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S. 4947

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to reauthorize demonstration authority for the disability insurance program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2026

Mr. SCHMITT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Removing Barriers to
5 Work for Disabled Americans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY REAUTHORIZATION OF DISABILITY IN-**
7 **SURANCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AU-**
8 **THORITY.**

9 (a) **TERMINATION DATE.**—Section 234(d)(2) of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 434(d)(2)) is amended by

1 striking “December 31, 2021, and the authority to carry
 2 out such projects shall terminate on December 31, 2022”
 3 and inserting “December 31, 2030, and the authority to
 4 carry out such projects shall terminate on December 31,
 5 2031”.

6 (b) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE COMPLIANCE WITH BEN-
 7 EFITS REQUIREMENTS.—Section 234(c) of such Act (42
 8 U.S.C. 434(c)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “December 30, 2021” and in-
 10 serting “December 31, 2030”;

11 (2) by striking “90 days” and inserting “120
 12 days”; and

13 (3) by inserting after “the expected annual and
 14 total costs,” the following: “evaluation metrics to be
 15 used with respect to the experiment or demonstra-
 16 tion project,”.

17 (c) EXPENDITURE.—Section 201(k) of such Act (42
 18 U.S.C. 401(k)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(k) Administrative expenditures for experiments and
 20 demonstration projects under section 234 shall be paid
 21 from funds made available for the administration of this
 22 title. Benefits payable to or on behalf of individuals by
 23 reason of participation in experiments and demonstration
 24 projects under section 234 shall be made from the Federal
 25 Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund or the Fed-

1 eral Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as determined ap-
 2 propriate by the Commissioner of Social Security.”.

3 (d) LIMITATION.—Section 234(e) of such Act (42
 4 U.S.C. 434(e)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking the “and” at
 6 the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
 8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

10 “(4) that the total income of an individual will
 11 not be reduced due to the individual’s participation
 12 in an experiment or demonstration project.”.

13 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 234 of such
 14 Act (42 U.S.C. 434) is further amended—

15 (1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “sub-
 16 section” and inserting “section”; and

17 (2) by striking subsection (f).

18 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 19 this section shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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