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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit for certain youth employees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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the work opportunity credit for certain youth employees.

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 “Helping to Encourage
5 Real Opportunities (HERO) for Youth Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF WORK OPPOR-**
7 **TUNITY CREDIT FOR CERTAIN YOUTH EM-**
8 **PLOYEES.**

9 (a) **EXPANSION OF CREDIT FOR SUMMER YOUTH.—**

1 (1) CREDIT ALLOWED FOR YEAR-ROUND EM-
2 PLOYMENT.—Section 51(d)(7)(A) of the Internal
3 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

4 (A) by striking clauses (i) and (iii) and re-
5 designating clauses (ii) and (iv) as clauses (i)
6 and (ii), respectively;

7 (B) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by
8 striking “(or if later, on May 1 of the calendar
9 year involved),”;

10 (C) by striking the period at the end of
11 clause (ii) (as so redesignated) and inserting “,
12 and”; and

13 (D) adding at the end the following new
14 clause:

15 “(iii) who will be employed for not
16 more than 20 hours per week during any
17 period between September 16 and April 30
18 in which such individual is regularly at-
19 tending any secondary school.”.

20 (2) INCREASE IN CREDIT AMOUNT.—Section
21 51(d)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
22 amended by striking subparagraph (B) and by re-
23 designating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B).

24 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) Subparagraph (F) of section 51(d)(1)
 2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 3 amended by striking “summer”.

4 (B) Paragraph (7) of section 51(d) of such
 5 Code is amended—

6 (i) by striking “summer” each place it
 7 appears in subparagraphs (A);

8 (ii) in subparagraph (B), as redesign-
 9 nated by paragraph (2), by striking “sub-
 10 paragraph (A)(iv)” and inserting “sub-
 11 paragraph (A)(ii)”; and

12 (iii) by striking “SUMMER” in the
 13 heading thereof.

14 (b) CREDIT FOR DISCONNECTED YOUTH.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section
 16 51(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 17 amended by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
 18 graph (I), by striking the period at the end of sub-
 19 paragraph (J) and inserting “, or”, and by adding
 20 at the end the following new subparagraph:

21 “(K) an disconnected youth.”.

22 (2) DISCONNECTED YOUTH.—Paragraph (14)
 23 of section 51(d) of such Code is amended to read as
 24 follows:

“(14) DISCONNECTED YOUTH.—The term ‘disconnected youth’ means any individual who—

“(A)(i) is certified by the designated local agency as having attained age 16 but not age 25 on the hiring date, and

“(ii) has self-certified (on a form prescribed by the Secretary) that such individual—

“(I) has not regularly attended any secondary, technical, or post-secondary school during the 6-month period preceding the hiring date,

“(II) has not been regularly employed during such 6-month period, and

“(III) is not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills, or

“(B) is certified by the designated local agency as—

“(i) having attained age 16 but not age 21 on the hiring date, and

“(ii) an eligible foster child (as defined in section 152(f)(1)(C)) who was in foster care during the 12-month period ending on the hiring date.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for
3 the employer after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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