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To reauthorize the YouthBuild program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “YouthBuild for the
5 Future Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.**

7 Section 171 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
8 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c)—

1 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
2 follows:

3 “(1) RESERVATION; AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

4 “(A) RESERVATION.—In any fiscal year in
5 which the amount appropriated to carry out
6 this section is greater than \$125,000,000, the
7 Secretary shall reserve 20 percent of the por-
8 tion of such amount that is greater than
9 \$125,000,000 for—

10 “(i) grants to applicants that are lo-
11 cated in rural areas (as defined by the Sec-
12 retary); and

13 “(ii) grants for programs operated by
14 a tribe, organization, or entity described in
15 section 166(c) or for the benefit of Indi-
16 ans, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiians
17 (as the 3 terms are defined in section
18 166(b)) for the purpose of carrying out
19 YouthBuild programs approved under this
20 section.

21 “(B) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—After making
22 the reservation described in subparagraph (A),
23 the Secretary may use the remaining amount
24 appropriated to carry out this section to make
25 grants to applicants for the purpose of carrying

1 out YouthBuild programs approved under this
2 section.”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (I) in clause (iv)(II), by striking

6 “language”;

7 (II) in clause (vii), by striking

8 “12” and inserting “24”; and

9 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(I) Provision of meals and other food as-
12 sistance that is offered to participants in con-
13 junction with another activity described in this
14 paragraph.

15 “(J) Informing participants of their eligi-
16 bility, and assisting participants in applying, for
17 Federal and State means tested benefit pro-
18 grams, such as the supplemental nutrition as-
19 sistance program established under the Food
20 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
21 seq.), and assistance provided by the State
22 through the Child Care and Development Block
23 Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq.).

24 “(K) Supportive services for individuals
25 with disabilities to ensure such individuals may

1 fully participate in a YouthBuild program.”;
 2 and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) USE OF FUNDS FOR MATCH.—An entity
 5 which receives a grant under this section may use a
 6 portion of such grant funds to meet all or a portion
 7 of the requirement to provide matching funds under
 8 section 121(e) of the National and Community Serv-
 9 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571(e)) or any other
 10 such requirements under such Act (42 U.S.C. 12501
 11 et seq.), if the funds are used consistent with the re-
 12 quirements described under subsection (e)(3).”;

13 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
 15 “youth offender” and inserting “youth justice-
 16 involved individual”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
 18 “are basic skills deficient” and inserting “have
 19 foundational skill needs”;

20 (3) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
 21 following:

22 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In establishing expected
 23 levels of performance under paragraph (1), the Sec-
 24 retary shall consult, on not less than an annual
 25 basis, with entities carrying out YouthBuild pro-

1 grams to ensure such levels of performance account
2 for the workforce development and postsecondary
3 education experiences of youth served by such pro-
4 grams.”;

5 (4) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(4) ANNUAL RELEASE OF FUNDING OPPOR-
8 TUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Secretary shall, to
9 the greatest extent practicable, announce new fund-
10 ing opportunities for grants under this section dur-
11 ing the same time period each year such grants are
12 announced.

13 “(5) STATE WAGE DATA.—A State receiving
14 grants under this section shall facilitate access for
15 entities carrying out YouthBuild programs in the
16 State to wage data of participants in YouthBuild
17 programs for the purpose of meeting the require-
18 ments of this section. Such facilitation shall not re-
19 duce any protections afforded by the State which
20 protect the privacy of participant information.”; and

21 (5) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
25 tion—

1 “(1) \$159,500,000 for fiscal year 2024;
2 “(2) \$167,500,000 for fiscal year 2025;
3 “(3) \$175,900,000 for fiscal year 2026;
4 “(4) \$184,700,000 for fiscal year 2027;
5 “(5) \$193,000,000 for fiscal year 2028; and
6 “(6) \$203,600,000 for fiscal year 2029.”.

7 **SEC. 3. YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.**

8 Section 129(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
9 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(6) WAITING PERIOD.—States and local
12 boards shall reduce the period of time before pro-
13 viding services under this section, to an out-of-school
14 youth identified for such services, to the minimum
15 period possible to ensure the most expeditious provi-
16 sion of services.”.

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