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SUBJECT: House Approves Short-Term Financial Relief for Many Families Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

PURPOSE

The U.S. House of Representatives recently approved legislation to provide assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina whose employment and training have been disrupted as a result of the tragedy. The House passed the TANF Emergency Response & Recovery Act (H.R. 3672) without opposition. The bill adds additional funds and flexibility to the federal Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) grant program, which provides financial resources to residents in need of temporary economic assistance.

The TANF Emergency Response & Recovery Act provides all states immediate access to TANF funds currently not scheduled for release until October 1, 2005. This accounts for \$4.2 billion in flexible funds that would be distributed to all states upon enactment of H.R. 3672, rather than in several weeks. The legislation also would provide a waiver of federal work requirements and time limits for Gulf Coast residents in need of short-term TANF benefits as a result of the hurricane.

ACTION REQUIRED

Regional Workforce Boards are encouraged to provide this information to service providers, workforce partners, customers, and interested parties.

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cc: Regional Administrators