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# H. R. 72

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “New Jobs for America  
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING GRANTS.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to the availability of  
8 appropriations for such funds, the Secretary of Labor  
9 shall make grants to States, units of local government,

1 and Indian tribes to carry out the activities described in  
2 subsection (b).

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant under  
4 this Act shall use the grant for the following purposes:

5 (1) To seek out unemployed individuals strug-  
6 gling financially whose prior training consisted of  
7 skills necessary for a faltering or dying industry.

8 (2) To create compensated training programs  
9 that offer training in emerging markets and indus-  
10 tries (such as green technologies).

11 (3) To partner with historically Black colleges  
12 and universities and Hispanic serving colleges and  
13 universities along with local community college sys-  
14 tems to create innovative retraining programs for  
15 minorities focused on retooling workers for jobs in  
16 the growth sectors of healthcare, biotech, and infor-  
17 mation technology.

18 (4) To partner with cities and non-profit orga-  
19 nizations to provide apprenticeships and internships.

20 (5) To provide compensation to participants in  
21 training programs to temporarily aide in their finan-  
22 cial distress.

23 (6) To provide access to public healthcare pro-  
24 grams for participants.

1           (7) To create training programs for ex-offend-  
2           ers in an effort to reduce recidivism.

3           (8) To aide newly trained participants in secur-  
4           ing employment within the field of their newly ac-  
5           quired expertise.

6           (c) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant  
7           under this Act, a grant recipient shall—

8           (1) comply with nondiscrimination standards of  
9           the Civil Rights Act;

10          (2) allocate not less than 80 percent of the  
11          funding allocated under the grant to wages, benefits,  
12          and support activities, including child care services  
13          to individuals receiving compensated training under  
14          such a grant; and

15          (3) institute a program to aide newly trained  
16          participants in securing employment in their new  
17          area of expertise.

18          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
19          are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
20          necessary to carry out this Act.

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