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# H. R. 654

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, to add a work-study program for off-campus community service at selected after-school activities, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, to add a work-study program for off-campus community service at selected after-school activities, 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 “Students Helping  
5 Young Students Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEFINED.**

7 Section 441(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51(c)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
2 (3);

3 (2) by striking the period and inserting “and”  
4 at the end of paragraph (4)(C); and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) after-school activities, as defined in section  
7 443(f).”.

8 **SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM.**

9 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
10 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by inserting “or  
12 after-school activity (as described in subsection (f))”  
13 after “subsection (d)”;

14 (2) in subsection (d)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)—

16 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-  
17 ing “USE” and inserting “REQUIRED  
18 USE”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “that is not carrying  
20 out subsection (f) for such year” after “an  
21 institution”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(4) AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS.—In  
24 any academic year to which subsection  
25 (b)(2)(A) applies, an institution that is carrying

1 out subsection (f) may also use funds granted  
2 to such institution under this section in accord-  
3 ance with this subsection.”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(f) AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.—

6 “(1) USE OF FUNDS.—In any academic year to  
7 which subsection (b)(2)(A) applies—

8 “(A) an institution that is not carrying out  
9 subsection (d) for such year shall ensure funds  
10 granted to such institution under this section  
11 are used in accordance with this subsection to  
12 compensate (including compensation for time  
13 spent in training and travel directly related to  
14 after school activities) students employed in  
15 after-school activities of eligible schools; and

16 “(B) an institution that is carrying out  
17 subsection (d) for such year may also use funds  
18 granted to such institution under this section in  
19 accordance with this subsection to compensate  
20 the students described in subparagraph (A).

21 “(2) REGISTRATION PROCESS.—Not later than  
22 180 days after the date of enactment of the Stu-  
23 dents Helping Young Students Act of 2023, the Sec-  
24 retary shall inform eligible schools about the work-  
25 study program described in paragraph (1), and es-

1        establish and carry out a process for eligible schools  
2        to register to participate in such program.

3            “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall  
4        establish any standards necessary for participation  
5        in—

6            “(A) the work-study program described in  
7        paragraph (1); and

8            “(B) the registration process described in  
9        paragraph (2).

10          “(4) PRIORITY FOR SCHOOLS.—To the extent  
11        practicable, an institution shall—

12          “(A) give priority to eligible schools serving  
13        a low-income community; and

14          “(B) ensure that any student compensated  
15        with funds described in paragraph (1) receives  
16        appropriate training to carry out the edu-  
17        cational services required.

18          “(5) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
19        the compensation for work-study students com-  
20        pensated under this subsection may exceed 75 per-  
21        cent.

22          “(6) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this sub-  
23        section:

24          “(A) The term ‘after-school activities’—

1           “(i) means activities that take place  
2           after school, before school, or out of school  
3           (in the summer or during other vacations)  
4           that have an educational purpose; and

5           “(ii) includes such activities adminis-  
6           tered by—

7                   “(I) an eligible school, including  
8                   activities in which only the student  
9                   population of such school is served; or

10                   “(II) a community-based learning  
11                   center or organization, nonprofit orga-  
12                   nization, or other center or organiza-  
13                   tion that facilitates youth development  
14                   activities, which partners with an eli-  
15                   gible school.

16           “(B) The terms ‘elementary school’ and  
17           ‘secondary school’ have the meanings given the  
18           terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and  
19           Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
20           7801).

21           “(C) The term ‘eligible school’ means a  
22           public elementary school or secondary school.

1                   “(D) The term ‘low-income community’  
2                   has the meaning given the term in section  
3                   428K(g)(6).”.

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