

House Passes Bill to Force States to Share Medicaid, SNAP Data

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A Republican bill (H.R. 10326) requiring states to turn over identification and billing records of safety-net programs for fraud investigations passed the House Wednesday evening.

The measure would require states to provide the attorney general with identity verification records, benefit disbursement logs, provider billing statements, and demographic information for investigating and prosecuting fraud when requested. Programs included in the legislation are Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, unemployment compensation programs, and various Covid-19 funds.

The bill passed in a 217-207 vote.

“Voluntary state compliance has failed,” Rep. [Jeff Van Drew](#) (R-N.J.), sponsor of the bill, said on the House floor. “We cannot allow state-level bureaucratic foot-dragging to act as a shield for criminals who are robbing the American taxpayer.”

But Democrats have raised concern that this is an attempt by the Trump administration to grab sensitive data.

“It’s not about fraud at all,” said Rep. [Jamie Raskin](#) (D-Md.), ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. “It seeks to wipe out the privacy protections that Congress has enacted in these programs.”

The bill’s passage is one of the last House floor actions before the midterms as lawmakers depart. They do not plan to return until after the elections. House Republicans have spent months messaging that public healthcare programs are full of fraud and the Trump administration has taken steps to freeze Medicaid funding to certain states.

The Senate does not have a related bill moving through the chamber at this time.

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