

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1929

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to carry out pilot projects to reduce dependency and increase work effort in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2013

Ms. DELBENE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enhancing Employ-
5 ment and Training Through Education Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROJECTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY AND**
2 **INCREASE WORK EFFORT IN THE SUPPLE-**
3 **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
5 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(1) PILOT PROJECTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY
8 AND INCREASE WORK EFFORT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
9 NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry
11 out, under such terms and conditions as the Sec-
12 retary considers to be appropriate, pilot projects to
13 identify best practices for employment and training
14 programs under this Act to raise the number of
15 work registrants who obtain unsubsidized employ-
16 ment, increase their earned income, and reduce their
17 reliance on public assistance, including but not lim-
18 ited to the supplemental nutrition assistance pro-
19 gram.

20 “(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Pilot projects shall
21 be selected based on criteria the Secretary estab-
22 lishes, that shall include—

23 “(A) enhancing existing employment and
24 training programs in the State;

25 “(B) agreeing to participate in the evalua-
26 tion described in paragraph (3), including mak-

1 ing available data on participants’ employment
2 activities and post-participation employment,
3 earnings, and public benefit receipt;

4 “(C) collaborating with the State work-
5 force board and other job training programs in
6 the State and local area;

7 “(D) the extent to which the pilot project’s
8 components can be easily replicated by other
9 States or political subdivisions; and

10 “(E) such additional criteria that ensure
11 that the pilot projects—

12 “(i) target a variety of populations of
13 work registrants, including childless adults,
14 parents, and individuals with low skills or
15 limited work experience;

16 “(ii) are selected from a range of ex-
17 isting employment and training programs
18 including programs that provide—

19 “(I) section 20 workfare;

20 “(II) skills development for work
21 registrants with limited employment
22 history;

23 “(III) post-employment support
24 services necessary for maintaining em-
25 ployment; and

1 “(IV) education leading to a rec-
2 ognized postsecondary credential, reg-
3 istered apprenticeship, or secondary
4 school diploma or its equivalent;

5 “(iii) are located in a range of geo-
6 graphic areas, including rural, urban, and
7 Indian reservations; and

8 “(iv) include participants who are ex-
9 empt and not exempt under section
10 (6)(d)(2).

11 “(3) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall pro-
12 vide for an independent evaluation of projects se-
13 lected under this subsection to measure the impact
14 of the pilot projects on the ability of each pilot
15 project target population to find and retain employ-
16 ment that leads to increased household income and
17 reduced dependency, compared to what would have
18 occurred in the absence of the pilot project.

19 “(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—By September
20 30, 2017, the Secretary shall submit, to the Com-
21 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
22 tives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
23 and Forestry of the Senate, a report that includes
24 a description of—

1 “(A) the results of each pilot project, in-
2 cluding an evaluation of the impact of the
3 project on the employment, income, and public
4 benefit receipt of the targeted population of
5 work registrants;

6 “(B) the Federal, State, and other costs of
7 each pilot project;

8 “(C) the planned dissemination of the re-
9 ports’ findings with State agencies; and

10 “(D) the steps and funding necessary to
11 incorporate components of pilot projects that
12 demonstrate increased employment and earn-
13 ings into State employment and training pro-
14 grams.

15 “(5) FUNDING.—From amounts made available
16 under section 18(a)(1), the Secretary shall make
17 \$10,000,000 available for each of the fiscal years
18 2014, 2015, and 2016 to carry out this subsection.
19 Such amounts shall remain available until expended.

20 “(6) USE OF FUNDS.—

21 “(A) Funds provided under this subsection
22 for pilot projects shall be used only for—

23 “(i) pilot projects that comply with
24 the provisions of this Act;

1 “(ii) the costs and administration of
2 the pilot projects;

3 “(iii) the costs incurred in providing
4 information and data to the independent
5 evaluation under paragraph (3); and

6 “(iv) the costs of the evaluation under
7 paragraph (3).

8 “(B) Funds made available under this sub-
9 section may not be used to supplant non-Fed-
10 eral funds used for existing employment and
11 training activities.”.

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