(7) providing training for individuals mandated to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect.

''(e) RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.—Programs or projects relating to child abuse and neglect assisted under part B of title IV of the Social Security Act shall comply with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (1) (A) and (B), and (2) of subsection (b).

''(f) ANNUAL STATE DATA REPORTS.—Each State to which a grant is made under this part shall annually work with the Secretary to provide, to the maximum extent practicable, a report that includes the following:

''(1) The number of children who were reported to the State during the year as abused or neglected.

''(2) Of the number of children described in paragraph (1), the number with respect to whom such reports were—

''(A) substantiated;

''(B) unsubstantiated; and

''(C) determined to be false.

''(3) Of the number of children described in paragraph (2)—

''(A) the number that did not receive services during the year under the State program funded under this part or an equivalent State program;

''(B) the number that received services during the year under the State program funded under this part or an equivalent State program; and

''(C) the number that were removed from their families during the year by disposition of the case.

''(4) The number of families that received preventive services from the State during the year.

''(5) The number of deaths in the State during the year resulting from child abuse or neglect.

''(6) Of the number of children described in paragraph (5), the number of such children who were in foster care.

''(7) The number of child protective service workers responsible for the intake and screening of reports filed in the previous year.

''(8) The agency response time with respect to each such report with respect to initial investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect.

''(9) The response time with respect to the provision of services to families and children where an allegation of abuse or neglect has been made.

''(10) The number of child protective service workers responsible for intake, assessment, and investigation of child abuse and neglect reports relative to the number of reports investigated in the previous year.

''(g) ANNUAL REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—Within 6 months after receiving the State reports under subsection (f), the Secretary shall prepare a report based on information provided by the States for the fiscal year under such subsection and shall make the report and such information available to the Congress and the national clearinghouse for information relating to child abuse.''.

SEC. 1120. REPEAL.

Section 108 (42 U.S.C. 5106b) is repealed.

SEC. 1121. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS.

Section 110 (42 U.S.C. 5106d) is amended by striking subsections (c) and (d).

SEC. 1122. DEFINITIONS.

Section 113 (42 U.S.C. 5106h) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (10) as paragraphs (1) through (8), respectively; and

(3) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated), to read as follows:

''(2) the term 'child abuse and neglect' means, at a minimum, any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker, which results in death or serious physical, sexual, or emotional harm, or presents an imminent risk of serious harm;''.

SEC. 1123. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 114(a) (42 U.S.C. 5106h(a)) is amended to read as follows:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, $100,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2000.

''(2) DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make available 33⅓ percent of such amounts to fund discretionary activities under this title.

''(B) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Of the amounts made available for a fiscal year under subparagraph (A), the Secretary make available not more than 40 percent of such amounts to carry out section 106.''.

SEC. 1124. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Title I (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

''SEC. 115. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

''(1) as establishing a Federal requirement that a parent or legal guardian provide a child any medical service or treatment against the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian; and

''(2) to require that a State find, or to prohibit a State from finding, abuse or neglect in cases in which a parent or legal guardian relies solely or partially upon spiritual means rather than medical treatment, in accordance with the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian.

''(b) STATE REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a State shall, at a minimum, have in place authority under State law to permit the child protective service system of the State to pursue any legal remedies, including the authority to initiate legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, to provide medical care or treatment for a child when such care or treatment is necessary to prevent or remedy serious harm to the child, or to prevent the withholding of medically indicated treatment from children with life threatening conditions. Case by case determinations concerning the exercise of the authority of this subsection shall be within the sole discretion of the State.''.

SEC. 1125. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 1404A of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10603a) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1402(d)(2)(D) and (d)(3)'' and inserting ''1402(d)(2)''; and

(2) by striking ''section 4(d)'' and inserting ''section 109''.

Subtitle B—Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants

SEC. 1131. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.

Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5116 et seq) is amended to read as follows:

''TITLE II—COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT GRANTS

''SEC. 201. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.

''(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to support State efforts to develop, operate, expand and enhance a network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that are culturally competent and that coordinate resources among existing education, vocational rehabilitation, disability, respite, health, mental health, job readiness, self-sufficiency, child and family development, community action, Head Start, child care, child abuse and neglect prevention, juvenile justice, domestic violence prevention and intervention, housing, and other human service organizations within the State.

''(b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make grants under this title on a formula basis to the entity designated by the State as the lead entity (hereafter referred to in this title as the 'lead entity') for the purpose of—

''(1) developing, operating, expanding and enhancing Statewide networks of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that—

''(A) offer sustained assistance to families;

''(B) provide early, comprehensive, and holistic support for all parents;

''(C) promote the development of parental competencies and capacities, especially in young parents and parents with very young children;

''(D) increase family stability;

''(E) improve family access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities;

''(F) support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities; and

''(G) decrease the risk of homelessness;

''(2) fostering the development of a continuum of preventive services for children and families through State and community-based collaborations and partnerships both public and private;

''(3) financing the start-up, maintenance, expansion, or redesign of specific family resource and support program services (such as respite services, child abuse and neglect prevention activities, disability services, mental health services, housing services, transportation, adult education, home visiting and other similar services) identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(a)(3) as an unmet need, and integrated with the network of community-based family resource and support program to the extent practicable given funding levels and community priorities;

''(4) maximizing funding for the financing, planning, community mobilization, collaboration, assessment, information and referral, startup, training and technical assistance, information management, reporting and evaluation costs for establishing, operating, or expanding a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support program; and

''(5) financing public information activities that focus on the healthy and positive development of parents and children and the promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities.

''SEC. 202. ELIGIBILITY.

''A State shall be eligible for a grant under this title for a fiscal year if—

''(1)(A) the chief executive officer of the State has designated an entity to administer funds under this title for the purposes identified under the authority of this title, including to develop, implement, operate, enhance or expand a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs, child abuse and neglect prevention activities and access to respite services integrated with the Statewide network;

''(B) in determining which entity to designate under subparagraph (A), the chief executive officer should give priority consideration to the trust fund advisory board of the State or an existing entity that leverages Federal, State, and private funds for a broad range of child abuse and neglect prevention activities and family resource programs, and that is directed by an interdisciplinary, public-private structure, including participants from communities; and

''(C) such lead entity is an existing public, quasi-public, or nonprofit private entity with a demonstrated ability to work with other State and community-based agencies to provide training and technical assistance, and that has the capacity and commitment to ensure the meaningful involvement of parents who are consumers and who can provide leadership in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policy decisions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the desired outcomes for such efforts;

''(2) the chief executive officer of the State provides assurances that the lead entity will provide or will be responsible for providing—

''(A) a network of community-based family resource and support programs composed of local, collaborative, public-private partnerships directed by interdisciplinary structures with balanced representation from private and public sector members, parents, and public and private nonprofit service providers

and individuals and organizations experienced in working in partnership with families with children with disabilities;

''(B) direction to the network through an interdisciplinary, collaborative, public-private structure with balanced representation from private and public sector members, parents, and public sector and private nonprofit sector service providers; and

''(C) direction and oversight to the network through identified goals and objectives, clear lines of communication and accountability, the provision of leveraged or combined funding from Federal, State and private sources, centralized assessment and planning activities, the provision of training and technical assistance, and reporting and evaluation functions; and

''(3) the chief executive officer of the State provides assurances that the lead entity—

''(A) has a demonstrated commitment to parental participation in the development, operation, and oversight of the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(B) has a demonstrated ability to work with State and community-based public and private nonprofit organizations to develop a continuum of preventive, family centered, holistic services for children and families through the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(C) has the capacity to provide operational support (both financial and programmatic) and training and technical assistance, to the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs, through innovative, interagency funding and interdisciplinary service delivery mechanisms; and

''(D) will integrate its efforts with individuals and organizations experienced in working in partnership with families with children with disabilities and with the child abuse and neglect prevention activities of the State, and demonstrate a financial commitment to those activities.

''SEC. 203. AMOUNT OF GRANT.

''(a) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve 1 percent of the amount appropriated under section 210 for a fiscal year to make allotments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations and migrant programs.

''(b) ALLOTMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year under section 210 and remaining after the reservation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall allot to each State lead entity an amount equal to—

''(A) the State minor child amount for such State as determined under paragraph (2); and

''(B) the State matchable amount for such State as determined under paragraph (3).

''(2) STATE MINOR CHILD AMOUNT.—The amount determined under this paragraph for a fiscal year for a State shall be equal to an amount that bears the same relationship to 50 percent of the amounts appropriated and remaining under paragraph (1) for such fiscal year as the number of children under 18 residing in the State bears to the total number of children under 18 residing in all States, except that no State shall receive less than $250,000.

''(3) STATE MATCHABLE AMOUNT.—The amount determined under this paragraph for a fiscal year for a State shall be equal to—

''(A)(i) 50 percent of the amounts appropriated and remaining under paragraph (1) for such fiscal year; divided by

''(ii) 50 percent of the total amount that all States have directed through the respective lead agencies to the purposes identified under the authority of this title for the fiscal year, including foundation, corporate, and other private funding, State revenues, and Federal funds, as determined by the Secretary; multiplied by

''(B) 50 percent of the total amount that the State has directed through the lead agency to the purposes identified under the authority of this title for such fiscal year, including foundation, corporate, and other private funding, State revenues, and Federal funds.

''(c) ALLOCATION.—Funds allotted to a State under this section shall be awarded on a formula basis for a 3-year period. Payment under such allotments shall be made by the Secretary annually on the basis described in subsection (a).

''SEC. 204. EXISTING AND CONTINUATION GRANTS.

''(a) EXISTING GRANTS.—Notwithstanding the enactment of this title, a State or entity that has a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement in effect, on the date of enactment of this title, under the Family Resource and Support Program, the Community-Based Family Resource Program, the Family Support Center Program, the Emergency Child Abuse Prevention Grant Program, or the Temporary Child Care for Children with Disabilities and Crisis Nurseries Programs shall continue to receive funds under such programs, subject to the original terms under which such funds were granted, through the end of the applicable grant cycle.

''(b) CONTINUATION GRANTS.—The Secretary may continue grants for Family Resource and Support Program grantees, and those programs otherwise funded under this Act, on a noncompetitive basis, subject to the availability of appropriations, satisfactory performance by the grantee, and receipt of reports required under this Act, until such time as the grantee no longer meets the original purposes of this Act.

''SEC. 205. APPLICATION.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant may not be made to a State under this title unless an application therefore is submitted by the State to the Secretary and such application contains the types of information specified by the Secretary as essential to carrying out the provisions of section 202, including—

''(1) a description of the lead entity that will be responsible for the administration of funds provided under this title and the oversight of programs funded through the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs which meets the requirements of section 202;

''(2) a description of how the network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs will operate and how family resource and support services provided by public and private, nonprofit organizations, including those funded by programs consolidated under this Act, will be integrated into a developing continuum of family centered, holistic, preventive services for children and families;

''(3) an assurance that an inventory of current family resource programs, respite, child abuse and neglect prevention activities, and other family resource services operating in the State, and a description of current unmet needs, will be provided;

''(4) a budget for the development, operation and expansion of the State's network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that verifies that the State will expend an amount equal to not less than 20 percent of the amount received under this title (in cash, not in-kind) for activities under this title;

''(5) an assurance that funds received under this title will supplement, not supplant, other State and local public funds designated for the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(6) an assurance that the State network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs will maintain cultural diversity, and be culturally competent and socially sensitive and responsive to the needs of families with children with disabilities;

''(7) an assurance that the State has the capacity to ensure the meaningful involvement of parents who are consumers and who can provide leadership in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the programs and policy decisions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the desired outcomes for such efforts;

''(8) a description of the criteria that the entity will use to develop, or select and fund, individual community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs as part of network development, expansion or enhancement;

''(9) a description of outreach activities that the entity and the community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs will undertake to maximize the participation of racial and ethnic minorities, new immigrant populations, children and adults with disabilities, homeless families and those at risk of homelessness, and members of other underserved or underrepresented groups;

''(10) a plan for providing operational support, training and technical assistance to community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs for development, operation, expansion and enhancement activities;

''(11) a description of how the applicant entity's activities and those of the network and its members will be evaluated;

''(12) a description of that actions that the applicant entity will take to advocate changes in State policies, practices, procedures and regulations to improve the delivery of prevention-focused, family resource and support program services to all children and families; and

''(13) an assurance that the applicant entity will provide the Secretary with reports at such time and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

''SEC. 206. LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Grants made under this title shall be used to develop, implement, operate, expand and enhance community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that—

''(1) assess community assets and needs through a planning process that involves parents and local public agencies, local nonprofit organizations, and private sector representatives;

''(2) develop a strategy to provide, over time, a continuum of preventive, holistic, family centered services to children and families, especially to young parents and parents with young children, through public-private partnerships;

''(3) provide—

''(A) core family resource and support services such as—

''(i) parent education, mutual support and self help, and leadership services;

''(ii) early developmental screening of children;

''(iii) outreach services;

''(iv) community and social service referrals; and

''(v) follow-up services;

''(B) other core services, which must be provided or arranged for through contracts

or agreements with other local agencies, including all forms of respite services to the extent practicable; and

''(C) access to optional services, including—

''(i) child care, early childhood development and intervention services;

''(ii) services and supports to meet the additional needs of families with children with disabilities;

''(iii) job readiness services;

''(iv) educational services, such as scholastic tutoring, literacy training, and General Educational Degree services;

''(v) self-sufficiency and life management skills training;

''(vi) community referral services; and

''(vii) peer counseling;

''(4) develop leadership roles for the meaningful involvement of parents in the development, operation, evaluation, and oversight of the programs and services;

''(5) provide leadership in mobilizing local public and private resources to support the provision of needed family resource and support program services; and

''(6) participate with other community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support program grantees in the development, operation and expansion of the Statewide network.

''(b) PRIORITY.—In awarding local grants under this title, a lead entity shall give priority to community-based programs serving low income communities and those serving young parents or parents with young children, and to community-based family resource and support programs previously funded under the programs consolidated under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1995, so long as such programs meet local program requirements.

''SEC. 207. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.

''A State receiving a grant under this title, through reports provided to the Secretary, shall—

''(1) demonstrate the effective development, operation and expansion of a Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that meets the requirements of this title;

''(2) supply an inventory and description of the services provided to families by local programs that meet identified community needs, including core and optional services as described in section 202;

''(3) demonstrate the establishment of new respite and other specific new family resources services, and the expansion of existing services, to address unmet needs identified by the inventory and description of current services required under section 205(a)(3);

''(4) describe the number of families served, including families with children with disabilities, and the involvement of a diverse representation of families in the design, operation, and evaluation of the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs, and in the design, operation and evaluation of the individual community-based family resource and support programs that are part of the Statewide network funded under this title;

''(5) demonstrate a high level of satisfaction among families who have used the services of the community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(6) demonstrate the establishment or maintenance of innovative funding mechanisms, at the State or community level, that blend Federal, State, local and private funds, and innovative, interdisciplinary service delivery mechanisms, for the development, operation, expansion and enhancement of the Statewide network of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(7) describe the results of a peer review process conducted under the State program; and

''(8) demonstrate an implementation plan to ensure the continued leadership of parents in the on-going planning, implementation, and evaluation of such community based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs.

''SEC. 208. NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.

''The Secretary may allocate such sums as may be necessary from the amount provided under the State allotment to support the activities of the lead entity in the State—

''(1) to create, operate and maintain a peer review process;

''(2) to create, operate and maintain an information clearinghouse;

''(3) to fund a yearly symposium on State system change efforts that result from the operation of the Statewide networks of community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs;

''(4) to create, operate and maintain a computerized communication system between lead entities; and

''(5) to fund State-to-State technical assistance through bi-annual conferences.

''SEC. 209. DEFINITIONS.

''For purposes of this title:

''(1) CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.—The term 'children with disabilities' has the same meaning given such term in section 602(a)(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

''(2) COMMUNITY REFERRAL SERVICES.—The term 'community referral services' means services provided under contract or through interagency agreements to assist families in obtaining needed information, mutual support and community resources, including respite services, health and mental health services, employability development and job training, and other social services through help lines or other methods.

''(3) CULTURALLY COMPETENT.—The term 'culturally competent' means services, support, or other assistance that is conducted or provided in a manner that—

''(A) is responsive to the beliefs, interpersonal styles, attitudes, languages, and behaviors of those individuals and families receiving services; and

''(B) has the greatest likelihood of ensuring maximum participation of such individuals and families.

''(4) FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM.—The term 'family resource and support program' means a community-based, prevention-focused entity that—

''(A) provides, through direct service, the core services required under this title, including—

''(i) parent education, support and leadership services, together with services characterized by relationships between parents and professionals that are based on equality and respect, and designed to assist parents in acquiring parenting skills, learning about child development, and responding appropriately to the behavior of their children;

''(ii) services to facilitate the ability of parents to serve as resources to one another other (such as through mutual support and parent self-help groups);

''(iii) early developmental screening of children to assess any needs of children, and to identify types of support that may be provided;

''(iv) outreach services provided through voluntary home visits and other methods to assist parents in becoming aware of and able to participate in family resources and support program activities;

''(v) community and social services to assist families in obtaining community resources; and

''(vi) follow-up services;

''(B) provides, or arranges for the provision of, other core services through contracts or agreements with other local agencies, including all forms of respite services; and

''(C) provides access to optional services, directly or by contract, purchase of service, or interagency agreement, including—

''(i) child care, early childhood development and early intervention services;

''(ii) self-sufficiency and life management skills training;

''(iii) education services, such as scholastic tutoring, literacy training, and General Educational Degree services;

''(iv) job readiness skills;

''(v) child abuse and neglect prevention activities;

''(vi) services that families with children with disabilities or special needs may require;

''(vii) community and social service referral;

''(viii) peer counseling;

''(ix) referral for substance abuse counseling and treatment; and

''(x) help line services.

''(5) NATIONAL NETWORK FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY RESOURCE PROGRAMS.—The term 'network for community-based family resource program' means the organization of State designated entities who receive grants under this title, and includes the entire membership of the Children's Trust Fund Alliance and the National Respite Network.

''(6) OUTREACH SERVICES.—The term 'outreach services' means services provided to assist consumers, through voluntary home visits or other methods, in accessing and participating in family resource and support program activities.

''(7) RESPITE SERVICES.—The term 'respite services' means short term care services provided in the temporary absence of the regular caregiver (parent, other relative, foster parent, adoptive parent, or guardian) to children who—

''(A) are in danger of abuse or neglect;

''(B) have experienced abuse or neglect; or

''(C) have disabilities, chronic, or terminal illnesses.

Such services shall be provided within or outside the home of the child, be short-term care (ranging from a few hours to a few weeks of time, per year), and be intended to enable the family to stay together and to keep the child living in the home and community of the child.

''SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

''There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title, $108,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2000.''.

SEC. 1132. REPEALS.

(a) TEMPORARY CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND CRISIS NURSERIES ACT.—The Temporary Child Care for Children with Disabilities and Crisis Nurseries Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 5117 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS.—Subtitle F of title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11481 et seq.) is repealed.

Subtitle C—Family Violence Prevention and Services

SEC. 1141. REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to

be made to a section or other provision of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 et seq.).

SEC. 1142. STATE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.

Section 303(e) (42 U.S.C. 10420(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''following local share'' and inserting ''following non-Federal matching local share''; and

(2) by striking ''20 percent'' and all that follows through ''private sources.'' and inserting ''with respect to an entity operating an existing program under this title, not less than 20 percent, and with respect to an entity intending to operate a new program under this title, not less than 35 percent.''.

SEC. 1143. ALLOTMENTS.

Section 304(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 10403(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''$200,000'' and inserting ''$400,000''.

SEC. 1144. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 310 (42 U.S.C. 10409) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''80'' and inserting ''70''; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

''(d) GRANTS FOR STATE COALITIONS.—Of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a) for each fiscal year, not less than 10 percent of such amounts shall be used by the Secretary for making grants under section 311.

''(e) NON-SUPPLANTING REQUIREMENT.—Federal funds made available to a State under this title shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide services and activities that promote the purposes of this title.''.

Subtitle D—Adoption Opportunities

SEC. 1151. REFERENCE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 5111 et seq.).

SEC. 1152. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

Section 201 (42 U.S.C. 5111) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking ''50 percent between 1985 and 1990'' and inserting ''61 percent between 1986 and 1994''; and

(ii) by striking ''400,000 children at the end of June, 1990'' and inserting ''452,000 as of June, 1994''; and

(B) in paragraph (5), by striking ''local'' and inserting ''legal''; and

(C) in paragraph (7), to read as follows:

''(7)(A) currently, 40,000 children are free for adoption and awaiting placement;

''(B) such children are typically school aged, in sibling groups, have experienced neglect or abuse, or have a physical, mental, or emotional disability; and

''(C) while the children are of all races, children of color and older children (over the age of 10) are over represented in such group;''; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking ''conditions, by—'' and all that follows through ''providing a mechanism'' and inserting ''conditions, by providing a mechanism''; and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C), as paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively and by realigning the margins of such paragraphs accordingly.

SEC. 1153. INFORMATION AND SERVICES.

Section 203 (42 U.S.C. 5113) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking the last sentence;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (6), to read as follows:

''(6) study the nature, scope, and effects of the placement of children in kinship care arrangements, pre-adoptive, or adoptive homes;'';

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), respectively; and

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

''(7) study the efficacy of States contracting with public or private nonprofit agencies (including community-based and other organizations), or sectarian institutions for the recruitment of potential adoptive and foster families and to provide assistance in the placement of children for adoption;''; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking ''Each'' and inserting ''(A) Each'';

(ii) by striking ''for each fiscal year'' and inserting ''that describes the manner in which the State will use funds during the 3-fiscal years subsequent to the date of the application to accomplish the purposes of this section. Such application shall be''; and

(iii) by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

''(B) The Secretary shall provide, directly or by grant to or contract with public or private nonprofit agencies or organizations—

''(i) technical assistance and resource and referral information to assist State or local governments with termination of parental rights issues, in recruiting and retaining adoptive families, in the successful placement of children with special needs, and in the provision of pre- and post-placement services, including post-legal adoption services; and

''(ii) other assistance to help State and local governments replicate successful adoption-related projects from other areas in the United States.''.

SEC. 1154. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 205 (42 U.S.C. 5115) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ''$10,000,000,'' and all that follows through ''203(c)(1)'' and inserting ''$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2000 to carry out programs and activities authorized'';

(2) by striking subsection (b); and

(3) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

Subtitle E—Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1986

SEC. 1161. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 104(a)(1) of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 670 note) is amended by striking ''$20,000,000'' and all that follows through the end thereof and inserting ''$35,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995 and 1996, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2000''.

Subtitle F—Reauthorization of Various Programs

SEC. 1171. MISSING CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE ACT.

Section 408 of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5777) is amended—

(1) by striking ''To'' and inserting ''(a) IN GENERAL.—''

(2) by striking ''and 1996'' and inserting ''1996, and 1997''; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

''(b) EVALUATION.—The Administrator shall use not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated for a fiscal year under subsection (a) to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs and activities established and operated under this title.''.

SEC. 1172. VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE ACT OF 1990.

Section 214B of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13004) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking ''and 1996'' and inserting ''1996, and 1997''; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking ''and 1996'' and inserting ''1996, through 2000''.

TITLE XII—REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

SEC. 1201. REDUCTIONS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.—The term ''appropriate effective date'', used with respect to a Department referred to in this section, means the date on which all provisions of this Act that the Department is required to carry out, and amendments and repeals made by this Act to provisions of Federal law that the Department is required to carry out, are effective.

(2) COVERED ACTIVITY.—The term ''covered activity'', used with respect to a Department referred to in this section, means an activity that the Department is required to carry out under—

(A) a provision of this Act; or

(B) a provision of Federal law that is amended or repealed by this Act.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) CONTENTS.—Not later than December 31, 1995, each Secretary referred to in paragraph (2) shall prepare and submit to the relevant committees described in paragraph (3) a report containing—

(A) the determinations described in subsection (c);

(B) appropriate documentation in support of such determinations; and

(C) a description of the methodology used in making such determinations.

(2) SECRETARY.—The Secretaries referred to in this paragraph are—

(A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

(B) the Secretary of Education;

(C) the Secretary of Labor;

(D) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

(E) the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(3) RELEVANT COMMITTEES.—The relevant Committees described in this paragraph are the following:

(A) With respect to each Secretary described in paragraph (2), the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

(B) With respect to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(C) With respect to the Secretary of Education, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate.

(D) With respect to the Secretary of Labor, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate.

(E) With respect to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

(F) With respect to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

(4) REPORT ON CHANGES.—Not later than December 31, 1996, and each December 31 thereafter, each Secretary referred to in paragraph (2) shall prepare and submit to the relevant Committees described in paragraph (3), a report concerning any changes with respect to the determinations made under subsection (c) for the year in which the report is being submitted.

(c) DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than December 31, 1995, each Secretary referred to in subsection (b)(2) shall determine—

(1) the number of full-time equivalent positions required by the Department (or the Federal Partnership established under section 771) headed by such Secretary to carry out the covered activities of the Department (or Federal Partnership), as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) the number of such positions required by the Department (or Federal Partnership) to carry out the activities, as of the appropriate effective date for the Department (or Federal Partnership); and

(3) the difference obtained by subtracting the number referred to in paragraph (2) from the number referred to in paragraph (1).

(d) ACTIONS.—Not later than 30 days after the appropriate effective date for the Department involved, each Secretary referred to in subsection (b)(2) shall take such actions as may be necessary, including reduction in force actions, consistent with sections 3502 and 3595 of title 5, United States Code, to reduce the number of positions of personnel of the Department by at least the difference referred to in subsection (c)(3).

(e) CONSISTENCY.—

(1) EDUCATION.—The Secretary of Education shall carry out this section in a manner that enables the Secretary to meet the requirements of this section and section 776(i)(2).

(2) LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out this section in a manner that enables the Secretary to meet the requirements of this section and section 776(i)(2).

(3) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall carry out this section in a manner that enables the Secretary to meet the requirements of this section and section 1202.

(f) CALCULATION.—In determining, under subsection (c), the number of full-time equivalent positions required by a Department to carry out a covered activity, a Secretary referred to in subsection (b)(2), shall include the number of such positions occupied by personnel carrying out program functions or other functions (including budgetary, legislative, administrative, planning, evaluation, and legal functions) related to the activity.

(g) GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 1996, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare and submit to the committees described in subsection (b)(3), a report concerning the determinations made by each Secretary under subsection (c). Such report shall contain an analysis of the determinations made by each Secretary under subsection (c) and a determination as to whether further reductions in full-time equivalent positions are appropriate.

SEC. 1202. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall take such actions as may be necessary, including reduction in force actions, consistent with sections 3502 and 3595 of title 5, United States Code—

(1) to eliminate at least 65 percent of full time equivalent positions that relate to a covered activity; and

(2) to eliminate 100 percent of full time equivalent positions that relate to a covered activity described in subsection (b)(2).

(b) DEFINITION OF COVERED ACTIVITY.—For purposes of this section, the term 'covered activity' means—

(1) an activity authorized to be carried out under part A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) as in effect prior to the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) an activity authorized to be carried out under part F of such Act (42 U.S.C. 682 et seq.), as in effect prior to such date.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, this Tuesday we decided to move to appropriations bills, and I think we did an excellent job on both sides of the aisle in passing three major appropriations bills and reaching an agreement on a DOD authorization bill.

We decided at that time to set aside the Work Opportunity Act of 1995 which was the so-called leadership bill introduced on this side, and Senator DASCHLE laid down a substitute—the Democratic bill.

We now have sort of defined the parameters of welfare reform or work opportunity, whatever the title may be.

Since Tuesday, at staff level and Member-to-Member level, we have been discussing modifications. That is what the modification I sent to the desk reflects. I do not know how many pages—it is rather extensive because we have a number of modifications.

We also had the assistance of two of America's outstanding Governors. Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin spent a good part of a day with us here on Wednesday, and today Governor Weld of Massachusetts spent a couple of hours with us talking to Members and members of the staff and others about how the Governors viewed the need to change this failed, failed system.

What the Governors asked is that they be given more flexibility. They do not want to come to Washington every time they have a problem and they want to try a new program and have to get a waiver from the Federal Government. They want to do it at the State level, working with the State legislature or through the executive branch in every State.

That is what we have attempted to do in the so-called leadership bill introduced on this side of the aisle which is supported by Senator BAUCUS of Montana, at least one Democrat, and I believe before it is over, a number of other Democrats.

In addition, I ask the following additional Members be added as cosponsors: Senator GRAMS of Minnesota, Senator MCCONNELL of Kentucky, Senator DOMENICI of New Mexico, and Senator KEMPTHORNE of Idaho. There may be other additions, but they have indicated they are cosponsors. There may be other Members who wish to cosponsor.

I have talked to a number of Members who may not cosponsor on this side of the aisle but who have indicated they feel good about the leadership bill and they intend to vote for it.

My view is we are very close to having the votes we need and to have a good, complete overhaul of this system that has obviously failed.

We put the emphasis on ''work''—the Work Opportunity Act of 1995. That is the title of our bill—the Work Opportunity Act. My view is if people have the opportunity to work, if they are meaningful opportunities, they will take advantage of them and get out of the welfare cycle.

Getting back to the modifications made, title I, which was the temporary assistance to needy families block grant, there are a total of 21 changes. Those will be available. We have a summary. We are still in the process of making these minor changes.

It goes from out-of-wedlock goals to religious providers, effective date, child support and paternity establishment, State option to deny benefits—a number of areas in which we have had suggestions by Members on this side.

I do not know how many Members' views are reflected in these changes. I guess as many as 15 or 20.

Title III on food stamps, there is only one change. Title V on noncitizens, there is one change with the 5-year ban on providing most federally means-tested benefits to any noncitizen who enters the country after the enactment date. We also make technical corrections. Then title IX, child support enforcement, only one technical correction.

So there is a total of, I think, 24. Also title XI, CAPTA, which is a program, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, supported by Senator COATS of Indiana. There is one change in title XI.

Title XII, reductions in Federal staff. As we repeal the jobs program and send AFDC from the Federal Government to States, it seems there should not be any need for employees in Washington.

We are trying to make those changes. We are trying to ensure that all excess Federal staff processes are identified and eliminated when we start to streamline these programs.

Now we have sent a modification to the desk. There are still some—I do not say disputes—but some difference of opinion on how maybe Federal employees may be needed, even though AFDC goes to the States and you repeal the jobs program. So it may be necessary for further refinement of that area, but for all practical purposes, I think we made a step in the right direction.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a summary of the modifications.

There being no objection, the summary of modifications is ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MODIFICATIONS TO LEADERSHIP WELFARE BILL

TITLE I—TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT

(1) *Out-of-wedlock goals.* Add to purpose of the bill (section 401, page 10) that annual goals should be set for reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies, with a special emphasis on teen pregnancies.

(2) *Annual ranking of States based on their work program.* Clarify that the Secretary of HHS will take into account reducing caseloads and a State's success in diverting individuals from ever going on welfare when ranking a State's work programs.

(3) *Annual ranking of States based on out-of-wedlock births.* Add a provision that would rank States according to the increase or decrease of out-of-wedlock births to recipients of assistance.

(4) *Religious providers.* Extends provision to prohibit discrimination against religious providers in specific programs outside of Title I.

(5) *State Plan.* Add a provision that a State plan must be given to the private auditor selected to audit the State's program and a summary of the State plan must be made available to the public.

(6) *Effective date.* Allow States the option of continuing current AFDC program for nine months after the effective date (bill currently give six months). No change in block grant funding for FY 1996.

(7) *Child support and paternity establishment.* States may obtain an admission of paternity from the father through a judicial or administrative proceeding.

(8) *Census Data and grandparents.* Bureau of the Census will begin collecting data on grandparents who are the primary care givers for their grandchildren. A study will be done on the effect of welfare reform on grandparents as primary care givers.

(9) *Child care provider.* Allows a recipient that provides unpaid child care services to count as a work activity for purposes of calculating work participation rates.

(10) *Modify vacancy provisions.* Makes technical changes to the displaced worker provisions.

(11) *State option to deny benefits.* Clarifies that States have the option of denying benefits to recipients as long as it is not inconsistent with Title I.

(12) *Disclosure of the use of Federal funds.* Requires the disclosure of the use of Federal funds whenever an organization accepts Federal funds and makes any communication that in any way intends to promote public support or opposition to any policy of a Federal, State, or local government.

(13) *Filling vacant positions.* a. Adds statement that nothing in this Act shall preempt or supersede any provision of State or local law that provides greater protections for employees from displacement.

b. Clarifies that no adult recipient may be assigned to a position when the employer has terminated the employment of a regular employee in order to fill the vacancy.

(14) *Participation of local governments.* States must work with local governments and private sector organizations regarding the plan and design of welfare services to be provided in the State.

(15) *Enhanced automation.* Changes the reporting date from ''before May 1, 1995'' to ''on or before May 1, 1995.''

(16) *Assignment of child support.* Provides the States the option of requiring cash recipients/applicants to assign child support.

(17) *Waiver.* Clarifies that States may choose which waivers they want to continue and which waivers they want to end.

(18) *Technicals.* Makes various technical corrections to Titles IV–A and IV–D.

(19) *Foster care eligibility.* A State may receive reimbursement for foster care or adoption assistance only if such individual would have been eligible to receive assistance under the State plan in effect on June 1, 1995.

(20) *Maintenance of effort.* For the first two years, States must spend 75 percent of what the State spent on AFDC cash benefits in FY 1994.

(21) *State option on families with child under age 1.* States have the option of exempting families with a child under age 1 from the work participation rates.

TITLE III—FOOD STAMP REFORM

(1) *Food stamps.* Requires 80% of optional food stamp block grant to be spent on nutrition (up from 75% in the bill) and makes various technical changes to optional state food assistance block grant.

TITLE V—NONCITIZENS

(1) *Noncitizens.* 5 year ban on providing any federally means-tested benefits to any noncitizen who enters the country after the enactment date. Makes technical corrections.

TITLE IX—CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

(1) Child support technicals. Makes various technical corrections to child support title.

TITLE XI—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA)

(1) *CAPTA.* Includes S. 919 as reported out of Labor Committee. This bill: a. Streamlines CAPTA's State plan and reporting requirements; b. Consolidates 3 programs into one Community and Family Resource and Support Grant; c. Repeals 2 programs; d. Reauthorizes programs; and e. Provides additional flexibility.

TITLE XII—REDUCTIONS IN FEDERAL STAFF

(1) *ELIMINATION OF EXCESS POSITIONS.* Ensures that all excess federal staff positions are identified and eliminated due to streamlining of programs.

KASSEBAUM SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO TITLES VII AND VIII OF S. 1120

The Kassebaum substitute to titles VII and VIII of the Work Opportunity Act makes technical changes to S. 143 as reported by the Labor and Human Resources Committee. The changes reflect agreements on issues that were raised, but not addressed, at the committee markup.

The substitute amends the national governance structure of the bill to clarify the roles of the Secretaries of Education and Labor, the National Workforce Development Board, and the Federal Partnership. It reauthorizes the National Literacy Act and brings administration of that act under the direction of the National Board. The substitute also clarifies the role of community colleges in planning and administering workforce education funds, lists permissible state workforce education activities, adds veterans to the list of populations for which states must develop specific benchmarks, adds a 20 percent cap on workforce employment administrative expenses, further defines school-to-work activities, clarifies state governance issues, and adds an additional waiver option during the transition period.

Finally, the substitute adds language clarifying that FUTA funds can only be used for activities currently authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act.

Mr. DOLE. Let me say with reference to welfare reform, it was my hope to come back on the 5th of September and start on welfare reform.

Now, because we have the DOD authorization consent agreement, we will do that on the 5th. We will start on welfare reform, then, on the following day.

Again, it is my hope that we could have serious debate, good debate—we had 2 days of opening statements that I thought were excellent on both sides, even though there was not total agreement—and that we can complete action on welfare reform within 5 legislative days; that would be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and maybe the next Monday or Tuesday, because we need to move very quickly, then, on the additional appropriations bills. We have completed 7. We have 6 remaining. I know all, probably, with the exception of 2 of those, will be very, very difficult. We need to do all that, go to conference, get the conference reports to the President prior to October 1. So we are going to have a very busy time in September.

But it seems to me we are on the right track. I thank the Democratic leader for his cooperation with reference to the DOD agreement and for all the assistance we had in the appropriations process.

I think we just have one or two other little items that are hanging things up here. We will see what happens.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is H.R. 4.

MODIFICATIONS TO AMENDMENT NO. 2282

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send some modifications to the desk under a previous agreement.

The modification to the amendment (No. 2282) is as follows:

In Title I, on page 3, line 20, strike ''7.5 percent'' and insert ''8 percent''.

In Title I, on page 5, line 24, strike ''solely''.

In Title I, on page 5, line 25, strike ''subparagraph (A)—'' and insert ''subparagraph (A) or due to the imposition of a penalty under subparagraph (B) or (D) of section 403(c)(1)—''.

In Title II, beginning on page 3, line 21, strike all through page 5, line 2, and insert the following:

''(c) NONDISPLACEMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds provided under this Act shall be used in a manner that would result in—

''(A) the displacement of any currently employed worker (including partial displacement, such as a reduction in wages, hours of nonovertime work, or employment benefits), or the impairment of existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements; or

''(B) the employment or assignment of a client to fill a position when—

''(i) any other person is on layoff from the same or a substantially equivalent position; or

''(ii) the employer has terminated the employment of any other employee or otherwise reduced the employer's workforce in order to fill the vacancy so created with a client.

''(2) ENFORCING ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROTECTIONS.—

''(A) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE.—The State shall establish and maintain (pursuant to regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor) a grievance procedure for resolving complaints alleging violations of any of the prohibitions or requirements of paragraph (1). Such procedure shall include an opportunity for a hearing and shall be completed not later than 90 days from the date of the complaint, by which time the complainant shall be provided a written decision by the State. A decision of the State under such procedure, or a failure of a State to issue a decision not later than 90 days from such date,

may be appealed to the Secretary of Labor, who shall investigate the allegations contained in the complaint and make a determination not later than 60 days from the date of the appeal as to whether a violation of such prohibitions or requirements has occurred. Remedies shall include termination or suspension of payments, prohibition of the placement of the client, reinstatement of an employee, and other relief to make an aggrieved employee whole.

''(B) OTHER LAWS OR CONTRACTS.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed to prohibit a complainant from pursuing a remedy authorized under another Federal, State, or local law or a contract or collective bargaining agreement for a violation of any of the prohibitions or requirements of paragraph (1).

In Title II, on page 7, line 23, strike ''7.5 percent'' and insert ''8 percent''.

In Title II, beginning on page 11, line 21, strike all through page 12, line 2, and insert the following:

''(c) WORKFARE.—If, after 2 years, a client (who is not exempt from work requirements) who has signed a parent empowerment contract is not working at least 20 hours a week (within the meaning of section 485(a)(2)) or engaged in community service, then the State shall offer that client a workfare position, with minimum hours per week and tasks to be determined by the State.

''(d) COMMUNITY SERVICE.—Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of the Work First Act of 1995, each State should (and not later than 7 years after such date, each State shall) require a client who, after receiving assistance for 6 months—

''(1) is not exempt from work requirements; and

''(2) is not either—

''(A) working at least 20 hours a week (within the meaning of section 485(a)(2)); nor

''(B) engaged in an education or training program;

to participate in community service, with minimum hours per week and tasks to be determined by the State.

In Title II, on page 18, strike lines 10 through 23, and insert the following:

''(e) WAGES ARE NOT CONSIDERED EARNED INCOME.—Wages paid under a work supplementation program shall be considered to be earned income for purposes of any provision of law.

In Title II, on page 19, strike lines 13 through 16, and insert the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—A State through the Work First program shall establish and carry out—

''(1) a workfare program in accordance with section 486(c); and

''(2) a community service program in accordance with section 486(d),

that meet the requirements of this section.

In Title II, on page 21, line 9, strike ''(5)'' and insert ''(6)''.

In Title II, on page 21, lines 13 and 14, strike ''paragraph (4)'' and insert ''paragraphs (4) and (5)''.

In Title V, on page 12, line 10, strike ''(f)'' and insert ''(g)''.

In Title VIII, on page 16, line 16, strike ''7 percent'' and insert ''8 percent''.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me make a couple of comments prior to the time I address the modifications. I did not have the opportunity to be on the floor a few minutes ago as the distinguished majority leader made his remarks. I appreciate his comments with regard to the progress we made this week. I think it has been good progress. We had the opportunity to take up and pass some very important appropriations bills. Obviously, there are ways in which we could have improved those bills, but nonetheless we needed to pass them. We did.

We also had an agreement that I think will work well for all as we consider the defense authorization the day we get back. I think, as the agreement indicates, it is our expectation to finish that bill in 1 day.

We had very good cooperation from colleagues on both sides in order to accommodate that schedule. This may be record time for considering a defense authorization. I appreciate very much the willingness, at least on the part of colleagues who had amendments, to consider the need to address all of these issues in a timely way and accommodate the schedule of the Senate as we take up this bill once again when we return. We worked to accommodate that schedule, in part because I know colleagues on the other side wanted very much to be able to finish that.

The leader has been very helpful in accommodating a need that we have, which is to complete work on a number of nominations that are still pending. It is my expectation that before the end of the day, we will be able to deal with the remaining ones. There are a number of them. A lot of people have been waiting a long time and want very much to be able to know the disposition of these nominations prior to the time we leave. Simply to hold them over for another month, I think, would be very unfortunate. And that is why I know we are still working to resolve a couple of matters. But I believe that, given the work on both sides in accommodating the schedule and the pending legislation when we return, that we can finish this work as well.

Mr. President, the modifications that I have just sent to the desk will further strengthen the Work First welfare reform plan. During the last few days, I have had numerous conversations with many Senators, in particular the distinguished Senator from Michigan, Senator LEVIN. He repeatedly has made the case for requiring welfare recipients to work even earlier than the timeframe we had already required in the Work First bill. We believe our bill, like the Republican bill, addressed the need to require workfare at a very early stage in the welfare eligibility process. Senator LEVIN felt it would be helpful if we could find ways to move that date up even further.

As a result of Senator LEVIN's persistence and tenacity, as is so often demonstrated on the floor, we have been able to work with him and many others to address the concern that he has expressed and to take suggestions that he has made. We have modified the requirements to ensure that welfare recipients are working as soon as is humanly possible, to make the system accommodate our goal of moving people into a workforce at the earliest possible moment.

So, under this amendment, welfare recipients will be required to perform community service if they have been receiving welfare for 6 months but are not yet working or in job training or education. It was no more than 2 years. Now it is 6 months. We have given the States some lead time to get ready to meet this tough requirement. But, ultimately, welfare recipients must perform community service tasks after 6 months of welfare receipt. Able-bodied welfare recipients ought to work—period. If they cannot find work in the private sector, States will assist them in getting community service jobs.

So, I believe this is a very significant, even stronger addition to the Work First plan. We called it Work First because we had the toughest work requirements of any pending legislation, and now we have just made them even tougher as a result of our work with Senator LEVIN, in particular, and other Senators as well who have expressed that strong desire to strengthen that aspect of the legislation.

We have also clarified the use of vouchers for children. While we strongly believe that welfare reform ought to be about putting welfare recipients to work, we do not believe that welfare reform ought to punish children. No child should be made homeless, no child should go hungry, under the guise of welfare reform. That is not tough, that is mean.

Therefore we have clarified that if a family is terminated from welfare receipt, States will be required to perform an assessment of the needs of the child in that family. Vouchers in the amount of the child's portion of the grant will be provided to a third party as reimbursement for the needs of the child—such as a vendor payment to a social service organization for clothing or food, a vendor payment to a landlord as a partial rent payment, or other needs the State may identify for the child.

We have strengthened the nondisplacement language and grievance procedure under our plan and made several technical adjustments.

We have also taken a look at our exemptions to the 5-year time limit. We have decided to raise the exemption for high unemployment areas from 7.5 to 8 percent. Now, that does not mean that these individuals do not have to work. They do. In fact, they will have to work after 6 months if they are not working before.

But, this particular exemption means that if a young mother is in a high unemployment area, we will not throw her and her baby into the street where there are no jobs. By definition under our amendment, she will be working. So, she is not getting something for nothing. We just do not believe it is right to throw her into the street. Should unemployment decline in the area in which she lives, there would be no more exemption for her and she would be on her own if she has not found a job.

We think that 8 percent is a fair and reasonable threshold. In fact, it matches the threshold set in the majority leader's bill under the food stamp title.

Under the majority leader's bill, able-bodied single individuals are required to work if they receive food stamps in 6 months of any 12, except that the Secretary may waive the work requirement for those in areas of unemployment exceeding 8 percent.

We agree. There ought not be any disagreement about that particular exemption. You cannot require someone to work if there are no jobs there. If there is 8 percent unemployment, then obviously it is very, very difficult in that competitive environment to accommodate people's job placement needs. And, as the majority leader does, so do we recognize and accept that fact and believe there are likely to be more options just as soon as the unemployment level drops but not until that time.

We have modified our exemption to the time limit to make it apply to those States with 8 percent unemployment. We hope that those on the other side of the aisle will not engage in a bidding war on the unemployment rate and raise it even higher. Welfare reform should not be a bidding war. It ought to be about putting welfare recipients to work.

I would like to make a few comments about modifications to the majority leader's amendment. While I have not yet read the modifications, if it is true that an exemption has been included so that women with children under 1 would not be required to work or, if they are required to work, the state must provide child care assistance, I hope my colleagues will take a close look at that provision.

A requirement to provide child care assistance to families with children under 1 is a real concern for many of us. This does not address the problem welfare mothers face. This is not realistic approach to a real barrier that women have to employment.

Only about 10 percent of welfare recipients have children under 1. But, about 60 percent of welfare families have children under 5. What does that mean? It means that about 50 percent of welfare recipients with preschool children, mostly young toddlers, would receive no day care assistance. What kind of child care fix would that be? No Senator should believe that somehow this addresses the problem. Obviously, it does not.

Child care is truly the linchpin between welfare and work. Under our Work First plan, we guarantee and fund child care assistance to mothers and recognize, if the parent's choice is between leaving children in the living room when they walk out the door and go to work and staying at home to care for their children, they are not going to leave the children at home. They are not going to allow their 2- or 3- or even 6-year-old children unattended for 6, 8, or 10 hours. That cannot work. What happens to those children? Who feeds them? Who cares for them? Who protects them? Who disciplines them? If child care is not going to be provided for, then what real expectation is there that somehow these mothers are going to be forced to go out that door and expect the system to work? It is not going to happen.

Let us not fool anyone, least of all ourselves. If we are going to make this work, let us address the problems. Let us not ignore them. Let us recognize that there are fundamental challenges we have to face.

One challenge, in my view, that is very controversial, but it ought not be, is that it is also awfully difficult to expect anybody to leave that house if they take a minimum wage job, work 40 hours a week, have a family of four and find themselves still below the legal definition of poverty. What kind of incentive is that to go to work?

So if we are going to address real work and real expectations of trying to achieve greater participation in the work force, then it would seem to me only logical that we have to make work pay.

We are at one of the lowest points we have been in terms of the purchasing power of minimum wage earners that we have been since the establishment of the minimum wage. That is something we have to address.

We also recognize that Medicaid is not going to help at all if people are forced to give it up when they go to work. They have to be eligible for some kind of health care, or they are not going to endanger their children's lives or good health by saying, ''Well, I am going to work. I am going to leave my kids in the living room. I am going to give up their health insurance because I want that minimum wage job that leaves me below the poverty line when I work 40 hours a week.'' That is not going to happen. So we have to recognize the importance of health care.

Finally, we have to deal with the issue of child care. I have children. The Presiding Officer certainly has, and he understands parenthood as well or better than anybody in this Chamber. And recognizing the need for child care is something that I hope we can all address when we come back. It is the linchpin, in my view, between welfare and work.

Mr. President, at this point, I ask unanimous consent that the following Senators be added as cosponsors to amendment No. 2282, the Work First welfare reform plan:

Senators BREAUX, MIKULSKI, ROCKEFELLER, MOYNIHAN, REID, KERREY, FORD, CONRAD, DORGAN, DODD, KERRY, LIEBERMAN, BINGAMAN, BRYAN, INOUYE, ROBB, EXON, MURRAY, FEINGOLD, BOXER, GLENN, AKAKA, LEVIN, FEINSTEIN, BUMPERS, LAUTENBERG, PRYOR, JOHNSTON, KENNEDY, and HEFLIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, we are looking forward to a good debate when we return in September.

As the majority leader indicated, we had a good debate in the last couple of days. Something the distinguished Senator from Arkansas said earlier in the week is something I guess I will just leave on. He said that good legislators ought to be good educators. I hope that we can educate.

I hope we can lead a meaningful public debate about this issue, and not as partisans, but as people interested in solving a problem, and we can solve this one. I hope that we can have a good debate, recognize our philosophical differences, but deal with them in a way that will bring us to a resolution of a problem that has been with us for a long time.

With that, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be the period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONVENTION CENTER AND SPORTS ARENA AUTHORIZATION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar 180, H.R. 2108.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2108) to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, the Senate will move shortly to take up H.R. 2108, the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995. This legislation, which passed the House of Representatives last Friday, has two purposes.