

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2117

To amend title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish financial literacy education programs for newly naturalized citizens of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 “Naturalized Citizens  
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT**

2 **ACT OF 1998.**

3 (a) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION.**—Section 203  
4 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C.  
5 9202) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through  
7 (18) as paragraphs (9) through (19), respectively;  
8 and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(8) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION PRO-**  
12 **GRAM FOR NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS.**—The  
13 term ‘financial literacy education program for newly  
14 naturalized citizens’ means a program of instruction  
15 designed to help individuals, who have been natural-  
16 ized citizens of the United States for 12 months or  
17 less, achieve financial literacy through basic instruc-  
18 tion on banking, retirement savings, acquiring and  
19 managing credit (including credit cards), insurance,  
20 income taxes, long-term financial planning, preda-  
21 tory lending, identity theft, and other financial abuse  
22 schemes”.

23 (b) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**—  
24 Section 231(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 9241) is amended  
25 by adding at the end the following:

- 1           “(4) Financial literacy education programs for
- 2           newly naturalized citizens.”.

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