

Summary of TANF Provisions in DOGE Committee Fraud Package

Background: On April 22nd, 2026 the [DOGE Caucus released a bill package](#) focused on program integrity, including TANF related provisions from the JOBS for Success Act. The bills also include provisions related to program integrity in child care, Medicaid/CHIP, and Medicare.

To move forward, these bills would need to advance out of committee and be voted on by the full Senate, with an identical version voted on by the House. Whether these bills will move forward is unknown, but the provisions within them could be included in future bills, including future budget reconciliation bills.

The summary below details only the proposed provisions related to TANF under Division B, Title I – Strengthening TANF Program Integrity, but the [full text](#), and [summary](#) of the bill package is available. The provisions summarized below were previously introduced as part of the JOBS for Success Act.

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Section 2101 - Strengthening Program Integrity by Measuring Improper Payments

- Amends Improper Payments Information Act and Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act to include TANF.
- Directs the Secretary within 2 years of enactment to create regulations on how states should review and report improper payments for state funded programs.
- Within 1 year of enactment, a report from the Secretary on a plan to eliminate or reduce improper payments made by states under Title IV-A.

Section 2102 - Prohibition of State Diversion of Federal Funds to Replace State Spending

- Amends section 408 to prohibit supplantation of funds for activities under section 404.

Section 2103 - Aligning and Improving Data Reporting

- Reporting on work participation activities under section 411a amended to include the following:

The work eligibility status of individual in the family, and -

- In the case of each work-eligible individual (as defined in the regulations promulgated pursuant to section 407(i)(1)(A)(i)) in the family, the number of hours (including zero hours) per month of participation in work activities (as defined in section 407(d)); and*
- in the case of each individual in the family who is not a work-eligible individual the reason for that status.*

For each work-eligible individual (as so defined) and each adult in the family who did not participate in work activities (as so defined) during a month, the reason for the lack of participation.

- Amends Section 411(c) on reporting outcomes to allow the Secretary to determine what reporting outcomes and format of data are required under Section 407 and require states to collect and report identified data.

Section 2104 - Technical Corrections to Data Exchange Standards to Improve Program Coordination

- Amends Section 411(d) to allow the Secretary in consultation with OMB and an interagency workgroup, will establish data exchange standards that will include:
 - Necessary categories of information to be included in state plans and required to exchange with other state agencies
 - Federal reporting and data exchange required by law
- Directs HHS Secretary to issue a proposed rule no later than 24 months after enactment that:
 - Identifies federally required data exchanges
 - Specifies state implementation options and describes future milestones

