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# H. R. 3923

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1998

Mr. STRICKLAND (for himself and Mr. WHITFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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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 “Community Empower-  
5       ment and Employee Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DOE WORKER AND COMMUNITY TRANSITION OF-**  
2 **FICE.**

3 (a) GENERAL RULE.—There are authorized to be ap-  
4 propriated to the Secretary of Energy an amount equal  
5 to the amount described in subsection (b). Such amount  
6 shall be used to provide a fund for the Worker and Com-  
7 munity Transition Office of the Department of Energy to  
8 allocate to the communities surrounding and the workers  
9 at the Piketon, Ohio and Paducah, Kentucky uranium en-  
10 richment plants to help train displaced workers and to as-  
11 sist in ascertaining future business opportunities for such  
12 workers. The allocation of funds would be directly related  
13 to the unemployment rates at the respective sites.

14 (b) FUND.—The amount authorized to be appro-  
15 priated under subsection (a) in any fiscal year is the  
16 amount paid as tax to the Federal Government by the  
17 United States Enrichment Corporation in such fiscal year.

18 (c) TERMINATION.—The authorization of appropria-  
19 tions to the Secretary of Energy and the fund to be man-  
20 aged by the Worker and Community Transition Office of  
21 the Department of Energy shall terminate when the local  
22 unemployment rates in the counties surrounding both the  
23 Piketon and Paducah facilities are not greater than the  
24 average unemployment rate for the States in which such  
25 cities are located.

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