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S. 4834

To limit expenditures for foreign student work authorizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2026

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Prioritizing American
5 Talent Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR FOREIGN STU-**
7 **DENT WORK AUTHORIZATIONS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, no funds made available to the Department
10 of Homeland Security, including amounts in the Immigra-

1 tion Examinations Fee Account established under section
2 286(m) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1356(m)), may be obligated or expended to adjudicate,
4 process, approve, renew, or extend any application for em-
5 ployment authorization for an alien described in section
6 101(a)(15)(F) or (M) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15))
7 unless such employment is expressly authorized by an Act
8 of Congress.

9 (b) RESCISSION.—The unobligated balances of
10 amounts in the Immigration Examinations Fee Account
11 that the Secretary of Homeland Security determines are
12 reasonably attributable to fees collected for the adjudica-
13 tion, processing, approval, renewal, or extension of appli-
14 cations for employment authorization not authorized by an
15 Act of Congress, as described in subsection (a), are hereby
16 rescinded.

17 (c) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 30 days after
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
19 land Security shall determine the amount required to be
20 rescinded under subsection (b).

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