

1 (II) in subclause (III) (as so re-
2 designated), by striking “through
3 (III)” and inserting “and (II)”; and
4 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “waiver
5 amount or”;
6 (B) in subparagraph (E)(i), by striking
7 “(D)(i)(III)” and inserting “(D)(i)(II)”; and
8 (C) in subparagraph (F), by striking
9 “(D)(i)(II)” each place it appears and inserting
10 “(D)(i)(I)”.

11 **SEC. 4021. PERFORMANCE BONUS PAYMENTS.**

12 Section 16(d) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
13 (7 U.S.C. 2025(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(5) USE OF PERFORMANCE BONUS PAY-
16 MENTS.—A State agency may use a performance
17 bonus payment received under this subsection only
18 to carry out the program established under this Act,
19 including investments in—
20 “(A) technology;
21 “(B) improvements in administration and
22 distribution; and
23 “(C) actions to prevent fraud, waste, and
24 abuse.”.

1 **SEC. 4022. PILOT PROJECTS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCY AND**
2 **INCREASE WORK REQUIREMENTS AND WORK**
3 **EFFORT UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION**
4 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 16(h) of the Food and
6 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

9 (i) by striking “15 months” and in-
10 sserting “24 months”; and

11 (ii) by striking “, except that for fiscal
12 year 2013 and fiscal year 2014, the
13 amount shall be \$79,000,000”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

15 (i) by striking “If a State” and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If a State”; and

18 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(ii) TIMING.—The Secretary shall
21 collect such information as the Secretary
22 determines to be necessary about the ex-
23 penditures and anticipated expenditures by
24 the State agencies of the funds initially al-
25 located to the State agencies under sub-
26 paragraph (A) to make reallocations of un-

1 expended funds under clause (i) within a
2 timeframe that allows each State agency to
3 which funds are reallocated at least 270
4 days to expend the reallocated funds.

5 “(iii) OPPORTUNITY.—The Secretary
6 shall ensure that all State agencies have an
7 opportunity to obtain reallocated funds.”;
8 and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(F) PILOT PROJECTS TO REDUCE DE-
11 PENDENCY AND INCREASE WORK REQUIRE-
12 MENTS AND WORK EFFORT UNDER SUPPLE-
13 MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

14 “(i) PILOT PROJECTS REQUIRED.—

15 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
16 retary shall carry out pilot projects
17 under which State agencies shall enter
18 into cooperative agreements with the
19 Secretary to develop and test meth-
20 ods, including operating work pro-
21 grams with certain features com-
22 parable to the program of block
23 grants to States for temporary assist-
24 ance for needy families established
25 under part A of title IV of the Social

1 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.),
2 for employment and training pro-
3 grams and services to raise the num-
4 ber of work registrants under section
5 6(d) of this Act who obtain unsub-
6 sidized employment, increase the
7 earned income of the registrants, and
8 reduce the reliance of the registrants
9 on public assistance, so as to reduce
10 the need for supplemental nutrition
11 assistance benefits.

12 “(II) REQUIREMENTS.—Pilot
13 projects shall—

14 “(aa) meet such terms and
15 conditions as the Secretary con-
16 siders to be appropriate; and

17 “(bb) except as otherwise
18 provided in this subparagraph, be
19 in accordance with the require-
20 ments of sections 6(d) and 20.

21 “(ii) SELECTION CRITERIA.—

22 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
23 retary shall select pilot projects under
24 this subparagraph in accordance with
25 the criteria established under this

1 clause and additional criteria estab-
2 lished by the Secretary.

3 “(II) QUALIFYING CRITERIA.—
4 To be eligible to participate in a pilot
5 project, a State agency shall—

6 “(aa) agree to participate in
7 the evaluation described in clause
8 (vii), including providing evidence
9 that the State has a robust data
10 collection system for program ad-
11 ministration and cooperating to
12 make available State data on the
13 employment activities and post-
14 participation employment, earn-
15 ings, and public benefit receipt of
16 participants to ensure proper and
17 timely evaluation;

18 “(bb) commit to collaborate
19 with the State workforce board
20 and other job training programs
21 in the State and local area; and

22 “(cc) commit to maintain at
23 least the amount of State fund-
24 ing for employment and training
25 programs and services under

1 paragraphs (2) and (3) and
2 under section 20 as the State ex-
3 pended for fiscal year 2013.

4 “(III) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In
5 selecting pilot projects, the Secretary
6 shall—

7 “(aa) consider the degree to
8 which the pilot project would en-
9 hance existing employment and
10 training programs in the State;

11 “(bb) consider the degree to
12 which the pilot project would en-
13 hance the employment and earn-
14 ings of program participants;

15 “(cc) consider whether there
16 is evidence that the pilot project
17 could be replicated easily by
18 other States or political subdivi-
19 sions;

20 “(dd) consider whether the
21 State agency has a demonstrated
22 capacity to operate high quality
23 employment and training pro-
24 grams; and

1 “(ee) ensure the pilot
2 projects, when considered as a
3 group, test a range of strategies,
4 including strategies that—

5 “(AA) target individ-
6 uals with low skills or lim-
7 ited work experience, indi-
8 viduals subject to the re-
9 quirements under section
10 6(o), and individuals who
11 are working;

12 “(BB) are located in a
13 range of geographic areas
14 and States, including rural
15 and urban areas;

16 “(CC) emphasize edu-
17 cation and training, rehabili-
18 tative services for individuals
19 with barriers to employment,
20 rapid attachment to employ-
21 ment, and mixed strategies;
22 and

23 “(DD) test programs
24 that assign work registrants
25 to mandatory and voluntary

1 participation in employment
2 and training activities.

3 “(iii) ACCOUNTABILITY .—

4 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
5 retary shall establish and implement a
6 process to terminate a pilot project
7 for which the State has failed to meet
8 the criteria described in clause (ii) or
9 other criteria established by the Sec-
10 retary.

11 “(II) TIMING.—The process shall
12 include a reasonable time period, not
13 to exceed 180 days, for State agencies
14 found noncompliant to correct the
15 noncompliance.

16 “(iv) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
17 ACTIVITIES.—Allowable programs and
18 services carried out under this subpara-
19 graph shall include those programs and
20 services authorized under this Act and em-
21 ployment and training activities authorized
22 under the program of block grants to
23 States for temporary assistance for needy
24 families established under part A of title

1 IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
2 601 et seq.), including:

3 “(I) Employment in the public or
4 private sector that is not subsidized
5 by any public program.

6 “(II) Employment in the private
7 sector for which the employer receives
8 a subsidy from public funds to offset
9 all or a part of the wages and costs of
10 employing an adult.

11 “(III) Employment in the public
12 sector for which the employer receives
13 a subsidy from public funds to offset
14 all or a part of the wages and costs of
15 employing an adult.

16 “(IV) A work activity that—
17 “(aa) is performed in return
18 for public benefits;

19 “(bb) provides an adult with
20 an opportunity to acquire the
21 general skills, knowledge, and
22 work habits necessary to obtain
23 employment;

24 “(cc) is designed to improve
25 the employability of those who

1 cannot find unsubsidized employ-
2 ment; and

3 “(dd) is supervised by an
4 employer, work site sponsor, or
5 other responsible party on an on-
6 going basis.

7 “(V) Training in the public or
8 private sector that—

9 “(aa) is given to a paid em-
10 ployee while the employee is en-
11 gaged in productive work; and

12 “(bb) provides knowledge
13 and skills essential to the full and
14 adequate performance of the job.

15 “(VI) Job search, obtaining em-
16 ployment, or preparation to seek or
17 obtain employment, including—

18 “(aa) life skills training;

19 “(bb) substance abuse treat-
20 ment or mental health treatment,
21 determined to be necessary and
22 documented by a qualified med-
23 ical, substance abuse, or mental
24 health professional; and

1 “(cc) rehabilitation activi-
2 ties, supervised by a public agen-
3 cy or other responsible party on
4 an ongoing basis.

5 “(VII) Structured programs and
6 embedded activities—

7 “(aa) in which adults per-
8 form work for the direct benefit
9 of the community under the aus-
10 pices of public or nonprofit orga-
11 nizations;

12 “(bb) that are limited to
13 projects that serve useful commu-
14 nity purposes in fields such as
15 health, social service, environ-
16 mental protection, education,
17 urban and rural redevelopment,
18 welfare, recreation, public facili-
19 ties, public safety, and child care;

20 “(cc) that are designed to
21 improve the employability of
22 adults not otherwise able to ob-
23 tain unsubsidized employment;

24 “(dd) that are supervised on
25 an ongoing basis; and

1 “(ee) with respect to which
2 a State agency takes into ac-
3 count, to the maximum extent
4 practicable, the prior training,
5 experience, and skills of a recipi-
6 ent in making appropriate com-
7 munity service assignments.

8 “(VIII) Career and technical
9 training programs that are—

10 “(aa) directly related to the
11 preparation of adults for employ-
12 ment in current or emerging oc-
13 cupations; and

14 “(bb) supervised on an on-
15 going basis.

16 “(IX) Training or education for
17 job skills that are—

18 “(aa) required by an em-
19 ployer to provide an adult with
20 the ability to obtain employment
21 or to advance or adapt to the
22 changing demands of the work-
23 place; and

24 “(bb) supervised on an on-
25 going basis.

1 “(X) Education that is—

2 “(aa) related to a specific
3 occupation, job, or job offer; and

4 “(bb) supervised on an on-
5 going basis.

6 “(XI) In the case of an adult
7 who has not completed secondary
8 school or received a certificate of gen-
9 eral equivalence, regular attendance
10 that is—

11 “(aa) in accordance with the
12 requirements of the secondary
13 school or course of study, at a
14 secondary school or in a course of
15 study leading to a certificate of
16 general equivalence; and

17 “(bb) supervised on an on-
18 going basis.

19 “(XII) Providing child care to
20 enable another recipient of public ben-
21 efits to participate in a community
22 service program that—

23 “(aa) does not provide com-
24 pensation for the community
25 service;

1 “(bb) is a structured pro-
2 gram designed to improve the
3 employability of adults who par-
4 ticipate in the program; and

5 “(cc) is supervised on an on-
6 going basis.

7 “(v) SANCTIONS.—Subject to clause
8 (vi), no work registrant shall be eligible to
9 participate in the supplemental nutrition
10 assistance program if the individual re-
11 fuses without good cause to participate in
12 an employment and training program
13 under this subparagraph, to the extent re-
14 quired by the State agency.

15 “(vi) STANDARDS.—

16 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Employment
17 and training activities under this sub-
18 paragraph shall be considered to be
19 carried out under section 6(d), includ-
20 ing for the purpose of satisfying any
21 conditions of participation and dura-
22 tion of ineligibility.

23 “(II) STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN
24 EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.—The Sec-
25 retary shall establish standards for

1 employment activities described in
2 subclauses (I), (II), and (III) of
3 clause (iv) that ensure that failure to
4 work for reasons beyond the control of
5 an individual, such as involuntary re-
6 duction in hours of employment, shall
7 not result in ineligibility.

8 “(III) PARTICIPATION IN OTHER
9 PROGRAMS.—Before assigning a work
10 registrant to mandatory employment
11 and training activities, a State agency
12 shall—

13 “(aa) assess whether the
14 work registrant is participating
15 in substantial employment and
16 training activities outside of the
17 pilot project that are expected to
18 result in the work registrant
19 gaining increased skills, training,
20 work, or experience consistent
21 with the objectives of the pilot
22 project; and

23 “(bb) if determined to be ac-
24 ceptable, count hours engaged in

1 the activities toward any min-
2 imum participation requirement.

3 “(vii) EVALUATION AND REPORT-
4 ING.—

5 “(I) INDEPENDENT EVALUA-
6 TION.—

7 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
8 Secretary shall, under such terms
9 and conditions as the Secretary
10 determines to be appropriate,
11 conduct for each State agency
12 that enters into a cooperative
13 agreement under clause (i) an
14 independent longitudinal evalua-
15 tion of each pilot project of the
16 State agency under this subpara-
17 graph, with results reported not
18 less frequently than in consecu-
19 tive 12-month increments.

20 “(bb) PURPOSE.—The pur-
21 pose of the independent evalua-
22 tion shall be to measure the im-
23 pact of employment and training
24 programs and services provided
25 by each State agency under the

1 pilot projects on the ability of
2 adults in each pilot project target
3 population to find and retain em-
4 ployment that leads to increased
5 household income and reduced
6 reliance on public assistance, as
7 well as other measures of house-
8 hold well-being, compared to
9 what would have occurred in the
10 absence of the pilot project.

11 “(cc) METHODOLOGY.—The
12 independent evaluation shall use
13 valid statistical methods that can
14 determine, for each pilot project,
15 the difference, if any, between
16 supplemental nutrition assistance
17 and other public benefit receipt
18 expenditures, employment, earn-
19 ings and other impacts as deter-
20 mined by the Secretary—

21 “(AA) as a result of the
22 employment and training
23 programs and services pro-
24 vided by the State agency

1 under the pilot project; as
2 compared to

3 “(BB) a control group
4 that is not subject to the
5 employment and training
6 programs and services pro-
7 vided by the State agency
8 under the pilot project.

9 “(II) REPORTING.—Not later
10 than December 31, 2015, and each
11 December 31 thereafter until the com-
12 pletion of the last evaluation under
13 subclause (I), the Secretary shall sub-
14 mit to the Committee on Agriculture
15 of the House of Representatives and
16 the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
17 tion, and Forestry of the Senate and
18 share broadly, including by posting on
19 the Internet website of the Depart-
20 ment of Agriculture, a report that in-
21 cludes a description of—

22 “(aa) the status of each
23 pilot project carried out under
24 this subparagraph;

1 “(bb) the results of the eval-
2 uation completed during the pre-
3 vious fiscal year;

4 “(cc) to the maximum ex-
5 tent practicable, baseline infor-
6 mation relevant to the stated
7 goals and desired outcomes of the
8 pilot project;

9 “(dd) the employment and
10 training programs and services
11 each State tested under the pilot,
12 including—

13 “(AA) the system of the
14 State for assessing the abil-
15 ity of work registrants to
16 participate in and meet the
17 requirements of employment
18 and training activities and
19 assigning work registrants
20 to appropriate activities; and

21 “(BB) the employment
22 and training activities and
23 services provided under the
24 pilot;

1 “(ee) the impact of the em-
2 ployment and training programs
3 and services on appropriate em-
4 ployment, income, and public
5 benefit receipt as well as other
6 outcomes among households par-
7 ticipating in the pilot project, rel-
8 ative to households not partici-
9 pating; and

10 “(ff) the steps and funding
11 necessary to incorporate into
12 State employment and training
13 programs and services the com-
14 ponents of the pilot projects that
15 demonstrate increased employ-
16 ment and earnings.

17 “(viii) FUNDING.—

18 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to
19 subclause (II), from amounts made
20 available under section 18(a)(1), the
21 Secretary shall use to carry out this
22 subparagraph—

23 “(aa) for fiscal year 2014,
24 \$10,000,000; and

1 “(bb) for fiscal year 2015,
2 \$190,000,000.

3 “(II) LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
5 Secretary shall not fund more
6 than 10 pilot projects under this
7 subparagraph.

8 “(bb) DURATION.—Each
9 pilot project shall be in effect for
10 not more than 3 years.

11 “(III) AVAILABILITY OF
12 FUNDS.—Funds made available under
13 subclause (I) shall remain available
14 through September 30, 2018.

15 “(ix) USE OF FUNDS.—

16 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Funds made
17 available under this subparagraph for
18 pilot projects shall be used only for—

19 “(aa) pilot projects that
20 comply with this Act;

21 “(bb) the program and ad-
22 ministrative costs of carrying out
23 the pilot projects;

24 “(cc) the costs incurred in
25 developing systems and providing

1 information and data for the
2 independent evaluations under
3 clause (vii); and

4 “(dd) the costs of the eval-
5 uations under clause (vii).

6 “(II) MAINTENANCE OF EF-
7 FORT.—Funds made available under
8 this subparagraph shall be used only
9 to supplement, not to supplant, non-
10 Federal funds used for existing em-
11 ployment and training activities or
12 services.

13 “(III) OTHER FUNDS.—In car-
14 rying out pilot projects, States may
15 contribute additional funds obtained
16 from other sources, including Federal,
17 State, or private funds, on the condi-
18 tion that the use of the contributions
19 is permissible under Federal law.”;
20 and

21 (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
22 following:

23 “(5) MONITORING.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
25 monitor the employment and training programs

1 carried out by State agencies under section
2 6(d)(4) and assess the effectiveness of the pro-
3 grams in—

4 “(i) preparing members of households
5 participating in the supplemental nutrition
6 assistance program for employment, in-
7 cluding the acquisition of basic skills nec-
8 essary for employment; and

9 “(ii) increasing the number of house-
10 hold members who obtain and retain em-
11 ployment subsequent to participation in
12 the employment and training programs.

13 “(B) REPORTING MEASURES.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in
15 consultation with the Secretary of Labor,
16 shall develop State reporting measures that
17 identify improvements in the skills, train-
18 ing, education, or work experience of mem-
19 bers of households participating in the sup-
20 plemental nutrition assistance program.

21 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Measures
22 shall—

23 “(I) be based on common meas-
24 ures of performance for Federal work-
25 force training programs; and

1 “(II) include additional indicators
2 that reflect the challenges facing the
3 types of members of households par-
4 ticipating in the supplemental nutri-
5 tion assistance program who partici-
6 pate in a specific employment and
7 training component.

8 “(iii) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—The
9 Secretary shall require that each State em-
10 ployment and training plan submitted
11 under section 11(e)(19) identifies appro-
12 priate reporting measures for each pro-
13 posed component that serves a threshold
14 number of participants determined by the
15 Secretary of at least 100 people a year.

16 “(iv) INCLUSIONS.—Reporting meas-
17 ures described in clause (iii) may include—

18 “(I) the percentage and number
19 of program participants who received
20 employment and training services and
21 are in unsubsidized employment sub-
22 sequent to the receipt of those serv-
23 ices;

24 “(II) the percentage and number
25 of program participants who obtain a

1 recognized credential, including a reg-
2 istered apprenticeship, or a regular
3 secondary school diploma or its recog-
4 nized equivalent, while participating
5 in, or within 1 year after receiving,
6 employment and training services;

7 “(III) the percentage and num-
8 ber of program participants who are
9 in an education or training program
10 that is intended to lead to a recog-
11 nized credential, including a registered
12 apprenticeship or on-the-job training
13 program, a regular secondary school
14 diploma or its recognized equivalent,
15 or unsubsidized employment;

16 “(IV) subject to terms and condi-
17 tions established by the Secretary,
18 measures developed by each State
19 agency to assess the skills acquisition
20 of employment and training program
21 participants that reflect the goals of
22 the specific employment and training
23 program components of the State
24 agency, which may include, at a min-
25 imum—

1 “(aa) the percentage and
2 number of program participants
3 who are meeting program re-
4 quirements in each component of
5 the education and training pro-
6 gram of the State agency;

7 “(bb) the percentage and
8 number of program participants
9 who are gaining skills likely to
10 lead to employment as measured
11 through testing, quantitative or
12 qualitative assessment, or other
13 method; and

14 “(cc) the percentage and
15 number of program participants
16 who do not comply with employ-
17 ment and training requirements
18 and who are ineligible under sec-
19 tion 6(b); and

20 “(V) other indicators approved
21 by the Secretary.

22 “(C) OVERSIGHT OF STATE EMPLOYMENT
23 AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
24 shall assess State employment and training pro-
25 grams on a periodic basis to ensure—

1 “(i) compliance with Federal employ-
2 ment and training program rules and regu-
3 lations;

4 “(ii) that program activities are ap-
5 propriate to meet the needs of the individ-
6 uals referred by the State agency to an
7 employment and training program compo-
8 nent;

9 “(iii) that reporting measures are ap-
10 propriate to identify improvements in
11 skills, training, work and experience for
12 participants in an employment and train-
13 ing program component; and

14 “(iv) for States receiving additional
15 allocations under paragraph (1)(E), any
16 information the Secretary may require to
17 evaluate the compliance of the State agen-
18 cy with paragraph (1), which may in-
19 clude—

20 “(I) a report for each fiscal year
21 of the number of individuals in the
22 State who meet the conditions of
23 paragraph (1)(E)(ii), the number of
24 individuals the State agency offers a
25 position in a program described in

1 subparagraph (B) or (C) of section
2 6(o)(2), and the number who partici-
3 pate in such a program;

4 “(II) a description of the types of
5 employment and training programs
6 the State agency uses to comply with
7 paragraph (1)(E) and the availability
8 of those programs throughout the
9 State; and

10 “(III) any additional information
11 the Secretary determines to be appro-
12 priate.

13 “(D) STATE REPORT.—Each State agency
14 shall annually prepare and submit to the Sec-
15 retary a report on the State employment and
16 training program that includes, using measures
17 identified under subparagraph (B), the numbers
18 of supplemental nutrition assistance program
19 participants who have gained skills, training,
20 work, or experience that will increase the ability
21 of the participants to obtain regular employ-
22 ment.

23 “(E) MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE EM-
24 PLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLAN.—Subject to
25 terms and conditions established by the Sec-

1 retary, if the Secretary determines that the per-
2 formance of a State agency with respect to em-
3 ployment and training outcomes is inadequate,
4 the Secretary may require the State agency to
5 make modifications to the State employment
6 and training plan to improve the outcomes.

7 “(F) PERIODIC EVALUATION.—Subject to
8 terms and conditions established by the Sec-
9 retary, not later than October 1, 2016, and not
10 less frequently than once every 5 years there-
11 after, the Secretary shall conduct a study to re-
12 view existing practice and research to identify
13 employment and training program components
14 and practices that—

15 “(i) effectively assist members of
16 households participating in the supple-
17 mental nutrition assistance program in
18 gaining skills, training, work, or experience
19 that will increase the ability of the partici-
20 pants to obtain regular employment; and

21 “(ii) are best integrated with state-
22 wide workforce development systems.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of
25 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (d)(14), by inserting “or
2 a pilot project under section 16(h)(1)(F)” after
3 “6(d)(4)(I)”;

4 (B) in subsection (e)(3)(B)(iii), by insert-
5 ing “or a pilot project under section
6 16(h)(1)(F)” after “6(d)(4)”; and

7 (C) in subsection (g)(3), in the first sen-
8 tence, by inserting “or a pilot project under sec-
9 tion 16(h)(1)(F)” after “6(d)”.

10 (2) Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutrition
11 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(h)) is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or a
13 pilot project under paragraph (1)(F)” after
14 “6(d)(4)”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or a
16 pilot project under paragraph (1)(F)” after
17 “6(d)(4)”.

18 (3) Section 17(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh) of the Food
19 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
20 2026(b)(1)(B)(iv)(III)(hh)) is amended by inserting
21 “(h)(1)(F),” after “(g),”.

22 (c) APPLICATION DATE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
24 this section (other than the amendments made by

1 subsection (a)(2)) shall apply beginning on the date
2 of enactment of this Act.

3 (2) PROCESS FOR SELECTING PILOT PRO-
4 GRAMS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
6 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary shall—

8 (i) develop and publish the process for
9 selecting pilot projects under section
10 16(h)(1)(F) of the Food and Nutrition Act
11 of 2008 (as added by subsection
12 (a)(1)(C)); and

13 (ii) issue such request for proposals
14 for the independent evaluation as is deter-
15 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

16 (B) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall
17 begin considering proposals not earlier than 90
18 days after the date on which the Secretary com-
19 pletes the actions described in subparagraph
20 (A).

21 (C) SELECTION.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date on which the Secretary completes
23 the actions described in subparagraph (A), the
24 Secretary shall select pilot projects from the ap-

1 plications submitted in response to the request
2 for proposals issued under subparagraph (A).

3 (3) MONITORING OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAIN-
4 ING PROGRAMS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18
6 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary shall issue interim final regula-
8 tions implementing the amendments made by
9 subsection (a)(2).

10 (B) STATE ACTION.—States shall include
11 reporting measures required under section
12 16(h)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
13 (as amended by subsection (a)(2)) in the em-
14 ployment and training plans of the States for
15 the first full fiscal year that begins not earlier
16 than 180 days after the date that the regula-
17 tions described in subparagraph (A) are pub-
18 lished.

19 **SEC. 4023. COOPERATION WITH PROGRAM RESEARCH AND**
20 **EVALUATION.**

21 Section 17 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
22 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(1) COOPERATION WITH PROGRAM RESEARCH AND
25 EVALUATION.—Subject to the requirements of this Act,

