



## WAYS AND MEANS

CHAIRMAN KEVIN BRADY

### **Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services (JOBS) for Success Act** *Helping More Americans Enter and Remain in the Workforce*

#### **This bill:**

- **Ensures no one gets ignored or is left on the sidelines** by expecting universal engagement and case management for all work-eligible individuals receiving assistance to address the needs of struggling families. While the 1996 reforms were aimed at helping single mothers, this legislation is geared towards both men and women, and demands that states help every person get and keep a job.
- **Makes sure states are focused on real outcomes**—getting and keeping a job. Success will no longer be measured by participation. The legislation gives states more flexibility and makes them accountable for work outcomes. In addition, the legislation would establish a dashboard with state profiles to provide transparent information on how well states are doing at getting people into jobs.
- **Helps poor families, those that need these funds the most, by** requiring funds go to those under 200% of poverty line. This is about helping the truly needy engage in work, not plugging state budget holes or funding pet projects.
- **Uses funds to support work**, including additional access to child care and job training, when combined with case management services can help to address the needs of the whole family on their path to economic self-sufficiency.
- **Promotes innovation, transparency, and program coordination** by allowing up to 50% of a state's allocation to be transferred to the Child Care and Development Fund, child welfare (up to 10%), and workforce programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
- **Re-names the program the Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits and Services - JOBS program** reflecting its purpose and authorizes funding through FY 2023 at current law levels, with an increase to \$3.5 billion annually for child care.

**Cost:** No additional costs or savings compared to current law under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act.

**Background:**

- **A booming economy after tax reform requires more workers.** With one of the most competitive tax codes in the world and a growing economy, it is important that businesses are able to hire the workers needed to meet demand.



- **Too many people are on the sidelines.** There is a jobs gap in our country— millions of people are out of work and millions of jobs need to be filled. Right now, there are 7 million men missing from the workforce. This is unacceptable. These reforms will help move more parents into full-time, good-paying jobs and keep them there.
- **This is the program that was reformed in 1996 under Clinton and Newt Gingrich.** However, many states have strayed from the intent of the reforms under that law, and lost sight of what this program was intended to do: get those off the sidelines and into the workforce—for good. Also, the 1996 reforms focused primarily on women, but these reforms will focus on women *and* men—it's time to find those 7 million men and bring them back into our economy. Our country needs everyone who *can work to work*.

