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H. R. 5206

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to establish a fund to provide support services for individuals participating in certain training activities under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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, including the
22 State agency responsible for administering the State pro-
23 gram for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
24 funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act
25 and the supplemental nutrition assistance program under
26 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012 et

1 seq.), to provide specific support services, and in such
2 manner, at such time, and containing such information as
3 the Secretary may require.

4 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

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

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

17 “(d) AMOUNT.—The amount of an individual grant
18 awarded under this section shall not exceed more than
19 \$2,000,000 per year.

20 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 such sums as may be necessary.”

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