

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4379

To amend title IV of the Social Security Act to permit States to exempt single parents with children under 60 months of age from TANF participation rate requirements.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 2012

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MOORE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Women’s Option to  
5 Raise Kids Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED AGE LIMIT FOR EXEMPTION FROM**  
2 **TANF PARTICIPATION RATE REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 407(b)(5) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(5)) is amended by striking  
5 “12 months” each place it appears and inserting “36  
6 months”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
8 subsection (a) shall apply to fiscal years beginning after  
9 fiscal year 2012.

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