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To authorize the State of Michigan to implement the demonstration project known as “To Strengthen Michigan Families”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) 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. AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT MICHIGAN DEM-**
4 **ONSTRATION PROJECT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon presentation by the State
6 of Michigan of the document entitled “To Strengthen
7 Michigan Families” (prepared pursuant to Michigan Pub-
8 lic Act 223, signed by the Governor of Michigan on De-
9 cember 6, 1995) to the appropriate Federal official with

1 respect to any Federal entitlement program specified in
2 such document—

3 (1) such official is deemed to have waived com-
4 pliance with the requirements of Federal law with
5 respect to such program to the extent and for the
6 period necessary to enable the State of Michigan to
7 carry out the demonstration project described in the
8 document; and

9 (2) the costs of carrying out the demonstration
10 project which would not otherwise be included as ex-
11 penditures under such program shall be regarded as
12 expenditures under such program.

13 (b) LIMITATION OF COSTS.—Subsection (a)(2) shall
14 not apply to the extent that—

15 (1) the sum of such costs and the expenditures
16 of the State of Michigan under all programs to
17 which subsection (a) applies during any testing pe-
18 riod exceeds

19 (2) the total amount that would be expended
20 under such programs during such testing period in
21 the absence of the demonstration project.

22 (c) TESTING PERIOD.—For purposes of subsection
23 (b)—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The testing periods are—

1 (A) the 5-year period that begins with the
2 date of the commencement of the demonstration
3 project, and

4 (B) the period of the demonstration
5 project.

6 (2) COST NEUTRALITY MODEL.—The model for
7 determining cost neutrality during any testing period
8 shall be established by the State of Michigan.

9 (3) EVALUATION.—The State of Michigan shall
10 contract for an external evaluation of the impact of
11 the demonstration project during any testing period.

12 (d) RECAPTURE OF EXCESS.—If at the close of any
13 testing period, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
14 ices determines that the amount described in subsection
15 (b)(1) exceeds the amount described in subsection (b)(2)
16 for such period, such Secretary shall withhold an amount
17 equal to such excess from amounts otherwise payable to
18 the State of Michigan under section 403 of the Social Se-
19 curity Act (relating to the program of aid to families with
20 dependent children) for the first fiscal year beginning
21 after the close of such period. The preceding sentence shall
22 not apply to the extent such Secretary is otherwise paid
23 such excess by the State of Michigan.

1 **SEC. 2. NO EFFECT ON CERTAIN OTHER WAIVERS GRANT-**
2 **ED TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.**

3 This Act shall not be construed to affect the terms
4 or conditions of any waiver granted before the date of the
5 enactment of this Act to the State of Michigan under sec-
6 tion 1115 of the Social Security Act, including earned
7 waiver savings and conditions. The current waivers are
8 considered a precondition and can be subsumed as part
9 of the To Strengthen Michigan Families demonstration
10 project.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE UNDER SUBSEQUENT**
12 **LEGISLATION.**

13 If, after the date of the enactment of this Act, any
14 Federal law is enacted which modifies the terms of, or the
15 amounts of expenditures permitted under, any program to
16 which section 1 applies, the State of Michigan may elect
17 to participate in such program as so modified.

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