

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2397

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds  
to families in need.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following  
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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to target funds to families in need.

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 “Targeting TANF to  
5 Families in Need Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TARGETING FUNDS TO FAMILIES IN NEED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Social Security  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 604) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1       “(1) ESTABLISHING A THRESHOLD FOR FAMILIES IN  
2 NEED.—A State to which a grant is made under section  
3 403(a)(1) shall use the grant only to provide assistance  
4 or services to a family whose income is less than twice  
5 the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal  
6 Register under section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget  
7 Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).”.

8       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

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