

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Conrad Amendment # 1 to H.R. 4737

This amendment would provide states the flexibility to exempt a certain percentage of caretakers of family members with disabilities from the TANF work requirements.

Text of Amendment: States would have the option of exempting full-time caregivers of a family member with a disability from the work requirements and removing them from the denominator in calculating work participation rates. States may exempt no more than 10 percent of their caseload. In calculating the 10 percent, States may use either the current year or prior year average caseload. A recipient is eligible for the exemption only if all of the following apply:

- (1) the recipient is the only able-bodied adult in the case;
- (2) the recipient is the primary caregiver for a child with a physical or mental disability or chronic illness, or another family member with a physical or mental disability or chronic illness;
- (3) the demands of caregiving do not allow the caregiver to obtain or retain employment of at least 30 hours per week; and
- (4) the need to provide caregiving is specified in the recipient's Individualized Responsibility Plan and reviewed on at least an annual basis.

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