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

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

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

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (K) as subparagraph (L); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the following:

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

“(i) Past and current efforts in the United States, including at the State and local level, to improve accessibility of programs through benefit interoperability and categorical eligibility initiatives, including
with respect to the following kinds of benefits: job training, tuition assistance, nutrition, housing, heating and energy, transit, transportation, and healthcare.

“(ii) The connection between a jobseekers’ access to such programs and their short and long-term economic self-sufficiency.

“(iii) Information on which kinds of benefits most quickly lead to increased economic self-sufficiency for jobseekers.

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

“(v) Recommendations on improving Federal programs to better ensure jobseekers attain economic self-sufficiency.”.