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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to establish a fund to provide support services for individuals participating in certain training activities under such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Washington 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 “Empowering Individ-
5 uals to Succeed Through Education and Workforce Train-
6 ing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

2 Subtitle D of chapter 4 of the Workforce Innovation
3 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3206) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating section 172 as section 173;

5 (2) by adding after section 171 the following

6 new section:

7 **“SEC. 172. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
9 TRAINING FUND.—From the amounts appropriated to
10 carry out this section, the Secretary shall award competi-
11 tive grants to local boards, a consortium of local boards,
12 or a State board acting on behalf of or in partnership with
13 a consortium of local boards to provide support services
14 for individuals participating in training activities covered
15 under section 134(e)(3) of title I and section 231 of title
16 II of this Act.

17 “(b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this
18 subsection a local board shall submit to the Secretary an
19 application describing how the local board (or State board)
20 plans to partner with other organizations to provide spe-
21 cific support services, and in such manner, at such time,
22 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
23 quire.

24 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

25 “(1) PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.—Individuals
26 participating in training services covered under sec-

1 tion 134(c)(3) of title I or section 231 of title II of
2 this Act are eligible to receive support services pro-
3 vided under this section.

4 “(2) QUALIFIED SUPPORT SERVICES.—Support
5 services to be provided under this section are those
6 described in section 3(59) of the this Act, or other
7 support services not covered under such section that
8 a grantee identifies as important for an individual to
9 successfully complete training services covered under
10 this section.

11 “(d) AMOUNT.—The amount of an individual grant
12 awarded under this section shall not exceed more than
13 \$2,000,000 per year.

14 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
16 necessary to carry out this Act.”.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 173 in subtitle D of chapter 4 of such Act
19 (as so redesignated) is amended by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(g) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TRAINING FUND.—
22 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-
23 tion 172 such sums as may be necessary.”.