

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2315

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the Optional Practical Training Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. GILL of Texas, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROY, and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Fairness for High-  
5 Skilled Americans Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING THE OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Section 274A(h) of the Immigration and Nationality  
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6 “(4) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR  
7 ALIENS NO LONGER ENGAGED IN FULL-TIME STUDY  
8 IN THE UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding any  
9 other provision of law, no alien present in the United  
10 States as a nonimmigrant under section  
11 101(a)(15)(F)(i) may be provided employment au-  
12 thorization in the United States pursuant to the Op-  
13 tional Practical Training Program, or any such suc-  
14 cessor program, without an express Act of Congress  
15 authorizing such a program.”.

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