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To provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To provide for youth jobs, 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 “Employ Young Ameri-
5 cans Now Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF EMPLOY YOUNG AMERICANS**
7 **FUND.**

8 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
9 Treasury of the United States an account that shall be
10 known as the Employ Young Americans Fund (referred
11 to in this Act as the “Fund”).

1 (b) DEPOSITS INTO THE FUND.—Out of any
2 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
3 is appropriated \$5,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2015,
4 which shall be paid to the Fund, to be used by the Sec-
5 retary of Labor to carry out this Act.

6 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts avail-
7 able to the Fund under subsection (b), the Secretary of
8 Labor shall—

9 (1) allot \$4,000,000,000 in accordance with
10 section 3 to provide summer and year-round employ-
11 ment opportunities to low-income youth; and

12 (2) award \$1,500,000,000 in allotments and
13 competitive grants in accordance with section 4 to
14 local entities to carry out work-based training and
15 other work-related and educational strategies and
16 activities of demonstrated effectiveness to unem-
17 ployed, low-income young adults and low-income
18 youth to provide the skills and assistance needed to
19 obtain employment.

20 (d) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—The amounts appro-
21 priated under this Act shall be available for obligation by
22 the Secretary of Labor, and shall be available for expendi-
23 ture by grantees (including subgrantees), until expended.

1 **SEC. 3. SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AND YEAR-ROUND EMPLOY-**
2 **MENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME**
3 **YOUTH.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the funds available under
5 section 2(c)(1), the Secretary of Labor shall make an al-
6 lotment under subsection (c) to each State that has a
7 modification to a State plan approved under section 112
8 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
9 2822) (referred to in this section as a “State plan modi-
10 fication”) (or other State request for funds specified in
11 guidance under subsection (b)) approved under subsection
12 (d) and recipient under section 166(c) of the Workforce
13 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2911(c)) (referred to
14 in this section as a “Native American grantee”) that
15 meets the requirements of this section, for the purpose of
16 providing summer employment and year-round employ-
17 ment opportunities to low-income youth.

18 (b) GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION OF REQUIRE-
19 MENTS.—

20 (1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 20 days after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
22 Labor shall issue guidance regarding the implemen-
23 tation of this section.

24 (2) PROCEDURES.—Such guidance shall, con-
25 sistent with this section, include procedures for—

1 (A) the submission and approval of State
2 plan modifications, for such other forms of re-
3 quests for funds by the State as may be identi-
4 fied in such guidance, for modifications to local
5 plans approved under section 118 of the Work-
6 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833)
7 (referred to individually in this section as a
8 “local plan modification”), or for such other
9 forms of requests for funds by local areas as
10 may be identified in such guidance, that pro-
11 mote the expeditious and effective implementa-
12 tion of the activities authorized under this sec-
13 tion; and

14 (B) the allotment and allocation of funds,
15 including reallocation and reallocation of such
16 funds, that promote such implementation.

17 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Except as otherwise pro-
18 vided in the guidance described in paragraph (1)
19 and in this section and other provisions of this Act,
20 the funds provided for activities under this section
21 shall be administered in accordance with the provi-
22 sions of subtitles B and E of title I of the Workforce
23 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2811 et seq.,
24 2911 et seq.) relating to youth activities.

25 (c) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Using the funds described in
2 subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall allot to
3 each State the total of the amounts assigned to the
4 State under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-
5 graph (2).

6 (2) ASSIGNMENTS TO STATES.—

7 (A) MINIMUM AMOUNTS.—Using funds de-
8 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary of
9 Labor shall assign to each State an amount
10 equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of such funds.

11 (B) FORMULA AMOUNTS.—The Secretary
12 of Labor shall assign the remainder of the
13 funds described in subsection (a) among the
14 States by assigning—

15 (i) $33\frac{1}{3}$ percent on the basis of the
16 relative number of individuals in the civil-
17 ian labor force who are not younger than
18 16 but younger than 25 in each State,
19 compared to the total number of individ-
20 uals in the civilian labor force who are not
21 younger than 16 but younger than 25 in
22 all States;

23 (ii) $33\frac{1}{3}$ percent on the basis of the
24 relative number of unemployed individuals
25 in each State, compared to the total num-

1 ber of unemployed individuals in all States;
2 and

3 (iii) $33\frac{1}{3}$ on the basis of the relative
4 number of disadvantaged young adults and
5 youth in each State, compared to the total
6 number of disadvantaged young adults and
7 youth in all States.

8 (3) REALLOTMENT.—If the Governor of a State
9 does not submit a State plan modification or other
10 State request for funds specified in guidance under
11 subsection (b) by the date specified in subsection
12 (d)(2)(A), or a State does not receive approval of
13 such State plan modification or request, the amount
14 the State would have been eligible to receive pursu-
15 ant to paragraph (2) shall be transferred within the
16 Fund and added to the amounts available for com-
17 petitive grants under sections 2(c)(2) and 4(b)(2).

18 (4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of paragraph
19 (2), the term “disadvantaged young adult or youth”
20 means an individual who is not younger than 16 but
21 is younger than 25 who received an income, or is a
22 member of a family that received a total family in-
23 come, that, in relation to family size, does not exceed
24 the higher of—

25 (A) the poverty line; or

1 (B) 70 percent of the lower living standard
2 income level.

3 (d) STATE PLAN MODIFICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—For a State to be eligible to
5 receive an allotment of funds under subsection (c),
6 the Governor of the State shall submit to the Sec-
7 retary of Labor a State plan modification, or other
8 State request for funds specified in guidance under
9 subsection (b), in such form and containing such in-
10 formation as the Secretary may require. At a min-
11 imum, such State plan modification or request shall
12 include—

13 (A) a description of the strategies and ac-
14 tivities to be carried out to provide summer em-
15 ployment opportunities and year-round employ-
16 ment opportunities, including linkages to train-
17 ing and educational activities, consistent with
18 subsection (f);

19 (B) a description of the requirements the
20 State will apply relating to the eligibility of low-
21 income youth, consistent with section 2(4), for
22 summer employment opportunities and year-
23 round employment opportunities, which require-
24 ments may include criteria to target assistance
25 to particular categories of such low-income

1 youth, such as youth with disabilities, con-
2 sistent with subsection (f);

3 (C) a description of the performance out-
4 comes to be achieved by the State through the
5 activities carried out under this section and the
6 processes the State will use to track perform-
7 ance, consistent with guidance provided by the
8 Secretary of Labor regarding such outcomes
9 and processes and with section 5(b);

10 (D) a description of the timelines for im-
11 plementation of the strategies and activities de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (A), and the number of
13 low-income youth expected to be placed in sum-
14 mer employment opportunities, and year-round
15 employment opportunities, respectively, by
16 quarter;

17 (E) assurances that the State will report
18 such information, relating to fiscal, perform-
19 ance, and other matters, as the Secretary may
20 require and as the Secretary determines is nec-
21 essary to effectively monitor the activities car-
22 ried out under this section;

23 (F) assurances that the State will ensure
24 compliance with the requirements, restrictions,

1 labor standards, and other provisions described
2 in section 5(a); and

3 (G) if a local board and chief elected offi-
4 cial in the State will provide employment oppor-
5 tunities with the link to training and edu-
6 cational activities described in subsection
7 (f)(2)(B), a description of how the training and
8 educational activities will lead to the industry-
9 recognized credential involved.

10 (2) SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF STATE
11 PLAN MODIFICATION OR REQUEST.—

12 (A) SUBMISSION.—The Governor shall
13 submit the State plan modification or other
14 State request for funds specified in guidance
15 under subsection (b) to the Secretary of Labor
16 not later than 30 days after the issuance of
17 such guidance.

18 (B) PROCESS.—On the date on which the
19 Governor submits a State plan modification or
20 request under this section, the Secretary
21 shall—

22 (i) make available copies of a pro-
23 posed State plan modification or request to
24 the public through electronic and other

1 means, such as public hearings and local
2 news media;

3 (ii) allow members of the public, in-
4 cluding representatives of business, rep-
5 resentatives of labor organizations, and
6 representatives of education to submit to
7 the Secretary comments on the State plan
8 modification or request, not later than the
9 end of the 90-day period beginning on the
10 date on which the proposed state plan
11 modification or request is made available;
12 and

13 (iii) include with the State plan modi-
14 fication or request submitted to the Gov-
15 ernor under this section any such com-
16 ments that represent disagreement with
17 the plan.

18 (C) APPROVAL.—The Secretary of Labor
19 shall approve the State plan modification or re-
20 quest submitted under subparagraph (A) within
21 90 days after submission, unless the Secretary
22 determines that the plan or request is incon-
23 sistent with the requirements of this section. If
24 the Secretary has not made a determination
25 within that 90-day period, the plan or request

1 shall be considered to be approved. If the plan
2 or request is disapproved, the Secretary may
3 provide a reasonable period of time in which the
4 plan or request may be amended and resub-
5 mitted for approval. If the plan or request is
6 approved, the Secretary shall allot funds to the
7 State under subsection (c) within 30 days after
8 such approval.

9 (3) MODIFICATIONS TO STATE PLAN OR RE-
10 QUEST.—The Governor may submit further modi-
11 fications to a State plan modification or other State
12 request for funds specified under subsection (b),
13 consistent with the requirements of this section.

14 (e) WITHIN-STATE ALLOCATION AND ADMINISTRA-
15 TION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds allotted to the
17 State under subsection (c), the Governor—

18 (A) may reserve not more than 5 percent
19 of the funds for administration and technical
20 assistance; and

21 (B) shall allocate the remainder of the
22 funds among local areas within the State in ac-
23 cordance with clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of sub-
24 section (c)(2)(B), except that for purposes of
25 such allocation references to a State in sub-

1 section (c)(2)(B) shall be deemed to be ref-
2 erences to a local area and references to all
3 States shall be deemed to be references to all
4 local areas in the State involved.

5 (2) LOCAL PLAN.—

6 (A) SUBMISSION.—In order to receive an
7 allocation under paragraph (1)(B), the local
8 board, in partnership with the chief elected offi-
9 cial for the local area involved, shall submit to
10 the Governor a local plan modification, or such
11 other request for funds by local areas as may
12 be specified in guidance under subsection (b),
13 not later than 30 days after the submission by
14 the State of the State plan modification or
15 other State request for funds specified in guid-
16 ance under subsection (b), describing the strat-
17 egies and activities to be carried out under this
18 section.

19 (B) APPROVAL.—The Governor shall ap-
20 prove the local plan modification or other local
21 request for funds submitted under subpara-
22 graph (A) within 30 days after submission, un-
23 less the Governor determines that the plan or
24 request is inconsistent with requirements of this
25 section. If the Governor has not made a deter-

1 mination within that 30-day period, the plan
2 shall be considered to be approved. If the plan
3 or request is disapproved, the Governor may
4 provide a reasonable period of time in which the
5 plan or request may be amended and resub-
6 mitted for approval. If the plan or request is
7 approved, the Governor shall allocate funds to
8 the local area within 30 days after such ap-
9 proval.

10 (3) REALLOCATION.—If a local board and chief
11 elected official do not submit a local plan modifica-
12 tion (or other local request for funds specified in
13 guidance under subsection (b)) by the date specified
14 in paragraph (2), or the Governor disapproves a
15 local plan, the amount the local area would have
16 been eligible to receive pursuant to the formula
17 under paragraph (1)(B) shall be allocated to local
18 areas that receive approval of their local plan modi-
19 fications or local requests for funds under paragraph
20 (2). Each such local area shall receive a share of the
21 total amount available for reallocation under this
22 paragraph, in accordance with the area’s share of
23 the total amount allocated under paragraph (1)(B)
24 to such local areas.

25 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The funds made available
2 under this section shall be used—

3 (A) to provide summer employment oppor-
4 tunities for low-income youth, with direct link-
5 ages to academic and occupational learning,
6 and may be used to provide supportive services,
7 such as transportation or child care, that is
8 necessary to enable the participation of such
9 youth in the opportunities; and

10 (B) to provide year-round employment op-
11 portunities, which may be combined with other
12 activities authorized under section 129 of the
13 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
14 2854), to low-income youth.

15 (2) PROGRAM PRIORITIES.—In administering
16 the funds under this section, the local board and
17 chief elected official shall give priority to—

18 (A) identifying employment opportunities
19 that are—

20 (i) in emerging or in-demand occupa-
21 tions in the local area; or

22 (ii) in the public or nonprofit sector
23 and meet community needs; and

24 (B) linking participants in year-round em-
25 ployment opportunities to training and edu-

1 cational activities that will provide such partici-
2 pants an industry-recognized certificate or cre-
3 dential (referred to in this Act as an “industry-
4 recognized credential”).

5 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 5 per-
6 cent of the funds allocated to a local area under this
7 section may be used for the costs of administration
8 of this section.

9 (4) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—For ac-
10 tivities funded under this section, in lieu of meeting
11 the requirements described in section 136 of the
12 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
13 2871), States and local areas shall provide such re-
14 ports as the Secretary of Labor may require regard-
15 ing the performance outcomes described in section
16 5(b)(5).

17 **SEC. 4. WORK-BASED EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES AND AC-**
18 **TIVITIES OF DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVE-**
19 **NESS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the funds available under
21 section 2(c)(2), the Secretary of Labor shall make allot-
22 ments to States, and award grants to eligible entities,
23 under subsection (b) to carry out work-based strategies
24 and activities of demonstrated effectiveness.

25 (b) ALLOTMENTS AND GRANTS.—

1 (1) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES FOR GRANTS.—

2 (A) ALLOTMENTS.—Using funds described
3 in subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall
4 allot to each State an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1
5 percent of such funds.

6 (B) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The
7 State shall use the funds to award grants, on
8 a competitive basis, to eligible entities in the
9 State.

10 (2) DIRECT GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—
11 Using the funds described in subsection (a) that are
12 not allotted under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
13 Labor shall award grants on a competitive basis to
14 eligible entities.

15 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible to receive a
16 grant under this section, an entity—

17 (1) shall include—

18 (A) a partnership involving a chief elected
19 official and the local board for the local area in-
20 volved (which may include a partnership with
21 such elected officials and boards and State
22 elected officials and State boards (as defined in
23 section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of
24 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801)) in the region and in
25 the State); or

1 (B) an entity eligible to apply for a grant,
2 contract, or agreement under section 166 of the
3 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
4 2911); and

5 (2) may include, in combination with a partner-
6 ship or entity described in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) employers or employer associations;

8 (B) adult education providers or postsec-
9 ondary educational institutions, including com-
10 munity colleges;

11 (C) community-based organizations;

12 (D) joint labor-management committees;

13 (E) work-related intermediaries;

14 (F) training sponsored by a labor organi-
15 zation or employment upgrade programs; or

16 (G) other appropriate organizations.

17 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
18 under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary
19 of Labor (or to the State, if applying for a grant under
20 subsection (b)(1)(B)) an application at such time, in such
21 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
22 may require. At a minimum, the application shall—

23 (1) describe the strategies and activities of dem-
24 onstrated effectiveness that the eligible entity will
25 carry out to provide unemployed, low-income young

1 adults and low-income youth with skills that will
2 lead to employment upon completion of participation
3 in such activities;

4 (2) describe the requirements that will apply re-
5 lating to the eligibility of unemployed, low-income
6 young adults and low-income youth, consistent with
7 section 2, for activities carried out under this sec-
8 tion, which requirements may include criteria to tar-
9 get assistance to particular categories of such adults
10 and youth, such as individuals with disabilities or in-
11 dividuals who have exhausted all rights to unemploy-
12 ment compensation;

13 (3) describe how the strategies and activities
14 will address the needs of the target populations iden-
15 tified in paragraph (2) and the needs of employers
16 in the local area;

17 (4) describe the expected outcomes to be
18 achieved by implementing the strategies and activi-
19 ties;

20 (5) provide evidence that the funds provided
21 through the grant will be expended expeditiously and
22 efficiently to implement the strategies and activities;

23 (6) describe how the strategies and activities
24 will be coordinated with other Federal, State and

1 local programs providing employment, education and
2 supportive activities;

3 (7) provide evidence of employer commitment to
4 participate in the activities funded under this sec-
5 tion, including identification of anticipated occupa-
6 tional and skill needs;

7 (8) provide assurances that the eligible entity
8 will report such information relating to fiscal, per-
9 formance, and other matters, as the Secretary of
10 Labor may require and as the Secretary determines
11 is necessary to effectively monitor the activities car-
12 ried out under this section;

13 (9) provide assurances that the eligible entity
14 will ensure compliance with the requirements, re-
15 strictions, labor standards, and other provisions de-
16 scribed in section 5(a); and

17 (10) if the entity will provide activities de-
18 scribed in subsection (f)(4), a description of how the
19 activities will lead to the industry-recognized creden-
20 tials involved.

21 (e) PRIORITY IN AWARDS.—In awarding grants
22 under this section, the Secretary of Labor (or a State,
23 under subsection (b)(1)(B)) shall give priority to applica-
24 tions submitted by eligible entities from areas of high pov-
25 erty and high unemployment, as defined by the Secretary,

1 such as Public Use Microdata Areas designated by the Bu-
2 reau of the Census.

3 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant
4 under this section shall use the funds made available
5 through the grant to support work-based strategies and
6 activities of demonstrated effectiveness that are designed
7 to provide unemployed, low-income young adults and low-
8 income youth with skills that will lead to employment as
9 part of or upon completion of participation in such activi-
10 ties. Such strategies and activities may include—

11 (1) on-the-job training, registered apprentice-
12 ship programs, or other programs that combine work
13 with skills development;

14 (2) sector-based training programs that have
15 been designed to meet the specific requirements of
16 an employer or group of employers in that sector
17 and for which employers are committed to hiring in-
18 dividuals upon successful completion of the training;

19 (3) training that supports an industry sector or
20 an employer-based or labor-management committee
21 industry partnership and that includes a significant
22 work-experience component;

23 (4) activities that lead to the acquisition of in-
24 dustry-recognized credentials in a field identified by
25 the State or local area as a growth sector or in-de-

1 mand industry in which there are likely to be signifi-
2 cant job opportunities in the short-term;

3 (5) activities that provide connections to imme-
4 diate work opportunities, including subsidized em-
5 ployment opportunities, or summer employment op-
6 portunities for youth, that include concurrent skills
7 training and other supports;

8 (6) activities offered through career academies
9 that provide students with the academic preparation
10 and training, such as paid internships and concur-
11 rent enrollment in community colleges or other post-
12 secondary institutions, needed to pursue a career
13 pathway that leads to postsecondary credentials and
14 in-demand jobs; and

15 (7) adult basic education and integrated basic
16 education and training for low-skilled individuals
17 who are not younger than 16 but are younger than
18 25, hosted at community colleges or at other sites,
19 to prepare individuals for jobs that are in demand
20 in a local area.

21 (g) COORDINATION OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRA-
22 TION.—The Secretary of Labor shall administer this sec-
23 tion in coordination with the Secretary of Education, the
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and other ap-

1 appropriate agency heads, to ensure the effective implemen-
2 tation of this section.

3 **SEC. 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) LABOR STANDARDS AND PROTECTIONS.—Activi-
5 ties provided with funds made available under this Act
6 shall be subject to the requirements and restrictions, in-
7 cluding the labor standards, described in section 181 of
8 the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2931)
9 and the nondiscrimination provisions of section 188 of
10 such Act (29 U.S.C. 2938), in addition to other applicable
11 Federal laws.

12 (b) REPORTING.—The Secretary of Labor may re-
13 quire the reporting of information relating to fiscal, per-
14 formance and other matters that the Secretary determines
15 is necessary to effectively monitor the activities carried out
16 with funds provided under this Act. At a minimum, recipi-
17 ents of grants (including recipients of subgrants) under
18 this Act shall provide information relating to—

19 (1) the number of individuals participating in
20 activities with funds provided under this Act and the
21 number of such individuals who have completed such
22 participation;

23 (2) the expenditures of funds provided under
24 this Act;

1 (3) the number of jobs created pursuant to the
2 activities carried out under this Act;

3 (4) the demographic characteristics of individ-
4 uals participating in activities under this Act; and

5 (5) the performance outcomes for individuals
6 participating in activities under this Act, including—

7 (A) for low-income youth participating in
8 summer employment activities under sections 3
9 and 4, performance on indicators consisting
10 of—

11 (i) work readiness skill attainment
12 using an employer validated checklist; and

13 (ii) placement in or return to sec-
14 ondary or postsecondary education or
15 training, or entry into unsubsidized em-
16 ployment;

17 (B) for low-income youth participating in
18 year-round employment activities under section
19 3 or in activities under section 4, performance
20 on indicators consisting of—

21 (i) placement in or return to postsec-
22 ondary education;

23 (ii) attainment of a secondary school
24 diploma or its recognized equivalent;

1 (iii) attainment of an industry-recog-
2 nized credential; and

3 (iv) entry into, retention in, and earn-
4 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

5 (C) for unemployed, low-income young
6 adults participating in activities under section
7 4, performance on indicators consisting of—

8 (i) entry into, retention in, and earn-
9 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

10 (ii) attainment of an industry-recog-
11 nized credential.

12 (c) ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO BE ADDITIONAL.—
13 Funds provided under this Act shall only be used for ac-
14 tivities that are in addition to activities that would other-
15 wise be available in the State or local area in the absence
16 of such funds.

17 (d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of
18 Labor may establish such additional requirements as the
19 Secretary determines may be necessary to ensure fiscal in-
20 tegrity, effective monitoring, and the appropriate and
21 prompt implementation of the activities under this Act.

22 (e) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND EVALUATIONS TO
23 CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC.—The Secretary of Labor
24 shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress

1 and make available to the public the information reported
2 pursuant to subsection (b).

3 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL.—The term
6 “chief elected official” means the chief elected execu-
7 tive officer of a unit of local government in a local
8 area or in the case in which such an area includes
9 more than one unit of general government, the indi-
10 viduals designated under an agreement described in
11 section 117(c)(1)(B) of the Workforce Investment
12 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832(c)(1)(B)).

13 (2) LOCAL AREA.—The term “local area”
14 means an area designated under section 116 of the
15 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
16 2831).

17 (3) LOCAL BOARD.—The term “local board”
18 means a board established under section 117 of the
19 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
20 2832).

21 (4) LOW-INCOME YOUTH.—The term “low-in-
22 come youth” means an individual who—

23 (A) is not younger than 16 but is younger
24 than 25;

1 (B) meets the definition of a low-income
2 individual provided in section 101(25) of the
3 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
4 2801(25)), except that—

5 (i) States and local areas, subject to
6 approval in the applicable State plans and
7 local plans, may increase the income level
8 specified in subparagraph (B)(i) of such
9 section to an amount not in excess of 200
10 percent of the poverty line for purposes of
11 determining eligibility for participation in
12 activities under section 3; and

13 (ii) eligible entities described in sec-
14 tion 4(c), subject to approval in the appli-
15 cable applications for funds, may make
16 such an increase for purposes of deter-
17 mining eligibility for participation in activi-
18 ties under section 4; and

19 (C) is in one or more of the categories
20 specified in section 101(13)(C) of the Work-
21 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
22 2801(13)(C)).

23 (5) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
24 means a poverty line as defined in section 673 of the

1 Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
2 9902), applicable to a family of the size involved.

3 (6) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—

4 The term “registered apprenticeship program”
5 means an apprenticeship program registered under
6 the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as
7 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
8 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

9 (7) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
10 the several States of the United States, and the Dis-
11 trict of Columbia.

12 (8) UNEMPLOYED, LOW-INCOME YOUNG
13 ADULT.—The term “unemployed, low-income young
14 adult” means an individual who—

15 (A) is not younger than 18 but is younger
16 than 35;

17 (B) is without employment and is seeking
18 assistance under this Act to obtain employment;
19 and

20 (C) meets the definition of a low-income
21 individual specified in section 101(25) of the
22 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
23 2801(25)), except that eligible entities described
24 in section 4(c), subject to approval in the appli-
25 cable applications for funds, may increase the

1 income level specified in subparagraph (B)(i) of
2 such section to an amount not in excess of 200
3 percent of the poverty line for purposes of de-
4 termining eligibility for participation in activi-
5 ties under section 4.

6 **SEC. 7. TRANSITION AMENDMENTS.**

7 Effective July 1, 2015—

8 (1) section 3 is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a)—

10 (i) by striking “section 112 of the
11 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
12 U.S.C. 2822)” and inserting “(before July
13 1, 2016) section 112 of the Workforce In-
14 vestment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2822)
15 and (after June 30, 2016) section 102 or
16 103 of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
17 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112, 3113)”;
18 and

19 (ii) by striking “section 166(e) of the
20 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
21 U.S.C. 2911(e))” and inserting “section
22 166(e) of the Workforce Innovation and
23 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221(e))”;

24 (B) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
2 “section 118 of the Workforce Investment
3 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833)” and insert-
4 ing “(before July 1, 2016) section 118 of
5 the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
6 U.S.C. 2833) and (after June 30, 2016)
7 section 108 of the Workforce Innovation
8 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3123)”;
9 and

10 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
11 “subtitles B and E of title I of the Work-
12 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
13 2811 et seq., 2911 et seq.)” and inserting
14 “subtitles A, B, and E of title I of the
15 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
16 (29 U.S.C. 3111 et seq., 3151 et seq.,
17 3241 et seq.)”; and

18 (C) in subsection (f)—

19 (i) by striking “section 129 of the
20 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
21 U.S.C. 2854)” and inserting “section 129
22 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
23 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164)”;

24 (ii) by striking “section 136 of the
25 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29

1 U.S.C. 2871)” and inserting “(before July
2 1, 2016) section 136 of the Workforce In-
3 vestment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2871)
4 and (after June 30, 2016) section 116 of
5 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
6 Act (29 U.S.C. 3141)”;

7 (2) section 4(e)(1) is amended—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “sec-
9 tion 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of
10 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801)” and inserting “section
11 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
12 Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)”;

13 (B) by striking “section 166 of the Work-
14 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
15 2911)” and inserting “section 166 of the Work-
16 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
17 U.S.C. 3221)”;

18 (3) in section 5(a)—

19 (A) by striking “section 181 of the Work-
20 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
21 2931)” and inserting “section 181 of the Work-
22 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
23 U.S.C. 3241)”;

1 (B) by striking “section 188 of such Act
2 (29 U.S.C. 2938)” and inserting “section 188
3 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3248)”; and
4 (4) in section 6—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “section
6 117(c)(1)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act
7 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832(c)(1)(B))” and insert-
8 ing “section 107(c)(1)(B) of the Workforce In-
9 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
10 3122(c)(1)(B))”;

11 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “section
12 116 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
13 (29 U.S.C. 2831)” and inserting “section 106
14 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
15 Act (29 U.S.C. 3121)”;

16 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “section
17 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
18 (29 U.S.C. 2832)” and inserting “section 107
19 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
20 Act (29 U.S.C. 3122)”;

21 (D) in paragraph (4)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
23 “section 101(25) of the Workforce Invest-
24 ment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801(25))”
25 and inserting “section 3(36) of the Work-

1 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
2 U.S.C. 3102(36))”; and

3 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
4 “section 101(13)(C) of the Workforce In-
5 vestment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
6 2801(13)(C))” and inserting “subpara-
7 graph (B)(iii) or (C)(iv) of section
8 129(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and
9 Opportunity Act”; and

10 (E) in paragraph (8)(C), by striking “sec-
11 tion 101(25) of the Workforce Investment Act
12 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801(25))” and inserting
13 “section 3(36) of the Workforce Innovation and
14 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(36))”.

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