

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of section 10002, add the following:

1 (c) GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION FOR SUMMER
2 CHILDCARE HARDSHIP.—Section 6(o) of the Food and
3 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(8) GOOD CAUSE EXEMPTION FOR SUMMER
6 CHILDCARE HARDSHIP.—

7 “(A) In determining whether an individual
8 has good cause for failure to comply with the
9 work requirements under this section, the State
10 agency may consider as good cause the inability
11 of a single parent or primary caregiver to ob-
12 tain or afford adequate childcare for a depend-
13 ent child between the ages of 7 and 18 during
14 the summer months when school is not in ses-
15 sion.

16 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the
17 term ‘adequate childcare’ means care that is
18 necessary for the individual to attend and par-
19 ticipate in work, training, or education activi-
20 ties, and that is—

1 “(i) reasonably accessible given the in-
2 dividual’s location and schedule; and

3 “(ii) within financial reach of the
4 household, as determined by the State
5 agency using criteria approved by the Sec-
6 retary.

7 “(C) State agencies shall not impose a
8 penalty or sanction under this section for any
9 month in which such good cause is determined
10 to exist.”.

