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H. R. 1176

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the clock hour requirements for certain eligible programs under title IV of such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. VAN ORDEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and 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 “Clock Hour Program
5 Student Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLOCK HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRO-**
2 **GRAMS OF TRAINING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 481(b) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(5) An otherwise eligible program that provides a
7 program of training to prepare students for gainful em-
8 ployment in a recognized profession in a State, and for
9 which the number of clock hours of instruction exceeds
10 the minimum number of clock hours of instruction re-
11 quired by such State for training in the recognized profes-
12 sion for which the otherwise eligible program prepares stu-
13 dents, shall be determined to be an eligible program under
14 this subsection if the number of clock hours of instruction
15 provided by such otherwise eligible program does not ex-
16 ceed the greater of—

17 “(A) 150 percent of the minimum number of
18 clock hours required by such State for training in
19 the recognized profession for which the otherwise eli-
20 gible program prepares students; or

21 “(B) 150 percent of the minimum number of
22 clock hours required by a Federal agency for such
23 training.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
25 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of

- 1 this Act, and shall apply with respect to award year 2024–
- 2 2025, and each succeeding award year.

