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To reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

To reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Development Act
of 1965.

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; AMENDMENTS TO APPALACHIAN**
4 **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
6 “Appalachian Regional Development Reauthorization Act
7 of 2001”.

8 (b) AMENDMENTS TO APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-
9 VELOPMENT ACT OF 1965.—Except as otherwise specifi-
10 cally provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or re-

1 peal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal
2 of, a section or other provision of law, the reference shall
3 be considered to be made to a section or other provision
4 of the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (40
5 U.S.C. App.).

6 **SEC. 2. COORDINATION OF APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 104 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

9 (1) by striking the section heading and all that
10 follows through “The President” and inserting the
11 following:

12 **“SEC. 104. COORDINATION OF APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DE-**
13 **VELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

14 “(a) LIAISON BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
15 AND COMMISSION.—The President”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(b) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
19 (a), the President shall establish an interagency
20 council to be known as the ‘Interagency Coordi-
21 nating Council on Appalachia’.

22 “(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be com-
23 posed of—

24 “(A) the Federal Cochairman, who shall
25 serve as Chairperson of the Council; and

1 “(B) representatives of Federal agencies
2 that carry out economic development programs
3 in the Appalachian region.”.

4 **SEC. 3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY.**

5 The Act (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by inserting
6 after section 202 the following:

7 **“SEC. 203. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure that the peo-
9 ple and businesses of the Appalachian region have the
10 knowledge, skills, and access to telecommunications serv-
11 ices to compete in the technology-based economy, the
12 Commission may provide technical assistance and make
13 grants, enter into contracts, and otherwise provide funds
14 for the following purposes:

15 “(1) To increase affordable access to advanced
16 telecommunications in the region.

17 “(2) To provide education and training for peo-
18 ple, businesses, and governments in the region in the
19 use of telecommunications technology.

20 “(3) To develop relevant technology readiness
21 programs for industry groups and businesses in the
22 region.

23 “(4) To support entrepreneurial opportunities
24 in information technology in the region.

1 “(b) SOURCES OF FUNDING.—Assistance provided
2 under this section may be provided entirely from appro-
3 priations made available to carry out this section or in
4 combination with funds available under a Federal grant-
5 in-aid program (as defined in section 214(c)), under an-
6 other Federal program, or from any other source.

7 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN
8 OTHER LAWS.—Notwithstanding any provision of law lim-
9 iting the Federal share in a Federal grant-in-aid program
10 or other Federal program, funds appropriated to carry out
11 this section may be used to increase such Federal share,
12 as the Commission determines appropriate.

13 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission to
15 carry out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002
16 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2003
17 through 2006. Such sums shall remain available until ex-
18 pended.”.

19 **SEC. 4. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA.**

20 (a) ELIMINATION OF GROWTH CENTER CRITERIA.—
21 Section 224(a)(1) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by strik-
22 ing “in an area determined by the State have a significant
23 potential for growth or”.

1 (b) DISTRESSED COUNTIES AND AREAS.—Section
2 224 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end
3 the following:

4 “(d) ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED COUNTIES AND
5 AREAS.—For each fiscal year, at least one-half of the
6 amount of grant expenditures approved by the Commis-
7 sion under this Act shall support activities or projects that
8 benefit counties for which distressed county designations
9 are in effect under section 226.”.

10 **SEC. 5. GRANTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF**
11 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

12 Section 302(a)(1)(A) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended
13 by inserting “(or 75 percent for a development district
14 that includes 1 or more counties for which a distressed
15 county designation is in effect under section 226)” after
16 “50 percent”.

17 **SEC. 6. ADDITION OF COUNTIES TO APPALACHIAN REGION.**

18 Section 403 is amended—

19 (1) in the third undesignated paragraph, relat-
20 ing to Kentucky—

21 (A) by inserting “Edmonson,” after “Cum-
22 berland,”;

23 (B) by inserting “Hart,” after “Harlan,”;

24 and

1 (C) by inserting “Metcalf,” after
2 “Menifee,”; and

3 (2) in the fifth undesignated paragraph, relat-
4 ing to Mississippi—

5 (A) by inserting “Grenada,” after “Clay,”;

6 (B) by inserting “Montgomery,” after
7 “Monroe,”; and

8 (C) by inserting “Panola,” after
9 “Oktibbeha Pontotoc,”.

10 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

11 (a) STRATEGIES.—The Act (40 U.S.C. App.) is
12 amended—

13 (1) in the third sentence of section 101(b) by
14 striking “implementing investment program” and in-
15 serting “strategy statement”;

16 (2) in section 225—

17 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “(3) de-
18 scribe the development program” and inserting
19 “(3) describe the development strategies”; and

20 (B) in subsection (c) by striking “Appa-
21 lachian State development programs” and in-
22 serting “Appalachian State development strate-
23 gies”; and

24 (3) in section 303—

1 (A) in the section heading by striking “**IN-**
2 **VESTMENT PROGRAMS**” and inserting
3 “**STRATEGY STATEMENTS**”;

4 (B) by striking “implementing investment
5 program” each place it appears and inserting
6 “strategy statement”; and

7 (C) by striking “implementing investments
8 programs” and inserting “strategy statements”.

9 (b) **SUPPORT OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DIS-**
10 **TRICTS.**—Section 102(a)(5) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended
11 by inserting “and support” after “formation”.

12 (c) **OFFICE SPACE LEASING.**—Section 106(7) (40
13 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “for any term expir-
14 ing no later than September 30, 2001”.

15 (d) **SUPPLEMENTS TO FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID PRO-**
16 **GRAMS.**—Section 214 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a) by striking the third sen-
18 tence;

19 (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(c) **FEDERAL GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS DE-**
22 **FINED.**—

23 “(1) **INCLUDED PROGRAMS.**—In this section,
24 the term ‘Federal grant-in-aid programs’ means
25 those Federal grant-in-aid programs authorized by

1 this Act or another Act for the acquisition or devel-
2 opment of land, the construction or equipment of fa-
3 cilities, or other community or economic development
4 or economic adjustment activities, including but not
5 limited to grant-in-aid programs authorized by the
6 following Acts:

7 “(A) The Federal Water Pollution Control
8 Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

9 “(B) The Watershed Protection and Flood
10 Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

11 “(C) Title VI of the Public Health Services
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 291 et seq.).

13 “(D) The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and
14 Technical Education Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C.
15 2301 et seq.).

16 “(E) Part IV of title III of the Commu-
17 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 390 et seq.).

18 “(F) The Land and Water Conservation
19 Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–4 et seq.).

20 “(G) The Consolidated Farm and Rural
21 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

22 “(H) Sections 201 and 209 of the Public
23 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965
24 (42 U.S.C. 3141 and 3149).

1 “(I) Title I of the Housing and Commu-
2 nity Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301
3 et seq.).

4 “(2) EXCLUDED PROGRAMS.—In this section,
5 the term ‘Federal grant-in-aid programs’ does not
6 include—

7 “(A) the program for the construction of
8 the development highway system authorized by
9 section 201 or any program relating to highway
10 or road construction authorized by title 23,
11 United States Code; or

12 “(B) any other program for which loans or
13 other Federal financial assistance, except a
14 grant-in-aid program, is authorized by this or
15 any other Act.”; and

16 (3) by striking subsection (d).

17 (e) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA.—Section
18 224(a)(2) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “per
19 capita income” and inserting “per capita market income”.

20 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 Section 401(a) (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts author-
24 ized by section 201 (and other amounts made available
25 for the Appalachian development highway system pro-

1 gram) and section 203, there are authorized to be appro-
2 priated to the Commission to carry out this Act—

3 “(1) \$78,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;

4 “(2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;

5 “(3) \$83,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

6 “(4) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2005; and

7 “(5) \$87,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.”.

8 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION.**

9 Section 405 (40 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking
10 “2001” and inserting “2006”.

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