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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Irish Peace Process
3 Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998”.

4 **SEC. 2. IRISH PEACE PROCESS CULTURAL AND TRAINING**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) PURPOSE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State and
8 the Attorney General shall establish a program to
9 allow young people from disadvantaged areas of des-
10 ignated counties suffering from sectarian violence
11 and high structural unemployment to enter the
12 United States for the purpose of developing job
13 skills and conflict resolution abilities in a diverse, co-
14 operative, peaceful, and prosperous environment, so
15 that those young people can return to their homes
16 better able to contribute toward economic regenera-
17 tion and the Irish peace process. The program shall
18 promote cross-community and cross-border initia-
19 tives to build grassroots support for long-term
20 peaceful coexistence. The Secretary of State and the
21 Attorney General shall cooperate with nongovern-
22 mental organizations to assist those admitted to par-
23 ticipate fully in the economic, social, and cultural life
24 of the United States.

25 (2) SCOPE AND DURATION OF PROGRAM.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The program under
2 paragraph (1) shall provide for the admission of
3 not more than 4,000 aliens under section
4 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-
5 tionality Act (including spouses and minor chil-
6 dren) in each of 3 consecutive program years.

7 (B) OFFSET IN NUMBER OF H-2B NON-
8 IMMIGRANT ADMISSIONS ALLOWED.—Notwith-
9 standing any other provision of law, for each
10 alien so admitted in a fiscal year, the numerical
11 limitation specified under section 214(g)(1)(B)
12 of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall be
13 reduced by 1 for that fiscal year or the subse-
14 quent fiscal year.

15 (3) RECORDS AND REPORT.—The Immigration
16 and Naturalization Service shall maintain records of
17 the nonimmigrant status and place of residence of
18 each alien admitted under the program. Not later
19 than 120 days after the end of the third program
20 year and for the 3 subsequent years, the Immigra-
21 tion and Naturalization Service shall compile and
22 submit to the Congress a report on the number of
23 aliens admitted with nonimmigrant status under sec-
24 tion 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii) who have overstayed their
25 visas.

1 (4) DESIGNATED COUNTIES DEFINED.—For the
2 purposes of this Act, the term “designated counties”
3 means the six counties of Northern Ireland and the
4 counties of Louth, Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo,
5 and Donegal within the Republic of Ireland.

6 (b) TEMPORARY NONIMMIGRANT VISA.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(Q) of the
8 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1101(a)(15)(Q)) is amended—

10 (A) by inserting “(i)” after “(Q)”; and

11 (B) by inserting after the semicolon at the
12 end the following: “or (ii)(I) an alien 35 years
13 of age or younger having a residence in North-
14 ern Ireland, or the counties of Louth,
15 Monaghan, Cavan, Leitrim, Sligo, and Donegal
16 within the Republic of Ireland, which the alien
17 has no intention of abandoning who is coming
18 temporarily (for a period not to exceed 36
19 months) to the United States as a participant
20 in a cultural and training program approved by
21 the Secretary of State and the Attorney Gen-
22 eral under section 2(a) of the Irish Peace Proc-
23 ess Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998
24 for the purpose of providing practical training,
25 employment, and the experience of coexistence

1 and conflict resolution in a diverse society, and
2 (II) the alien spouse and minor children of any
3 such alien if accompanying the alien or follow-
4 ing to join the alien;”.

5 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year such
7 sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
8 this section. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this sub-
9 section are authorized to be available until expended.

10 (d) SUNSET.—

11 (1) Effective October 1, 2005, the Irish Peace
12 Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998
13 is repealed.

14 (2) Effective October 1, 2005, section
15 101(a)(15)(Q) of the Immigration and Nationality
16 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(Q)) is amended—

17 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause

18 (i);

19 (B) by striking “(i)” after “(Q)”; and

20 (C) by striking clause (ii).

Passed the House of Representatives October 7,
1998.

Attest:

Clerk.