

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7679

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to establish a fund to provide support services for individuals participating in certain training activities under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Empowering Individ-
5 uals to Succeed Through Education and Workforce Train-
6 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

2 Subtitle D of title I of the Workforce Innovation and
3 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating section 172 as section 173;

5 and

6 (2) by adding after section 171 the following

7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 172. SUPPORT SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIED SUPPORT
10 SERVICES TRAINING FUND.—From the amounts appro-
11 priated to carry out this section, the Secretary shall award
12 competitive grants to qualified applicants to provide speci-
13 fied support services for individuals participating in train-
14 ing activities covered under section 134(c)(3) of title I and
15 section 231 of title II of this Act.

16 “(b) QUALIFIED APPLICANT.—For purposes of this
17 section, the term ‘qualified applicant’ means a local board,
18 a consortium of local boards, or a State board acting on
19 behalf of or in partnership with a consortium of local
20 boards.

21 “(c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under sub-
22 section (a), a qualified applicant shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary an application in such manner, at such time, and
24 containing such information as the Secretary may require,
25 including a description of how such qualified applicant
26 plans to partner with other organizations, including the

1 State agency responsible for administering the State pro-
2 gram for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
3 funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act
4 and the supplemental nutrition assistance program under
5 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012 et
6 seq.), to provide specified support services.

7 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 “(1) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—Individuals par-
9 ticipating in training services covered under section
10 134(c)(3) of title I or section 231 of title II of this
11 Act are eligible to receive specified support services
12 provided under this section.

13 “(2) SPECIFIED SUPPORT SERVICES.—The
14 qualified support services to be provided by a grant-
15 ee under this section include—

16 “(A) supportive services described in sec-
17 tion 3(59), and

18 “(B) such other services or funding not de-
19 scribed in such section as a grantee identifies as
20 important for an individual to successfully com-
21 plete training services covered under this sec-
22 tion, including funding for, or the provision of,
23 groceries and after-hours childcare.

1 “(e) INDIVIDUAL GRANT AMOUNTS.—The amount of
2 an individual grant awarded under this section shall not
3 exceed more than \$2,000,000 per year.”.

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