

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1851
OFFERED BY MR. HENSARLING OF TEXAS

Page 38, after line 20, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 13. WORK REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE RECEIVING AS-**
2 **SISTANCE FOR 7 YEARS OR MORE.**

3 Section 16 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437n), as amended by the preceding provi-
5 sions of this Act, is further amendment by adding at the
6 end the following new subsection:

7 “(g) **WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ASSISTED FAMILIES**
8 **RECEIVING SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE FOR 7 YEARS OR**
9 **MORE.—**

10 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Except as provided in this
11 subsection and notwithstanding any other provision
12 of this Act, assistance under section 8 may not be
13 provided on behalf of any family who has previously
14 been provided such assistance for 84 consecutive
15 months or more, unless each member of the family
16 who is 18 years of age or older performs not fewer
17 than 20 hours of approved work activities (as such
18 term is defined in section 407(d) of the Social Secu-
19 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d))).

1 “(2) EXEMPTION.—The Secretary of Housing
2 and Urban Development shall provide an exemption
3 from the applicability of paragraph (1) for any indi-
4 vidual family member who—

5 “(A) is 62 years of age or older;

6 “(B) is a blind or disabled individual, as
7 defined under section 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(i)(1);
9 1382c), and who is unable to comply with this
10 section, or is a primary caretaker of such indi-
11 vidual;

12 “(C) is engaged in a work activity (as such
13 term is defined in section 407(d) of the Social
14 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607(d)), as in effect on
15 and after July 1, 1997));

16 “(D) meets the requirements for being ex-
17 empted from having to engage in a work activ-
18 ity under the State program funded under part
19 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare
21 program of the State in which the public hous-
22 ing agency administering rental assistance de-
23 scribed in subsection (a) is located, including a
24 State-administered welfare-to-work program;

1 “(E) is in a family receiving assistance
2 under a State program funded under part A of
3 title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 601 et seq.) or under any other welfare pro-
5 gram of the State in which the public housing
6 agency administering such rental assistance is
7 located, including a State-administered welfare-
8 to-work program, and has not been found by
9 the State or other administering entity to be in
10 noncompliance with such program; or

11 “(F) is a single custodial parent caring for
12 a child who has not attained 6 years of age,
13 and the individual proves that the individual
14 has a demonstrated inability (as determined by
15 the State) to obtain needed child care, for one
16 or more of the following reasons:

17 “(i) Unavailability of appropriate
18 child care within a reasonable distance
19 from the individual’s home or work site.

20 “(ii) Unavailability or unsuitability of
21 informal child care by a relative or under
22 other arrangements.

23 “(iii) Unavailability of appropriate
24 and affordable formal child care arrange-
25 ments.

1 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—A public housing
2 agency providing rental assistance described in para-
3 graph (1) may administer the work activities re-
4 quirement under this subsection directly, through a
5 resident organization, or through a contractor hav-
6 ing experience in administering work activities pro-
7 grams within the service area of the public housing
8 agency. The Secretary may establish qualifications
9 for such organizations and contractors.

10 “(4) PROSPECTIVE APPLICABILITY.—In deter-
11 mining the number of months for which an assisted
12 family has been provided assistance under section 8,
13 for purposes of paragraph (1), a public housing
14 agency shall disregard any month that commenced
15 before the date of the enactment of the Section 8
16 Voucher Reform Act of 2007.”.

Page 31, line 16, strike “and”.

Page 31, after line 16, insert the following:

17 “(iii) include an amount for the costs of
18 administering the work activities requirement
19 under section 16(g); and”.

Page 31, line 17, strike “(iii)” and insert “(iv)”.