

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3792

To assist young adults with obtaining or regaining driver’s licenses, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2015

Ms. MOORE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To assist young adults with obtaining or regaining driver’s
licenses, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Young Adults Driving
5 Safety Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO ASSIST YOUNG ADULTS WITH OBTAIN-**
7 **ING DRIVER’S LICENSES.**

8 (a) GRANTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting
10 through the Administrator of the National Highway

1 Traffic Safety Administration, may award grants on
2 a competitive basis to eligible entities to develop
3 model programs to assist young adults with obtain-
4 ing or regaining driver's licenses.

5 (2) MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD.—A grant award-
6 ed under this section may not exceed \$100,000.

7 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
8 a grant under this section may use the grant funds to—

9 (1) conduct a comprehensive assessment of the
10 driver's licensing status of young adults in the
11 neighborhoods in which the majority of the youth to
12 be served by the program reside or attend school;

13 (2) develop and implement strategies to address
14 licensing deficits and barriers young adults and dis-
15 connected youth face in obtaining a driver's license;

16 (3) study the impact of State and local driver's
17 license suspensions and revocation policies, including
18 the implementation of such policies by municipal
19 courts, on young adults in the areas where the youth
20 who will be served by the program reside or attend
21 school;

22 (4) identify potential sources of funding for
23 high school driver's education programs for each
24 high school in a school district;

1 (5) develop innovative and cost-effective strate-
2 gies for preparing young adults for legal driving;

3 (6) evaluate the effectiveness of the funded
4 grant activities in achieving the program goals; and

5 (7) conduct any other activities considered ap-
6 propriate by the Secretary.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this sec-
8 tion, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the
9 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing
10 such information as the Secretary may require. Such ap-
11 plication shall describe the following:

12 (1) How the eligible entity proposes to use the
13 grant funds to create a program to assist young
14 adults with obtaining or regaining driver’s licenses.

15 (2) How the eligible entity intends to collabo-
16 rate with education institutions and organizations
17 with job training programs.

18 (3) How the proposed program is expected to
19 create opportunities for the employment and job
20 training of young adults who participate in the pro-
21 posed program.

22 (4) How the eligible entity intends to target
23 youth in areas experiencing high levels of unemploy-
24 ment among young adults.

1 (5) How the proposed program is expected to
2 assist low-income young adults and disconnected
3 youth with school and employment.

4 (6) The eligible entity’s history of working with
5 young adults.

6 (7) The eligible entity’s history of assisting in-
7 dividuals in regaining a driver’s license, especially in
8 cases in which the driver’s license was suspended or
9 revoked for non-safety related reasons.

10 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under subsection
11 (a), the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities pro-
12 posing programs to assist low-income young adults with
13 obtaining or regaining driver’s licenses.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) DISCONNECTED YOUTH.—The term “dis-
16 connected youth” means low-income young adults
17 who—

18 (A) are homeless;

19 (B) are in foster care;

20 (C) have come into contact, or are at risk
21 of coming into contact, with the juvenile justice
22 or criminal justice system;

23 (D) are not employed and not enrolled in
24 school; or

1 (E) are at risk of dropping out of an edu-
2 cation institution.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
4 ty” means a non-profit organization, tribal govern-
5 ment, education institution, or any other organiza-
6 tion considered appropriate by the Secretary.

7 (3) EDUCATION INSTITUTION.—The term “edu-
8 cation institution” means an institution of higher
9 education or a high-need local education agency.

10 (4) HIGH-NEED LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.—
11 The term “high-need local education agency” has
12 the meaning given such term in section 2102(3)(A)
13 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6602).

15 (5) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
16 term “institution of higher education” has the
17 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-
18 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

19 (6) LOW-INCOME.—The term “low-income”,
20 with respect to a young adult, means a household in-
21 come at or below 185 percent of the poverty line.

22 (7) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The term
23 “nonprofit organization” means any organization
24 that is described in section 501(c) of the Internal

1 Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from tax under
2 section 501(a) of such Code.

3 (8) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
4 means the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
5 Management and Budget and revised annually in ac-
6 cordance with section 673 of the Community Serv-
7 ices Block Grant Act (Public Law 97–35; 42 U.S.C.
8 9902)) applicable to a family of the size involved.

9 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Transportation.

11 (10) YOUNG ADULT.—The term “young adult”
12 means an individual who is at least 16 years old and
13 less than 25 years old.

14 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
15 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated
16 \$1,000,000 each year for each of fiscal years 2015
17 through 2019.

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO USE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY**
19 **FUNDS FOR TEEN DRIVING EDUCATION.**

20 Section 402(m)(2)(A) of title 23, United States Code,
21 is amended—

22 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new
24 clause:

1 “(vi) support teen driving education
2 and driving skills improvement; and”.

○