

118TH CONGRESS
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To reauthorize the YouthBuild program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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)—

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (I) in clause (iv)(II), by striking
4 “language”;

5 (II) in clause (vii), by striking
6 “12” and inserting “24”; and

7 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

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

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

22 “(K) Supportive services for individuals
23 with disabilities to ensure such individuals may
24 fully participate in a YouthBuild program.”;
25 and

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

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

11 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

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

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

18 (3) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In establishing expected
21 levels of performance under paragraph (1), the Sec-
22 retary shall consult, on not less than an annual
23 basis, with entities carrying out YouthBuild pro-
24 grams to ensure such levels of performance account
25 for the workforce development and postsecondary

1 education experiences of youth served by such pro-
2 grams.”;

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

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

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

19 (5) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-
20 lows:

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

24 “(1) \$159,500,000 for fiscal year 2024;

25 “(2) \$167,500,000 for fiscal year 2025;

1 “(3) \$175,900,000 for fiscal year 2026;

2 “(4) \$184,700,000 for fiscal year 2027;

3 “(5) \$193,000,000 for fiscal year 2028; and

4 “(6) \$203,600,000 for fiscal year 2029.”.

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

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

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