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To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow up to 24 months of postsecondary education or vocational educational training to count as a permissible work activity under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 1997

Mr. HINCHEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Self-Sufficiency
5 Through Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 24 MONTHS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR**
2 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING MADE**
3 **PERMISSIBLE WORK ACTIVITY; REMOVAL OF**
4 **TEEN PARENTS FROM 20 PERCENT LIMITA-**
5 **TION.**

6 (a) 24 MONTHS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR
7 VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING MADE PERMISSIBLE WORK ACTIVITIES.—Section 407 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 607) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 “(E) 24 MONTH LIMIT ON PARTICIPATION
13 IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING.—For purposes
14 of determining monthly participation rates
15 under paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (2)(B) of subsection (b), an individual shall not be considered to be engaged in work by virtue of participation in an activity described in subsection
16 (d)(8) after the individual has participated in
17 any such activity for 24 months (excluding any
18 month before the individual completed secondary school or received a certificate of general
19 equivalence).”; and
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21 (2) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (8)
22 and inserting the following:
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1 “(8) postsecondary education, and vocational
2 educational training other than through a propri-
3 etary school;”.

4 (b) REMOVAL OF TEEN PARENTS FROM 20 PERCENT
5 LIMITATION.—Section 407(c)(2)(D) of such Act (42
6 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)(D)) is amended by striking “or deemed
7 to be engaged in work by reason of subparagraph (C) of
8 this paragraph”.

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