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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the operation of State employment and training programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Revitalize and Expand
5 SNAP Education and Training for America’s Future Act
6 of 2023” or the “RESET for America’s Future Act of
7 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. INNOVATION EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) INNOVATION EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PRO-
4 GRAM.—Section 6(d)(4) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
5 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4)) is amended—

6 (1) by conforming the margins of subpara-
7 graphs (C) through (J), (L), and (M) to the margin
8 of subparagraph (A); and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(P) INNOVATION EMPLOYMENT AND
11 TRAINING PROGRAM.—

12 “(i) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—
13 Subject to the availability of funds under
14 section 16(h)(1), on request of a State
15 agency, the Secretary shall reimburse the
16 State agency an amount equal to 100 per-
17 cent of all costs directly incurred in car-
18 rying out a component of an employment
19 and training program that meets 1 or
20 more of the following requirements:

21 “(I) At the time of use, the pro-
22 gram component is under evaluation
23 with respect to measuring employment
24 and earnings outcomes for partici-
25 pants in the employment and training
26 program with a methodology that

1 could, in the event that the evaluation
2 finds positive program impacts, subse-
3 quently classify the employment and
4 training program as having—

5 “(aa) a high or moderate
6 causal evidence rating (as defined
7 by the Secretary and consistent
8 with evidence standards estab-
9 lished by Federal agencies imple-
10 menting other Federal workforce
11 investments, including standards
12 defined by the Secretary of Labor
13 under section 306 of the Social
14 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 506));
15 and

16 “(bb) a demonstrated capac-
17 ity to improve employment or
18 earnings outcomes for program
19 participants.

20 “(II) The program component
21 provides services that have already
22 been evaluated and found to positively
23 affect employment or earnings out-
24 comes for employment or training pro-
25 gram participants, with a methodology

1 that has a high or moderate causal
2 evidence rating (as defined by the
3 Secretary as described in subclause
4 (I)(aa)).

5 “(III)(aa) Subject to items (bb)
6 and (cc), the State agency uses at
7 least 20 percent of the funding allo-
8 cated under this paragraph to the em-
9 ployment and training program com-
10 ponent to enter into a performance or
11 outcomes contract to pay for—

12 “(AA) measurable improve-
13 ments in outcomes related to im-
14 proved employment or earnings;

15 “(BB) credential attain-
16 ment; or

17 “(CC) measurable attain-
18 ment of new vocational skills for
19 participants of the employment
20 and training program, which
21 shall include any reporting meas-
22 ures related to those outcomes
23 that State agencies must track
24 and report annually under regu-
25 lations promulgated pursuant to

1 this Act or any benchmarks dem-
2 onstrated by credible research to
3 be highly correlated with those
4 outcomes if those outcomes are
5 measured using administrative
6 data validated by a third-party
7 evaluator.

8 “(bb) Activities carried out under
9 a performance or outcomes contract
10 described in item (aa) ensure that the
11 population served by the performance
12 or outcomes contract in an area, as
13 demonstrated by the State agency—

14 “(AA) is similar to the pop-
15 ulation in that area that partici-
16 pates in the supplemental nutri-
17 tion assistance program with re-
18 spect to demographics and bar-
19 riers to employment; and

20 “(BB) is not selected for
21 purposes of excluding partici-
22 pants in that area that are per-
23 ceived as ‘harder-to-serve’.

24 “(cc) The State agency submits
25 each request for reimbursement for

1 payments made for activities carried
2 out under a performance or outcomes
3 contract described in item (aa)—

4 “(AA) not later than 60
5 months after the effective date of
6 the performance or outcomes
7 contract; and

8 “(BB) within 12 months of
9 making the payment for which
10 reimbursement is requested.

11 “(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL
12 ASSISTANCE, AND EVALUATION COSTS.—

13 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to
14 the availability of funds under section
15 16(h)(1) remaining after expenditure
16 under clause (i), on request of a State
17 agency, the Secretary shall reimburse
18 the State agency for administration,
19 technical assistance, and evaluation
20 costs associated with activities eligible
21 for reimbursement under clause (i).

22 “(II) AMOUNT.—The Secretary
23 shall reimburse the State agency
24 under subclause (I) in an amount
25 that—

1 “(aa) is not more than 20
2 percent of the direct costs ap-
3 proved for reimbursement under
4 clause (i); and

5 “(bb) in the case of an em-
6 ployment and training program
7 component that is coordinated
8 with a program funded in part by
9 funds authorized under the
10 Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
11 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et
12 seq.), is not more than 30 per-
13 cent of the direct costs approved
14 for reimbursement under clause
15 (i).

16 “(iii) EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY.—
17 Notwithstanding any other provision of
18 this Act, an individual enrolled in an em-
19 ployment and training program component
20 described in clause (i) that becomes ineli-
21 gible due to failure to meet a requirement
22 described in subsection (c), (d), (e), (f),
23 (g), (i), (k), (l), (m), or (n) of section 5
24 shall be permitted to continue participating
25 in the employment and training program

1 component until the date that is the earlier
2 of—

3 “(I) 6 months after the date on
4 which the individual would otherwise
5 become ineligible; and

6 “(II) the date on which the indi-
7 vidual completes the employment and
8 training program component.

9 “(iv) STATE AGENCY REQUIRE-
10 MENTS.—

11 “(I) REPORT.—A State agency
12 that receives reimbursement under
13 clause (i) shall submit annually to the
14 Secretary a report describing—

15 “(aa) the services provided
16 by the applicable employment
17 and training program component;

18 “(bb) the demographics of
19 participants of that program
20 component;

21 “(cc) the costs of that pro-
22 gram component;

23 “(dd) the manner in which
24 funds were used for that program
25 component; and

1 “(ee) in the case of a State
 2 agency that carries out a pro-
 3 gram component described in
 4 clause (i)(I), findings from the
 5 applicable completed evaluation.

6 “(II) PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—
 7 The Secretary shall make publicly
 8 available the information submitted to
 9 the Secretary under subclause (I).”.

10 (b) FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
 11 PROGRAMS.—Section 16(h)(1) of the Food and Nutrition
 12 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(1)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

14 (A) by striking “To carry out” and insert-
 15 ing the following:

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To carry out”;

17 and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(ii) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—In addi-
 20 tion to funds made available under clause
 21 (i), the Secretary shall reserve for alloca-
 22 tion to State agencies, to remain available
 23 for 24 months, from funds made available
 24 for each fiscal year under section 18(a)(1),
 25 \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year to pro-

1 vide reimbursements under section
2 6(d)(4)(P).”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
4 ceding clause (i), by striking “subparagraph (A)”
5 and inserting “subparagraph (A)(i)”;

6 (3) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “sub-
7 paragraph (A)” and inserting “subparagraph
8 (A)(i)”;

9 (4) in subparagraph (E)(i), by striking “sub-
10 paragraph (A)” and inserting “subparagraph
11 (A)(i)”.

12 (c) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING STREAMS AS
13 MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 16(h)(2) of the Food and
14 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(2)) is amend-
15 ed—

16 (1) by striking “(2) If, in carrying out such
17 program during such fiscal year” and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXCESS COSTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If, in carrying out an
21 employment and training program in a fiscal
22 year”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (A) (as so designated)—

24 (A) by striking “shall pay” and inserting
25 the following: “shall—

1 “(i) pay”;

2 (B) in clause (i) (as so designated), by
3 striking the period at the end and inserting “;
4 and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(ii) consider any other Federal fund-
7 ing used to carry out a component of an
8 employment and training program as
9 qualifying for the 50-percent share of the
10 State required under subsection (a), this
11 paragraph, and paragraph (3), unless that
12 use of funding is specifically disallowed by
13 law.”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(B) REPORTING.—A State agency that
16 incurs costs described in subparagraph (A) and
17 uses any other Federal funding as described in
18 clause (ii) of that subparagraph shall submit to
19 the Secretary a report that—

20 “(i) identifies each source of those
21 Federal funds; and

22 “(ii) describes, if applicable, how im-
23 plementation of the employment and train-
24 ing program component is carried out in
25 coordination with local and State entities

1 supported by the same source of Federal
2 funds—

3 “(I) to improve measurable out-
4 comes for participants of the employ-
5 ment and training program compo-
6 nent;

7 “(II) to streamline service deliv-
8 ery, collocate services, align services
9 across employment and training pro-
10 grams, streamline service delivery for
11 participants of the employment and
12 training program component, or make
13 it easier for those participants eligible
14 for multiple employment and training
15 programs to participate in cost-shar-
16 ing across the programs in which they
17 are enrolled; and

18 “(III) to otherwise partner with
19 other entities in the area to improve
20 employment and training program
21 performance management.”.

22 (d) REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE
23 SERVICES.—Section 16(h)(3) of the Food and Nutrition
24 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(3) The Secretary shall also re-
2 imburse each State agency in an amount equal to 50
3 per centum” and inserting the following:

4 “(3) TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER EX-
5 PENSES.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall reim-
8 burse each State agency in an amount equal to
9 50 percent”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANS-
12 PORTATION AND OTHER COSTS.—On request by
13 a State agency, the Secretary shall fully reim-
14 burse the State agency for costs directly in-
15 curred and expended in connection with trans-
16 portation costs and other expenses that were
17 reasonably necessary and directly related to car-
18 rying out an employment and training program
19 component that meets at least 1 of the require-
20 ments described in clause (i) of section
21 6(d)(4)(P), subject to the availability of funding
22 made available under paragraph (1)(A)(ii).”.

23 (e) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DATA GRANTS.—

24 Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7

1 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(o) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DATA GRANTS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
5 grants to States, on a competitive basis, to create
6 and strengthen longitudinal administrative databases
7 and associated resources for the purpose of strength-
8 ening program quality, advancing equity, reducing
9 burden, protecting privacy, and improving trans-
10 parency in employment and training programs.

11 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under
12 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to—

13 “(A) States that—

14 “(i) have not previously received a
15 grant from the Secretary for the purpose
16 described in paragraph (1); and

17 “(ii) have the greatest need with re-
18 spect to improving data infrastructure; and

19 “(B) projects that—

20 “(i) strengthen the quality of an em-
21 ployment and training program or other-
22 wise improve the employment and training
23 program;

24 “(ii) facilitate co-enrollment and co-
25 ordination of services between the employ-

1 ment and training program and other fed-
2 erally supported workforce development
3 programs, including programs authorized
4 under—

5 “(I) the Workforce Innovation
6 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101
7 et seq.); and

8 “(II) the Strengthening Career
9 and Technical Education for the 21st
10 Century Act (Public Law 115–224;
11 132 Stat. 1563) and the amendments
12 made by that Act;

13 “(iii) participate in and contribute
14 data to the linked longitudinal data system
15 of the State, including submitting data
16 that, when linked with elementary, sec-
17 ondary, and postsecondary school data and
18 workforce development data, provides the
19 State with the ability to create more robust
20 tools and analytics;

21 “(iv) encourage the use of non-Fed-
22 eral contributions to improve State data
23 infrastructure and related resources;

24 “(v) support research and program
25 improvement activities; or

1 “(vi) achieve other priorities, as deter-
2 mined by the Secretary.

3 “(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
4 shall provide technical assistance to support the im-
5 plementation of projects carried out using grants
6 awarded under this subsection.

7 “(4) PRIVACY AND SECURITY STANDARDS.—
8 Data in longitudinal administrative databases and
9 associated resources supported by a grant under this
10 subsection shall—

11 “(A) be exempted from the disclosure re-
12 quirements of subsection (a) of section 552 of
13 title 5, United States Code, pursuant to sub-
14 section (b)(3) of that section;

15 “(B) be used in a manner that protects the
16 identity and location of a vulnerable individual
17 (including a victim of domestic violence) that is
18 an applicant for, or recipient of, supplemental
19 nutrition assistance program benefits; and

20 “(C) meet security standards determined
21 by the Secretary.

22 “(5) INTEGRATED DATA.—Nothing in this sub-
23 section shall prohibit the use of data supported by
24 a grant under this subsection from being used as

1 part of a State data system or other integrated data
2 system.

3 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made
5 available under section 18(a), the Secretary
6 shall use to carry out this subsection
7 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 and each fis-
8 cal year thereafter, of which not more than 10
9 percent shall be used to carry out paragraph
10 (3).

11 “(B) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—
12 Funds used under subparagraph (A) shall sup-
13 plement, not supplant, other State or local
14 funds used for developing State data systems.”.

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