

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4350

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 “Missed Opportunities
5 in Jobs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that there are at least 2.3 million low-
3 income individuals age 16 to 24 in the United States who
4 are neither in school nor employed.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) the United States should create meaningful
8 employment opportunities for the Nation’s youth to
9 learn practical and meaningful skills because an in-
10 vestment in the Nation’s youth is an investment in
11 the United States;

12 (2) States should invest in the futures of at-risk
13 youth and others who may contribute to the United
14 States economy because doing so will decrease the
15 unemployment rate; and

16 (3) the Department of Labor Grant Programs
17 such as YouthBuild programs will provide critical re-
18 sources necessary to keep the Nation’s youth in-
19 volved in their communities.

20 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.**

21 Section 171(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
22 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)) is amended by adding
23 at the end the following new paragraph:

24 “(6) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
25 January 31 of each calendar year, the Secretary
26 shall submit to Congress a report on the results of

1 YouthBuild programs authorized under this sub-
2 section that shall include the following:

3 “(A) The amount of funds, in aggregate,
4 requested by applicants.

5 “(B) The amount of funds awarded, in ag-
6 gregate, to entities that receive grants under
7 this subsection.

8 “(C) The difference between the amount of
9 funds reported under subparagraph (A) and the
10 amount of funds reported under subparagraph
11 (B).

12 “(D) A calculation of how many more indi-
13 viduals would have been provided opportunities
14 for employment, education, leadership develop-
15 ment, and training through YouthBuild pro-
16 grams or would have been provided with hous-
17 ing or access to public facilities through Youth-
18 Build programs if each eligible entity who ap-
19 plied for a grant under this subsection the pre-
20 vious calendar year had received an award for
21 the full amount of funds requested in their re-
22 spective applications.”.

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