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# S. 1816

To expedite waiver approval for the “Wisconsin Works” plan, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 1996

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and Mr. NICKLES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Aid to Families with Dependent Chil-  
6 dren (AFDC) program under part A of title IV of  
7 the Social Security Act has no time limits, and at  
8 any given point in time, 65 percent of AFDC recipi-

1       ents are individuals who will spend 8 or more years  
2       on welfare.

3           (2) The current AFDC cash payment is a  
4       straight transfer of income, with no reciprocal obli-  
5       gation.

6           (3) The JOBS program under part F of title  
7       IV of such Act emphasizes training, not employ-  
8       ment.

9           (4) AFDC Recipients are under no obligation to  
10      leave welfare.

11          (5) The current AFDC program does not en-  
12      courage businesses to help reduce welfare depend-  
13      ency.

14          (6) Government becomes the other parent in  
15      single parent households.

16          (7) The current AFDC program rewards so-  
17      cially undesirable behavior, such as having children  
18      without means of support.

19          (8) The “Wisconsin Works” proposed dem-  
20      onstration project to replace the AFDC program in  
21      Wisconsin shows significant promise in addressing  
22      the issues set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

23          (9) The President has endorsed the “Wisconsin  
24      Works” plan.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROVAL OF THE “WISCONSIN WORKS” PLAN.**

2       Notwithstanding the authority of the Secretary of  
3 Health and Human Services under section 1115 of the  
4 Social Security Act, upon submission of the application  
5 for waivers to conduct a demonstration project, known as  
6 “Wisconsin Works” under such section submitted by the  
7 Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, such  
8 application shall be deemed approved.

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