

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4644

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the Optional Practical Training Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2021

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. GAETZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Fairness for High-  
5 Skilled Americans Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING THE OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 274A(h) of the Immigration and Nationality  
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended by adding at the end  
10 the following:

1           “(4) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR  
2 ALIENS NO LONGER ENGAGED IN FULL-TIME STUDY  
3 IN THE UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of law, no alien present in the United  
5 States as a nonimmigrant under section  
6 101(a)(15)(F)(i) may be provided employment au-  
7 thorization in the United States pursuant to the Op-  
8 tional Practical Training Program, or any such suc-  
9 cessor program, without an express Act of Congress  
10 authorizing such a program.”.

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