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# H. R. 4647

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “High-skilled Immigra-  
5 tion Reform for Employment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. H-1B NONIMMIGRANT REFORM.**

2 (a) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 214(g) of  
3 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g))  
4 is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)(vii), by striking  
6 “65,000” and inserting “130,000”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “, until the  
8 number of aliens who are exempted from such nu-  
9 merical limitation during such year exceeds 20,000”.

10 (b) EXPANSION OF H-1B-DEPENDENT EM-  
11 PLOYER.—Section 212(n)(3)(A) of the Immigration and  
12 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(n)(3)(A)) is amended—

13 (1) in clause (i)—

14 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “25” and  
15 inserting “50”; and

16 (B) in subclause (II), by striking “7” and  
17 inserting “12”;

18 (2) in clause (ii)—

19 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “at least  
20 26 but not more than 50” and inserting “at  
21 least 51 but not more than 100”; and

22 (B) in subclause (II), by striking “12” and  
23 inserting “24”; and

24 (3) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “51” and in-  
25 serting “101”.

1 **SEC. 3. PROMOTING AMERICAN INGENUITY GRANT PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Education  
4 may make grants to States, on a competitive basis, to—

5 (1) strengthen elementary school and secondary  
6 school education in the fields of science, mathe-  
7 matics, engineering, and technology;

8 (2) retain teachers at the elementary school and  
9 secondary school levels in such fields; and

10 (3) assist institutions of higher education in  
11 educating students enrolled in a program of study  
12 leading to a degree in such a field.

13 (b) APPLICATION.—The chief executive of a State  
14 seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-  
15 retary of Education an application at such time, in such  
16 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary  
17 may reasonably require.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19 authorized to be appropriated \$25,000,000 for each of fis-  
20 cal years 2024 through 2028 to carry out this section.

21 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The terms “elementary school”, “secondary  
23 school”, and “State” have the meanings given such  
24 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
25 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1           (2) The term “institution of higher education”  
2           has the meaning given such term in section 102 of  
3           the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
4           1002).

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