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Levin Amendment on a TANF Emergency Contingency Fund

The amendment would provide \$10 billion for an emergency contingency fund to help state TANF programs respond to any increased need for cash assistance, short-term benefits, and subsidized employment after a state meets a threshold for higher and rising unemployment. The cost of the amendment would be offset by a commensurate rise in the corporate tax rate (approximately 1/10th of one percent).

1 State for the corresponding quarter in ei-
2 ther of the 2 preceding fiscal years.

3 “(iii) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—Subject to
4 paragraph (5), the amount of the grant to
5 be made to a needy State under this sub-
6 paragraph for a quarter in a fiscal year
7 shall be an amount equal to 80 percent of
8 the amount (if any) by which the total ex-
9 penditures of the State for basic assistance
10 (as defined by the Secretary) in the quar-
11 ter, whether under the State program
12 funded under this part or as qualified
13 State expenditures, exceeds the total ex-
14 penditures of the State for such assistance
15 for the corresponding quarter in either of
16 the 2 preceding fiscal years.

17 “(B) GRANT RELATED TO INCREASED EX-
18 PENDITURES FOR NON-RECURRENT SHORT
19 TERM BENEFITS.—

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21 quarter in fiscal year 2019 through 2023,
22 the Secretary shall make a grant from the
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2 quarter in fiscal year 2019 through 2023,
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6 “(I) requests a grant under this
7 subparagraph for the quarter; and

8 “(II) meets the requirement of
9 clause (ii) for the quarter.

10 “(ii) SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT EX-
11 PENDITURE REQUIREMENT.—A needy
12 State meets the requirement of this clause
13 for a quarter in a fiscal year if the total
14 expenditures of the State for subsidized
15 employment in the quarter, whether under
16 the State program funded under this part
17 or as qualified State expenditures, exceeds
18 the total such expenditures of the State in
19 the corresponding quarter in either of the
20 2 preceding fiscal years.

21 “(iii) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—Subject to
22 paragraph (5), the amount of the grant to
23 be made to a needy State under this sub-
24 paragraph for a quarter shall be an

1 may use the amount only as authorized by section
2 404.

3 “(7) TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
4 retary shall implement this subsection as quickly as
5 reasonably possible, pursuant to appropriate guid-
6 ance to States.

7 “(8) APPLICATION TO INDIAN TRIBES.—This
8 subsection shall apply to an Indian tribe with an ap-
9 proved tribal family assistance plan under section
10 412 in the same manner as this subsection applies
11 to a needy State.

12 “(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

13 “(A) AVERAGE MONTHLY ASSISTANCE
14 CASELOAD DEFINED.—The term ‘average
15 monthly assistance caseload’ means, with re-
16 spect to a State and a quarter, the number of
17 families receiving assistance during the quarter
18 under the State program funded under this
19 part or as qualified State expenditures, subject
20 to adjustment under paragraph (4).

21 “(B) QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES.—
22 The term ‘qualified State expenditures’ has the
23 meaning given the term in section 409(a)(7).