

**Amendment Offered by Mr. Davis of Illinois**

This amendment would promote child well-being by: creating a bonus program to states that provide minimum family and child-only grants of 50 percent of the federal poverty level and continue assistance for at least 6 months before reducing benefits; allowing States to modify employability plans for recipients caring for a family member with a disability or chronic health conditions; prohibiting sanctions if difficulties with work stemmed from caring for a child with chronic health conditions; and ensuring that educational assistance does not reduce benefits. Any costs associated with these policies promoting children's health and well-being would be offset with a minor increase in the corporate tax rate.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5861**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DANNY K. DAVIS OF ILLINOIS**

Page 6, after line 8, insert the following:

1           “(3) AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP MODIFIED PLAN  
2           FOR A RECIPIENT OF ASSISTANCE WITH, OR CARING  
3           FOR A FAMILY MEMBER WITH, A DISABILITY, OR RE-  
4           CIPIENT CARING FOR A CHILD WITH A CHRONIC  
5           HEALTH CONDITION.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may develop  
7           a modified individual opportunity plan for a re-  
8           cipient of assistance under the State program  
9           funded under this part—

10                   “(i) who—

11                           “(I) is a work-eligible individual  
12                           (as so defined); and

13                           “(II) has been determined by a  
14                           qualified medical, mental health, ad-  
15                           diction, or social services professional  
16                           (as determined by the State) to have  
17                           a disability;

18                           “(ii) who is caring for a family mem-  
19                           ber with a disability (as so determined); or

1           vide to the recipient or the family of the  
2           recipient;

3                   “(v) be developed in cooperation with  
4           the recipient; and

5                   “(vi) be reviewed not less often than  
6           every 6 months.

7           “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8                   “(i) DISABILITY.—The term ‘dis-  
9           ability’ means a mental or physical impair-  
10          ment, including substance abuse or addic-  
11          tion, that—

12                   “(I) constitutes or results in a  
13          substantial impediment to employ-  
14          ment; or

15                   “(II) substantially limits 1 or  
16          more major life activities.

17                   “(ii) MODIFIED WORK ACTIVITIES.—  
18          The term ‘modified work activities’ means  
19          activities which the State has determined  
20          will help the recipient become employ-  
21          able.”.

Page 6, line 9, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

Page 6, line 10, strike “and (2)” and insert  
“through (3)”.

1 being reduced during the 6-month period  
2 that begins with the later of—

3 “(I) the date the recipient be-  
4 comes employed; or

5 “(II) the effective date of this  
6 paragraph.

7 “(C) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money  
8 in the Treasury of the United States not other-  
9 wise appropriated, there are appropriated for  
10 each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023  
11 \$50,000,000 for payments under this para-  
12 graph.”.

After section 19, insert the following (and redesignate succeeding sections accordingly):

13 **SEC. 21. PROHIBITION ON SANCTIONING INDIVIDUAL FOR**  
14 **FAILURE TO ENGAGE IN WORK IF THE FAIL-**  
15 **URE RESULTS FROM CARING FOR A CHILD**  
16 **WITH A CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION.**

17 Section 407(e)(2) (42 U.S.C. 607(e)(2)) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) by striking “refusal” and inserting “fail-  
20 ure”;

21 (2) by inserting “if the failure results from car-  
22 ing for a child who has or is at increased risk for  
23 chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emo-

1 mining that the eligibility of the family of the  
2 child for, or the amount of assistance to be pro-  
3 vided to the family, under the State program  
4 funded under this part or any other State pro-  
5 gram funded by qualified State expenditures (as  
6 defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)); or

7 “(B) impose additional requirements on a  
8 family solely because the family includes a  
9 minor child who is enrolled in a training pro-  
10 gram, school, or post-secondary educational in-  
11 stitution.”.

12 (b) PENALTY.—Section 409(a) (42 U.S.C. 609), as  
13 amended by section 19 of this Act, is amended by adding  
14 at the end the following:

15 “(14) CONSIDERING EDUCATIONAL ENROLL-  
16 MENT OF CHILD OR OF FINANCIAL AID TIED TO  
17 EDUCATION OF CHILD.—If the Secretary determines  
18 that a State to which a grant is made under section  
19 403 in a fiscal year has violated section 408(a)(17)  
20 during the fiscal year, the Secretary shall reduce the  
21 grant payable to the State under section 403(a)(1)  
22 for the immediately succeeding fiscal year by an  
23 amount equal to 5 percent of the State family assist-  
24 ance grant.”.

After section 19, insert the following: