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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend section 477 of the Social Security Act to expand education and workforce training opportunities for youth who have experienced foster care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MILLER of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Foster Youth Work-
5 force Opportunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE**
2 **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH WHO**
3 **HAVE EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE.**

4 Section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 677) is amended—

6 (1) in each of subsections (a)(5) and (h)(2), by
7 striking “aged out of foster care” and inserting “ex-
8 perience foster care at age 14 or older”;

9 (2) in each of subsections (a)(6) and (i)(2), by
10 striking “16” and inserting “14”;

11 (3) in subsection (i)(3), by striking “in no event
12 may a youth participate in the program for more
13 than 5 years (whether or not consecutive)” and in-
14 serting “may not allow a youth to participate in the
15 program for more than 5 years (or, in the case of
16 a youth who was involved in a remedial education
17 activity referred to in paragraph (4)(B), for more
18 than 6 years), whether or not consecutive”;

19 (4) in subsection (i)(4)—

20 (A) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
21 as follows:

22 “(A) may be available for the cost of at-
23 tendance—

24 “(i) at an institution of higher edu-
25 cation, as defined in section 102 of the
26 Higher Education Act of 1965, including a

1 community college or postsecondary voca-
2 tional institution; or

3 “(ii) at a short-term training program
4 that is eligible for the Workforce Pell pro-
5 gram under section 401(k), as described in
6 section 481(b)(3) of the Higher Education
7 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)(3)), as
8 added by section 83002(b) of Public Law
9 119–21;”;

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
11 subparagraph (C); and

12 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A),
13 as so amended, the following:

14 “(B) may be available for costs—

15 “(i) associated with participation in
16 an apprenticeship program;

17 “(ii) to obtain a general equivalency
18 degree; or

19 “(iii) to receive remedial education;
20 and”; and

21 (5) in subsection (i), by adding at the end the
22 following:

23 “(7) In this section, the term ‘remedial edu-
24 cation’ means education or skill training needed to
25 support obtaining a high school diploma or quali-

1 fying for postsecondary education, training, or an
2 apprenticeship that is—

3 “(A) not provided by the school district of
4 the student or another free local, State, or Fed-
5 eral program; and

6 “(B) is provided by an instructor with cre-
7 dentials relevant to the subject area of instruc-
8 tion, as determined by the State.”.

9 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
11 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
12 of this Act.