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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public assistance program integrity, making
2 appropriations, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 239.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "*Applicant*" means an individual who is applying for public assistance benefits in the state.
2. "*Asset*" or "*asset test*" means all assets of the members of the applicant's household, including all of the following:
 - a. All bank accounts, excluding retirement accounts of members of the household.
 - b. All cash, excluding the first two thousand dollars of members of the household.
 - c. All lottery and gambling income of the household whether received as a lump sum or installment payments.
 - d. All real estate, excluding the primary household residence and surrounding lot.
 - e. All other personal property excluding personal belongings, household goods, and one vehicle.
3. "*Department*" means the department of health and human services.
4. "*Public assistance*" means the supplemental nutrition assistance program or SNAP, the medical assistance program or Medicaid program as defined in section 249A.2, the family investment program as defined in section 239B.1, and the children's health insurance program.
5. "*Real-time eligibility system*" means real-time electronic access to a system that allows verification of all applicable public assistance program eligibility information based on the most recent information available to the department through nonmodeled earned and unearned income, such as commercially available wage data.
6. "*Recipient*" means an individual who is receiving public assistance benefits in the state.
7. "*Supplemental nutrition assistance program*" or "*SNAP*"

1 means benefits provided by the federal program administered
2 through 7 C.F.R. pts. 270 - 283, as amended.

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **239.2 Identity authentication —**
4 **rules.**

5 Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law or regulation,
6 prior to the department awarding public assistance benefits, an
7 applicant shall complete a computerized identity authentication
8 process to confirm the identity of the applicant. Identity
9 authentication shall be accomplished through a knowledge-based
10 questionnaire consisting of financial and personal questions.
11 The questionnaire shall contain questions tailored to assist
12 persons without a bank account or those who have poor access
13 to financial and banking services or who do not have an
14 established credit history. The computerized identity
15 authentication process and questionnaire may be completed and
16 submitted online, in person, or via telephone by the applicant
17 or a person authorized by the applicant. The department may
18 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

19 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **239.3 Asset test for supplemental**
20 **nutrition assistance program.**

21 1. For the purposes of determining eligibility for receipt
22 of SNAP benefits, the department shall conduct an asset test
23 on all members of the applicant's household. The allowable
24 financial resources to be included in or excluded from a
25 determination of eligibility for SNAP shall be those specified
26 in 7 U.S.C. §2014(g)(1).

27 2. Prior to determining eligibility for SNAP benefits,
28 the department shall access, at a minimum, for every member
29 of the applicant's household, the following information from
30 the following federal, state, and miscellaneous sources, or
31 successor sources:

32 a. Federal sources and information:

33 (1) Earned and unearned income information maintained by
34 the internal revenue service.

35 (2) The following sources and information maintained by the

1 United States social security administration:

2 (a) Earned income information.

3 (b) Death register information.

4 (c) Prisoner or incarceration status information.

5 (d) Supplemental security income information maintained in
6 the state data exchange database.

7 (e) Beneficiary records and earnings information maintained
8 in the beneficiary and earnings data exchange database.

9 (f) Earnings and pension information maintained in the
10 beneficiary earnings exchange record system database.

11 (3) The following sources and information maintained by the
12 United States department of health and human services:

13 (a) Income and employment information maintained in the
14 national directory of new hires database by the office of child
15 support enforcement of the administration for children and
16 families.

17 (b) Other federal data sources maintained by the office of
18 child support enforcement of the administration for children
19 and families.

20 *b.* State sources and information:

21 (1) The department's sources and information including but
22 not limited to all of the following:

23 (a) Income and employment information maintained by the
24 child support recovery unit.

25 (b) Child care assistance information maintained by the
26 department.

27 (c) Enrollment status in other public assistance programs.

28 (2) The department of workforce development sources and
29 information including all of the following:

30 (a) Employment information.

31 (b) Employer weekly, monthly, and quarterly reports of
32 income and unemployment insurance payments.

33 (3) The Iowa public employees' retirement system for
34 earnings and pension information.

35 *c.* Miscellaneous sources:

1 (1) Any existing real-time database of persons currently
2 receiving benefits in other states, such as the national
3 accuracy clearinghouse.

4 (2) Any databases maintained by the Iowa lottery
5 commission.

6 (3) Any existing real-time eligibility system that includes
7 employment and income information maintained by a consumer
8 reporting agency, as defined by the federal Fair Credit
9 Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681a, for the purpose of obtaining
10 real-time employment and income information.

11 3. Prior to determining eligibility for SNAP benefits, the
12 department shall access information for every member of the
13 applicant's household from the following public records:

14 a. A nationwide public records data source of physical asset
15 ownership. The data source may include but is not limited to
16 real property, automobiles, watercraft, aircraft, and luxury
17 vehicles, or any other vehicle owned by the applicant.

18 b. National and state financial institutions in order
19 to locate undisclosed depository accounts or verify account
20 balances of disclosed accounts.

21 4. The department shall enter into a memorandum of
22 understanding with any department, division, bureau, section,
23 unit, or any other subunit of a department to obtain the
24 information specified in this section.

25 5. The provisions of this section shall not apply if every
26 member of the applicant's household receives supplemental
27 security income.

28 Sec. 4. PROGRAM REPORT. The department of health and human
29 services shall submit a report to the governor and the general
30 assembly by January 15, 2025, and by January 15 annually
31 thereafter through January 15, 2030, detailing the impact of
32 the identity authentication measures taken under this division
33 of this Act.

34 DIVISION II

35 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MEDICAID PROGRAM

1 *a. Death records.* On at least a monthly basis, information
2 from the department including but not limited to death records.

3 *b. Employment information.* On at least a quarterly basis,
4 information from the department of workforce development
5 including but not limited to changes in employment or wages.

6 *c. Residency information.* On at least a monthly basis,
7 information including but not limited to potential changes in
8 residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit
9 transfer transactions.

10 *d. Incarceration information.* On at least a monthly basis,
11 information from the department of corrections.

12 2. *State records — households.* The department shall
13 receive and review all of the following information concerning
14 individuals in households enrolled in the supplemental
15 nutrition assistance program that indicates a change in
16 circumstances that may affect eligibility:

17 *a. Tax information.* On at least a quarterly basis,
18 information from the department of revenue including but not
19 limited to potential changes in income, wages, or residency as
20 identified by tax records.

21 *b. Unemployment information.* On at least a semi-monthly
22 basis, information from the department of workforce development
23 including but not limited to potential changes in employment,
24 income, or assets.

25 3. *Federal records — households.* The department shall
26 cross-check information relating to individuals in households
27 enrolled in the supplemental nutrition assistance program with
28 federal databases including but not limited to all of the
29 following, on at least a monthly basis:

30 *a.* Earned income information, death register information,
31 incarceration records, supplemental security income
32 information, beneficiary records, earnings information, and
33 pension information maintained by the United States social
34 security administration.

35 *b.* Income and employment information maintained in the

1 national directory of new hires database and child support
2 enforcement data maintained by the United States department of
3 health and human services.

4 *c.* Payment and earnings information maintained by the United
5 States department of housing and urban development.

6 *d.* National fleeing felon information maintained by the
7 United States federal bureau of investigation.

8 4. *Rules.* The department may adopt rules pursuant to
9 chapter 17A to administer this section.

10 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 234.12C Cooperation with child support
11 enforcement.

12 An applicant for supplemental nutrition assistance program
13 benefits shall be required to cooperate with the child support
14 recovery unit as a condition of eligibility as specified in 7
15 C.F.R. §273.11(o).

16 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 234.12D Required employment
17 and training for supplemental nutrition assistance program
18 eligibility.

19 The department shall not exercise the state option to
20 provide any exemptions from the employment and training
21 requirements as specified in 7 U.S.C. §2015(o)(6)(E).

22 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 249A.58 Ensuring integrity in the
23 medical assistance program — recipient and applicant information
24 reviewed — rules.

25 1. *State records — recipients.* The department shall
26 receive and review all of the following information concerning
27 recipients that indicates a change in circumstances that may
28 affect eligibility:

29 *a. Death records.* On at least a monthly basis, information
30 from the department including but not limited to death records.

31 *b. Employment information.* On at least a quarterly basis,
32 information from the department of workforce development
33 including but not limited to changes in employment or wages.

34 *c. Residency information.* On at least a monthly basis,
35 information including but not limited to potential changes in

1 residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit
2 transfer transactions.

3 *d. Tax records.* On at least a quarterly basis, information
4 from the department of revenue including but not limited to
5 potential changes in income, wages, or residency as identified
6 by tax records.

7 *e. Unemployment information.* On at least a semi-monthly
8 basis, information from the department of workforce development
9 including but not limited to potential changes in employment,
10 income, or assets.

11 *2. Federal records — recipients.* The department shall
12 cross-check information relating to recipients with federal
13 databases including but not limited to all of the following, on
14 at least a monthly basis:

15 *a.* Earned income information, death register information,
16 incarceration records, supplemental security income
17 information, beneficiary records, earnings information, and
18 pension information maintained by the United States social
19 security administration.

20 *b.* Income and employment information maintained by the
21 national directory of new hires database and child support
22 enforcement data maintained by the United States department of
23 health and human services.

24 *c.* Payment and earnings information maintained by the United
25 States department of housing and urban development.

26 *d.* National fleeing felon information maintained by the
27 United States federal bureau of investigation.

28 *3. Real-time record review — applicants.* Prior to
29 determining the eligibility of an applicant for Medicaid, the
30 department shall access information for every member of the
31 applicant's household from the data sources specified in this
32 section and shall conduct a review of nationwide public records
33 data sources of physical asset ownership. The nationwide
34 public records data sources may include but are not limited to
35 records of real property and automobiles, watercraft, aircraft,

1 luxury vehicles, and any other vehicles owned by the applicant.

2 4. *Residency information — applicants.* Prior to determining
3 the eligibility of an applicant for Medicaid, the department
4 shall require proof of residency from the applicant.

5 5. *Rules.* The department may adopt rules pursuant to
6 chapter 17A to administer this section.

7 Sec. 12. MEDICAID PROGRAM WAIVER FROM USE OF AUTOMATIC
8 RENEWAL AND PREPOPULATED FORMS. The department of health
9 and human services shall request a Medicaid section 1115
10 demonstration waiver from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid
11 services of the United States department of health and human
12 services to enable the department to suspend the requirements
13 to use prepopulated eligibility renewal forms and to renew
14 eligibility automatically based on available information.

15 DIVISION III

16 IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN — REENROLLMENT

17 Sec. 13. IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN — MEMBER
18 REENROLLMENT FOLLOWING TERMINATION FOR NONPAYMENT OF MONTHLY
19 CONTRIBUTIONS. The department of health and human services
20 shall seek approval of an amendment to the section 1115
21 demonstration waiver for the Iowa health and wellness plan from
22 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
23 States department of health and human services to provide the
24 following:

25 1. An Iowa health and wellness plan member who is not
26 otherwise exempt from payment of a monthly contribution, who
27 is subject to payment of a monthly contribution as the result
28 of failure to complete required healthy behaviors, and whose
29 eligibility for the program is terminated due to nonpayment
30 of monthly contributions, shall be allowed to subsequently
31 reenroll in the program without first paying any outstanding
32 monthly contributions, if the member has not been terminated
33 from the program previously for nonpayment of monthly
34 contributions.

35 2. Following an initial termination from the Iowa health

1 and wellness plan pursuant to subsection 1, if an Iowa health
2 and wellness plan member is subsequently terminated from the
3 program pursuant to subsection 1 for nonpayment of monthly
4 contributions, the member shall be subject to payment of any
5 outstanding monthly contributions accrued since the subsequent
6 termination not to exceed the aggregate annual copayment and
7 monthly contribution limits prior to reenrollment in the
8 program.

9 3. This section shall not apply to an Iowa health and
10 wellness plan member who is deemed to be in substantial
11 compliance with the healthy behaviors requirement to complete a
12 wellness examination by providing proof of a scheduled wellness
13 examination appointment, if the appointment is scheduled
14 no later than ninety days beyond the end of the applicable
15 enrollment period.

16 DIVISION IV

17 MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUEST — IOWA HEALTH AND
18 WELLNESS PLAN

19 Sec. 14. MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUEST — COMMUNITY
20 ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR IOWA HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN
21 MEMBERS.

22 1. The department of health and human services shall submit
23 a request by July 1, 2023, and annually by July 1 thereafter
24 until federal approval is received from the centers for
25 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
26 of health and human services, for a section 1115 demonstration
27 waiver to require that as a condition of eligibility, Iowa
28 health and wellness plan members participate in community
29 engagement activities.

30 2. The waiver request submitted by the department shall
31 require that, unless an individual is exempt pursuant to
32 subsection 3, as a condition of eligibility for the Iowa health
33 and wellness plan, a recipient shall do one of the following:

34 a. Work twenty hours or more per week, averaged on a monthly
35 basis.

1 b. Participate in and comply with the requirements of a work
2 program for twenty hours or more per week, as determined by the
3 department.

4 c. Volunteer twenty hours or more per week, as determined
5 by the department.

6 d. Meet a combination of work and work program participation
7 requirements for a total of twenty hours or more per week, as
8 determined by the department.

9 e. Participate in and comply with the PROMISE JOBS program
10 pursuant to chapter 239B.

11 3. The following individuals shall be exempt from the
12 requirements specified in subsection 2:

13 a. An individual medically certified as physically or
14 mentally unfit for employment.

15 b. A woman who is pregnant.

16 c. A parent or caretaker responsible for the care of a
17 dependent child under one year of age.

18 d. A parent or caretaker personally providing the care for a
19 dependent child with a serious medical condition or disability,
20 as determined by the department.

21 e. An individual receiving unemployment compensation and
22 complying with work requirements of the federal or state
23 unemployment compensation system.

24 f. An individual participating in a substance use disorder
25 treatment and rehabilitation program.

26 4. The department shall implement the Medicaid waiver upon
27 receipt of federal approval and shall adopt rules pursuant to
28 chapter 17A to administer the waiver provisions.

29 DIVISION V

30 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — ELIGIBLE FOODS

31 Sec. 15. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM —
32 ELIGIBLE FOODS.

33 1. The department of health and human services shall
34 request a waiver from the food and nutrition service of the
35 United States department of agriculture to provide that, for

1 the purposes of state administration of the supplemental
2 nutrition assistance program, eligible foods as defined in 7
3 C.F.R. §271.2 include only those items defined as supplemental
4 foods in 7 C.F.R. §246.2 as specified in the most current Iowa
5 special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and
6 children approved foods list.

7 2. The department of health and human services shall
8 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver.

9 Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
10 — DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS PROGRAM — SUPPLEMENTAL
11 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of
12 the state to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June
14 30, 2024, in addition to any other funding appropriated for
15 such purpose for the same fiscal year, the following amount,
16 or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
17 designated:

18 To provide grants to support the double up food bucks
19 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative
20 to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets,
21 grocery stores, and other participating locations accessible
22 to individuals and families who reside in this state and
23 receive assistance through the federal supplemental nutrition
24 assistance program:

25 \$ 1,000,000

26 A grant recipient that receives funding pursuant to this
27 section shall provide at least a dollar-for-dollar match of the
28 grant assistance.

29 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated under this
30 section shall not revert at the close of the fiscal year, but
31 shall remain available for the purposes designated.

32 Sec. 17. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. The following takes
33 effect on the date the department of health and human services
34 receives federal approval of the waiver request relating to
35 supplemental nutrition assistance program eligible foods as

1 specified under this division of this Act, if the waiver is
2 approved:

3 The section of this division of this Act making a
4 supplemental appropriation to the department of agriculture
5 and land stewardship to provide grants to support the double
6 up food bucks program.

7 DIVISION VI

8 IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS

9 Sec. 18. IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS.

10 1. The department of health and human services shall request
11 federal approval including for any state plan amendment or
12 waiver necessary to administer this Act.

13 2. If the department of health and human services determines
14 that any provision of this Act would result in the denial
15 of funds or services from the federal government that would
16 otherwise be available or would be inconsistent with the
17 requirements of federal law or regulation, such provision shall
18 be suspended, but only to the extent necessary to eliminate the
19 inconsistency with federal requirements.

20 3. Unless otherwise provided in a division of this Act, the
21 department of health and human services shall implement the
22 provisions of this Act in an incremental fashion, beginning
23 July 1, 2023, with a goal of full implementation no later
24 than June 30, 2025, to minimize duplication of efforts and to
25 maximize coordination with the implementation time frames of
26 other departmental resource enhancements.

27 4. The provisions of this Act requiring federal approval
28 shall be implemented upon receipt of federal approval.

29 5. The provisions of this Act not requiring federal approval
30 shall be implemented as specified in this Act, or if not
31 specified in this Act, no later than June 30, 2025.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill relates to various public assistance programs.

1 DIVISION I. This division requires that prior to the
2 department of health and human services (HHS) awarding public
3 assistance benefits to an applicant, the applicant shall
4 complete a computerized identity authentication process to
5 confirm the identity of the applicant through the use of a
6 knowledge-based questionnaire consisting of financial and
7 personal questions tailored to assist persons without a bank
8 account or those who have poor access to financial and banking
9 services or who do not have an established credit history.
10 The identity authentication process and questionnaire may be
11 submitted online, in person, or via telephone by the applicant
12 or a person authorized by the applicant. The bill also
13 requires HHS to conduct an asset test on all members of the
14 household of an applicant for supplemental nutrition assistance
15 program (SNAP) benefits. The bill specifies the minimum
16 information, federal, state, and other data sources, and public
17 records that HHS must access prior to determining eligibility
18 for an applicant's SNAP benefits. The bill requires HHS to
19 enter into a memorandum of understanding with any department or
20 subunit of a department to obtain the information specified.
21 The bill's provisions do not apply if every member of the
22 applicant's household receives supplemental security income.
23 The bill authorizes HHS to adopt administrative rules to
24 administer the bill and requires HHS to submit an annual report
25 to the governor and the general assembly to assess the impact
26 of the bill.

27 DIVISION II. This division relates to SNAP and Medicaid
28 program integrity by requiring HHS to, within specified time
29 frames, receive and review state and federal information
30 from various entities concerning individuals or individuals
31 in households enrolled in the SNAP or the Medicaid program
32 that indicates a change in circumstances that may affect
33 eligibility. The information relates to death, employment,
34 residency, incarceration, tax, and unemployment information
35 and involves the provision of such information to HHS by the

1 departments of workforce development, corrections, and revenue,
2 and information identified by out-of-state electronic benefit
3 transfer transactions. Additionally, the bill requires HHS to,
4 on at least a monthly basis, cross-check information relating
5 to individuals in households enrolled in SNAP or the Medicaid
6 program, as applicable, with specified federal databases
7 maintained by the United States social security administration,
8 the United States department of health and human services, the
9 United States department of housing and urban development, and
10 the United States federal bureau of investigation. With regard
11 to the Medicaid program only, the bill also requires that prior
12 to determining eligibility for the Medicaid program, HHS shall
13 access information for every member of an applicant's household
14 from the data sources outlined in the bill and conduct a review
15 of nationwide public records data sources of physical asset
16 ownership. The data sources may include but are not limited to
17 records of real property and automobiles, watercraft, aircraft,
18 luxury vehicles, and any other vehicles owned by the applicant.
19 An applicant for Medicaid must also provide proof of residency.
20 The bill also requires an applicant for SNAP benefits to
21 cooperate with the child support recovery unit as a condition
22 of eligibility as specified under federal law.

23 The bill also directs HHS to request federal approval
24 for a Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver to suspend
25 requirements to use prepopulated eligibility renewal forms
26 and to renew eligibility automatically based on available
27 information.

28 DIVISION III. This division requires HHS to seek federal
29 approval of an amendment to the section 1115 demonstration
30 waiver for the Iowa health and wellness plan to provide both
31 of the following: (1) that an Iowa health and wellness
32 plan member who is not otherwise exempt from payment of a
33 monthly contribution, who is subject to payment of a monthly
34 contribution as the result of failure to complete required
35 healthy behaviors, and whose eligibility for the program is

1 terminated due to nonpayment of monthly contributions shall be
2 allowed to subsequently reenroll in the program without first
3 paying any outstanding monthly contributions, if the member has
4 not been terminated from the program previously for nonpayment
5 of monthly contributions, and (2) following an initial
6 termination from the Iowa health and wellness plan, if an Iowa
7 health and wellness plan member is subsequently terminated
8 from the program for nonpayment of monthly contributions, the
9 member shall be subject to payment of any outstanding monthly
10 contributions accrued since the subsequent termination and not
11 to exceed program limits prior to reenrollment in the program.
12 The bill does not apply to an Iowa health and wellness plan
13 member who is deemed to be in substantial compliance with the
14 requirement to complete a wellness examination by providing
15 proof of a scheduled examination appointment if the appointment
16 is scheduled no later than 90 days beyond the end of the
17 applicable enrollment period.

18 DIVISION IV. This division requires HHS to submit a request
19 for federal approval by July 1, 2023, and annually by July 1,
20 thereafter until federal approval is received, for a waiver
21 to require that as a condition of eligibility, Iowa health
22 and wellness plan members participate in community engagement
23 activities. The bill specifies the types of community
24 engagement activities to be required under the waiver submitted
25 and provides exceptions to required participation in community
26 engagement activities. The bill directs HHS to implement
27 the waiver upon receipt of federal approval and to adopt
28 administrative rules to administer the waiver provisions.

29 DIVISION V. This division requires HHS to request a waiver
30 from the United States department of agriculture, food and
31 nutrition service, to provide that the eligible foods under
32 the state administration of SNAP only include those items
33 defined as supplemental foods in the most current Iowa special
34 supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children
35 (WIC) approved food list. The department is directed to

1 implement the waiver upon receipt of approval of the waiver.

2 The division also relates to the double up food bucks
3 program by making a supplemental appropriation from the general
4 fund of the state to the department of agriculture and land
5 stewardship for fiscal year 2023-2024, in addition to any other
6 funding appropriated for such purpose for the same fiscal
7 year, to provide grants to support the double up food bucks
8 program administered by the Iowa healthiest state initiative
9 to make fresh fruits and vegetables sold at farmers markets,
10 grocery stores, and other participating locations accessible to
11 individuals and families who reside in this state and receive
12 assistance through SNAP. The division requires a double
13 up food bucks program grant recipient to provide at least
14 a dollar-for-dollar match of the grant assistance. Moneys
15 appropriated under the division do not revert at the close of
16 the fiscal year but remain available for the purposes of the
17 double up food bucks program.

18 The supplemental appropriation for the double up food bucks
19 program takes effect on the date HHS receives federal approval
20 of the SNAP waiver, if the waiver is approved.

21 DIVISION VI. This division provides implementation
22 provisions for the bill. The bill requires HHS to request
23 federal approval including for any state plan amendment or
24 waiver necessary to administer the bill. If HHS determines
25 that any provision of the bill would result in the denial
26 of funds or services from the federal government that would
27 otherwise be available or would be inconsistent with the
28 requirements of federal law or regulation, such provision shall
29 be suspended, but only to the extent necessary to eliminate
30 the inconsistency with federal requirements. Unless otherwise
31 provided in a division of the bill, HHS shall implement the
32 provisions of the bill in an incremental fashion, beginning
33 July 1, 2023, with a goal of full implementation no later
34 than June 30, 2025, to minimize duplication of efforts and to
35 maximize coordination with the implementation time frames of

1 other departmental resource enhancements. The provisions of
2 the bill requiring federal approval shall be implemented upon
3 receipt of federal approval. The provisions of the bill not
4 requiring federal approval shall be implemented as specified in
5 the bill, and if it not specified in the bill, then not later
6 than June 30, 2025.