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H. R. 2998

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reduce the annual income level at which a person petitioning for a family-sponsored immigrant's admission must agree to provide support in a case where a United States employer has agreed to employ the immigrant for a period of not less than one year after admission or where the sponsored alien is under the age of 18.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 1, 1999

Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR SPON-**
2 **SOR'S AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT WHERE FAM-**
3 **ILY-SPONSORED IMMIGRANT HAS JOB**
4 **OFFER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 213A(a)(1)(A) of the Im-
6 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183a(a)(1)(A))
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(A) in which the sponsor—

9 “(i) agrees to provide support to
10 maintain the sponsored alien at an annual
11 income that is not less than 125 percent of
12 the Federal poverty line during the period
13 in which the affidavit is enforceable;

14 “(ii) agrees to provide support to
15 maintain the sponsored alien (in the case
16 only of a sponsored alien described in sec-
17 tion 212(a)(4)(C)) at an annual income
18 that is not less than 100 percent of the
19 Federal poverty line during the period in
20 which the affidavit is enforceable and pro-
21 vides a written contract (which may be
22 contingent on the sponsored alien's phys-
23 ical presence in the United States) obli-
24 gating an employer to employ the spon-
25 sored alien during a 1-year period of em-
26 ployment in the United States at an an-

1 nual income that is not less than 100 per-
 2 cent of the Federal poverty line (for a fam-
 3 ily unit of a size equal to the number of
 4 members of the sponsored alien’s expected
 5 household in the United States (including
 6 family and non-family dependents)); or

7 “(iii) agrees to provide support to
 8 maintain the sponsored alien, in the case
 9 only of a sponsored alien described in sec-
 10 tion 212(a)(4)(C) who will be under 18
 11 years of age throughout the period in
 12 which the affidavit is enforceable, at an
 13 annual income that is not less than 100
 14 percent of the Federal poverty line during
 15 the period in which the affidavit is enforce-
 16 able;”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 213A(f)(2)
 18 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 19 1183a(f)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(2) INCOME REQUIREMENT CASE.—Such term
 21 also includes an individual who does not meet the re-
 22 quirement of paragraph (1)(E) but—

23 “(A) who accepts joint and several liability
 24 together with an individual under paragraph
 25 (5); or

1 “(B) who—

2 “(i) is petitioning for the admission of
3 an alien described in section 212(a)(4)(C);

4 “(ii) demonstrates (as provided in
5 paragraph (6)) the means to maintain an
6 annual income equal to at least 100 per-
7 cent of the Federal poverty line; and

8 “(iii) in a case described in subsection
9 (a)(1)(A)—

10 “(I) is petitioning for the admis-
11 sion of an alien described in clause (ii)
12 of such subsection; or

13 “(II) provides the employment
14 contract referred to in clause (iii) of
15 such subsection.”.

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