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# H. R. 7048

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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 “Empowering Individ-  
5 uals to Succeed Through Education and Workforce Train-  
6 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

2 Subtitle D of chapter 4 of the Workforce Innovation  
3 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3206) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating section 172 as section 173;

5 and

6 (2) by adding after section 171 the following  
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 172. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
10 TRAINING FUND.—From the amounts appropriated to  
11 carry out this section, the Secretary shall award competi-  
12 tive grants to local boards, a consortium of local boards,  
13 or a State board acting on behalf of or in partnership with  
14 a consortium of local boards to provide support services  
15 for individuals participating in training activities covered  
16 under section 134(e)(3) of title I and section 231 of title  
17 II of this Act.

18 “(b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this  
19 subsection a local board shall submit to the Secretary an  
20 application describing how the local board (or State board)  
21 plans to partner with other organizations to provide spe-  
22 cific support services, and in such manner, at such time,  
23 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-  
24 quire.

25 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

1           “(1) PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.—Individuals  
2 participating in training services covered under sec-  
3 tion 134(c)(3) of title I or section 231 of title II of  
4 this Act are eligible to receive support services pro-  
5 vided under this section.

6           “(2) QUALIFIED SUPPORT SERVICES.—Support  
7 services to be provided under this section are those  
8 described in section 3(59) of the this Act, or other  
9 support services not covered under such section that  
10 a grantee identifies as important for an individual to  
11 successfully complete training services covered under  
12 this section.

13          “(d) AMOUNT.—The amount of an individual grant  
14 awarded under this section shall not exceed more than  
15 \$2,000,000 per year.

16          “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
18 necessary to carry out this Act.”.

19 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20          Section 173 in subtitle D of chapter 4 of such Act  
21 (as so redesignated) is amended by adding at the end the  
22 following:

- 1       “(g) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.—  
2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-  
3 tion 172 such sums as may be necessary.”.

