

119TH 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), in clause

3 (iv)(II), by striking “language”; and

4 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

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

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

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

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

24 “(6) USE OF FUNDS FOR MATCH.—An entity
25 which receives a grant under this section may use a

1 portion of such grant funds to meet all or a portion
2 of the requirement to provide matching funds under
3 section 121(e) of the National and Community Serv-
4 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571(e)) or any other
5 such requirements under such Act (42 U.S.C. 12501
6 et seq.), if the funds are used consistent with the re-
7 quirements described under subsection (e)(3).”;

8 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
10 “youth offender” and inserting “youth justice-
11 involved individual”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
13 “are basic skills deficient” and inserting “have
14 foundational skill needs”;

15 (3) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
16 following:

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

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

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

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

17 (5) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-
18 lows:

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

22 “(1) \$159,500,000 for fiscal year 2027;

23 “(2) \$167,500,000 for fiscal year 2028;

24 “(3) \$175,900,000 for fiscal year 2029;

25 “(4) \$184,700,000 for fiscal year 2030;

1 “(5) \$193,000,000 for fiscal year 2031; and

2 “(6) \$203,600,000 for fiscal year 2032.”.

3 **SEC. 3. YOUTHBUILD EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS.**

4 (a) PARTNERSHIP.—Subtitle D of title I of the Work-
5 force Innovation and Opportunity Act is amended by in-
6 serting after section 171 (29 U.S.C. 3226) the following:

7 **“SEC. 171A. YOUTHBUILD EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Using funds appropriated under
9 section 172(e), the Secretary shall award grants to eligible
10 consortia for the purposes of developing partnerships, and
11 developing, implementing, and expanding, through those
12 partnerships, employment and training opportunities for
13 participants of YouthBuild programs.

14 “(b) ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA.—To be eligible to receive
15 a grant under this section, a consortium shall consist of—

16 “(1) an entity carrying out a YouthBuild pro-
17 gram; and

18 “(2) a public or private employer in the State,
19 region, or local area where such program is located.

20 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
21 under this section, such a consortium shall submit an ap-
22 plication at such time, in such form, and containing such
23 information as the Secretary may require, including—

24 “(1) a description of the results of a needs as-
25 sessment completed by such consortium on the needs

1 of employers in the proposed service area for em-
2 ployees and of participants in the YouthBuild pro-
3 gram for employment;

4 “(2) a description, listing the members, of any
5 partnerships that the consortium may utilize to
6 carry out employment and training opportunities
7 under this section;

8 “(3) based on the results of the needs assess-
9 ment described under paragraph (1) and the poten-
10 tial partnership described under paragraph (2), a
11 description of the proposed uses of the grant funds
12 by such consortium; and

13 “(4) a description of how the consortium will
14 evaluate the effectiveness of the employment and
15 training opportunities the consortium plans to pro-
16 vide under this section.

17 “(d) PRIORITY.—In making grants under this sec-
18 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
19 that propose to carry out a partnership with a joint labor-
20 management apprenticeship program.

21 “(e) USES OF FUNDS.—A consortium that receives
22 a grant under this section shall use the funds from such
23 grant to develop a partnership, or to develop, implement,
24 or expand, through those partnerships, employment and
25 training opportunities for participants in the YouthBuild

1 program. Such employment and training opportunities
2 shall be aligned with the characteristics of the labor mar-
3 ket in the proposed service area and meet the needs of
4 employers in such area.”.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
6 172 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is
7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
9 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(e) YOUTHBUILD EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP.—
13 There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for
14 each of fiscal years 2027 through 2032 to carry out sec-
15 tion 171A.”.

16 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
17 section 1(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
18 Act is amended by inserting, after the item relating to sec-
19 tion 171, the following:

“Sec. 171A. YouthBuild employer partnerships.”.