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H. R. 2539

To establish a competitive grant program for youth summer job placement.

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Ms. FUDGE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “National Youth Sum-
5 mer Jobs Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR SUMMER JOBS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL**
7 **YOUTH PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, subject
9 to the availability of appropriations, shall award competi-
10 tive grants to eligible entities for the purpose of providing
11 job placement during the summer for out-of-school youths.

1 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this section,
2 an eligible entity shall—

3 (1) be a unit of general local government; and

4 (2) submit to the Secretary an application at
5 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
6 formation as the Secretary may require.

7 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received as a grant
9 under this section shall be used for providing sum-
10 mer employment for out-of-school youths that in-
11 cludes employment and job readiness activities, as
12 determined by the Secretary, including work experi-
13 ences and job placement.

14 (2) USE OF EXISTING PROGRAMS.—An eligible
15 entity that operates an existing youth summer jobs
16 program may use a grant received under this section
17 to expand such program, in lieu of establishing a
18 new program to provide job placement for youths, by
19 providing under such program job training and sup-
20 port services, including health and nutrition referral,
21 housing referral, financial literacy, and instruction
22 on basic daily living skills.

23 (d) PREFERENCE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—In awarding grants under
25 this section, the Secretary shall give preference to an

1 eligible entity in a community where, for the period
2 between 2002 and 2007, at least one of the following
3 rates was higher than the national average:

4 (A) High school dropout rate.

5 (B) Poverty rate.

6 (C) Juvenile offender rate.

7 (D) Unemployment rate.

8 (E) Industry-depletion rate.

9 (2) ADDITIONAL PREFERENCE.—In awarding
10 grants under this section, the Secretary shall give
11 additional preference to an eligible entity that oper-
12 ates in a community where, for the period between
13 2002 and 2007, each rate listed under paragraph
14 (1) was higher than the national average of each
15 such rate.

16 (e) GRANT TERMS.—

17 (1) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this
18 section shall be for a term of not less than 5 years.

19 (2) GRANT AMOUNT.—The Secretary shall de-
20 termine the amount of funds in a grant under this
21 section.

22 (3) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF GRANTS.—A
23 grant recipient under this section shall not have
24 more than 1 grant under this section at anytime.

1 Once a grant term ends, the recipient of such grant
2 may re-apply for a grant under this section.

3 (4) RETURN OF UNOBLIGATED GRANT
4 FUNDS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on
5 which a grant term ends, the eligible entity who re-
6 ceived such grant shall return any unspent grant
7 funds to the Secretary.

8 (f) REPORTS.—

9 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—Not later than Sep-
10 tember 30 of each fiscal year for which an eligible
11 entity receives a grant under this section, such enti-
12 ty shall submit to the Secretary a report describing
13 the grant-funded program conducted by such entity.
14 The report shall include an assessment of how such
15 program improved the employability skills of out-of-
16 school youths.

17 (2) SECRETARY.—Not later than August 1 of
18 each fiscal year for which a grant is awarded under
19 this section, the Secretary shall submit a report to
20 Congress on the effectiveness of each grant-funded
21 program. Such report shall include an assessment of
22 the effectiveness of such program to improve Gen-
23 eral Education Development attainment and job
24 placement of out-of-school youths participating in
25 such program.

1 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ELIGIBLE YOUTH.—The term “eligible
3 youth” means an individual who has attained age 14
4 but not age 22.

5 (2) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term “out-
6 of-school youth” means—

7 (A) an eligible youth who is enrolled in a
8 public or private secondary school; or

9 (B) an eligible youth who has received a
10 secondary school diploma or its equivalent but
11 is basic-skills deficient, unemployed, or under-
12 employed.

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Labor.

15 (4) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—
16 The term “unit of general local government” has the
17 meaning given the term in section 101 of the Work-
18 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801).

19 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
20 grants under this section, there are authorized to be ap-
21 propriated to the Secretary the following amounts:

22 (1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

23 (2) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

24 (3) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

25 (4) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.

1 (5) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2016.

2 (6) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2017.

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