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S. 1461

To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from imposing penalties against a State under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for failure to satisfy minimum work participation rates or comply with work participation verification procedures with respect to months beginning after September 2006 and before the end of the 12-month period that begins on the date the Secretary approves the State's work verification plan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2007

Mr. ROCKEFELLER 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN PEN-**2 **ALTIES UNDER TANF.**

3 Notwithstanding subpart F of part 261 and part 262
4 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to State
5 work verification plans required under the Temporary As-
6 sistance for Needy Families program) or any other provi-
7 sion of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 shall not reduce the State family assistance grant payable
9 to a State for a fiscal year under section 403(a) of the
10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)), or otherwise im-
11 pose a penalty against a State for failure to comply with
12 subsection (a) or (i)(2) of section 407 of the Social Secu-
13 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 607) with respect to months beginning
14 after September 2006 and before the end of the 12-month
15 period that begins on the date the Secretary notifies the
16 State that the work verification plan submitted by the
17 State pursuant to subpart F of part 261 of title 45, Code
18 of Federal Regulations, satisfies the requirements of such
19 subpart.

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