

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

**1 SEC. 283. NATIONAL STUDY OF FEDERAL PROGRAM ACCESS**  
**2 FOR JOB-SEEKERS.**

**3** Section 169(b)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and  
**4** Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3224(b)(4)) is amended—

**5** (1) by redesignating subparagraph (K) as sub-  
**6** paragraph (L); and

**7** (2) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-  
**8** lowing:

**9** “(K) The Secretary of Labor shall conduct  
**10** a study on Federal, State, and local efforts to  
**11** improve accessibility of Federal programs for  
**12** eligible job seekers. Such study shall include an  
**13** analysis of the following:

**14** “(i) Past and current efforts in the  
**15** United States, including at the State and  
**16** local level, to improve accessibility of pro-  
**17** grams through benefit interoperability and  
**18** categorical eligibility initiatives, including

1 with respect to the following kinds of bene-  
2 fits: job training, tuition assistance, nutri-  
3 tion, housing, heating and energy, transit,  
4 transportation, and healthcare.

5 “(ii) The connection between a job-  
6 seekers’ access to such programs and their  
7 short and long-term economic self-suffi-  
8 ciency.

9 “(iii) Information on which kinds of  
10 benefits most quickly lead to increased eco-  
11 nomic self-sufficiency for jobseekers.

12 “(iv) Challenges in existing programs  
13 for jobseekers to attain economic self-suffi-  
14 ciency, including the impact of a reduction  
15 in benefits before economic self-sufficiency  
16 is attained.

17 “(v) Recommendations on improving  
18 Federal programs to better ensure job-  
19 seekers attain economic self-sufficiency.”.

