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# H. R. 2934

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1999

Mr. LARSON (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FROST, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WU, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. HOLT) 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 “National Youth Tech-  
5 nology Corps Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL YOUTH TECHNOLOGY CORPS.**

7       (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Domestic  
8 Volunteer Service Act of 1973 is amended by inserting  
9 after section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959) the following new sec-  
10 tion:

11 **“SEC. 109A. NATIONAL YOUTH TECHNOLOGY CORPS.**

12       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—As part of the Volunteers in  
13 Service to America program established under this part,  
14 the Director shall establish a National Youth Technology  
15 Corps for the purpose of using volunteers serving under  
16 this part who are highly proficient in computer and other  
17 information technologies—

18               “(1) to recruit and organize youth—

19                       “(A) to implement and maintain computer  
20 systems for public schools, community centers,  
21 public senior centers, libraries, and related enti-  
22 ties; and

23                       “(B) to teach students, teachers, senior  
24 citizens, and other persons how to use computer  
25 and other information technologies and systems;

1           “(2) to promote the involvement of such youth  
2           in community service through the provision of serv-  
3           ices involving the use of technology;

4           “(3) to promote entrepreneurship among, and  
5           employment opportunities for, such youth in tech-  
6           nology-related fields; and

7           “(4) to provide recognition, on an annual basis  
8           and otherwise, to the youth and organizations affili-  
9           ated with the program that demonstrate outstanding  
10          efforts and achievements in accordance with the pro-  
11          grams.

12          “(b) ASSIGNMENT.—

13                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall assign  
14                 volunteers to projects and programs that meet the  
15                 antipoverty criteria of this part and that provide as-  
16                 sistance to persons who are unserved or underserved  
17                 by computer education programs.

18                 “(2) ASSIGNMENT PRIORITIES.—In the assign-  
19                 ment of volunteers, the Director shall give priority  
20                 consideration to—

21                         “(A) programs and projects that assist in-  
22                         dividuals residing in unserved or underserved  
23                         areas with the highest concentrations of low in-  
24                         come individuals and families;

1           “(B) projects and programs focusing on  
2           providing computer training to high risk popu-  
3           lations;

4           “(C) projects and programs operating in  
5           areas with the highest concentration of individ-  
6           uals and families living at or below the poverty  
7           level;

8           “(D) projects and programs providing  
9           computer training to parents of disadvantaged  
10          children between the ages of 2 and 8, who may  
11          be educationally at risk; and

12          “(E) Statewide programs and projects that  
13          encourage the creation of new computer train-  
14          ing efforts, encourage the coordination of intra-  
15          State computer training efforts, and provide  
16          technical assistance to local computer training  
17          efforts.

18          “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Programs and projects  
19          under this section may be administered by—

20                 “(1) public or private nonprofit agencies and  
21                 organizations;

22                 “(2) community-based nonprofit organizations;

23                 “(3) local and State education agencies;

24                 “(4) local and State agencies administering  
25                 adult basic education programs;

1 “(5) educational institutions;

2 “(6) libraries;

3 “(7) antipoverty organizations;

4 “(8) local, municipal, and State governmental  
5 entities; and

6 “(9) eligible providers of employment and train-  
7 ing activities under subtitle B of title I of the Work-  
8 force Investment Act of 1998.

9 “(d) **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS.**—

10 The Director shall ensure an equitable distribution of vol-  
11 unteers under this section in accordance with the equitable  
12 distribution requirement of section 414 of this Act.

13 “(e) **EXTENT OF PROGRAM.**—The National Youth  
14 Technology Corps shall consist of all volunteers serving  
15 under part A who are working on projects and programs  
16 of the type described in subsection (a).

17 “(f) **EFFECT OF FUNDING REDUCTION.**—In any fis-  
18 cal year in which the funding provided under part A is  
19 reduced, the funding provided under this section shall be  
20 proportionately reduced.”.

21 (b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents  
22 in section 1(b) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of  
23 1973 is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
24 section 109 the following new item:

“Sec. 109A. National Youth Technology Corps.”.