

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5276

To amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a grant program to support life-long learning programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2006

Mr. WU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Life-long Learning Op-
5 portunity Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIFE-LONG LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

7 The Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001
8 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 421 the fol-
9 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 422. LIFE-LONG LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

2 “(a) GRANTS.—The Assistant Secretary may award
3 grants to institutions of higher education to carry out life-
4 long learning programs in accordance with subsection (b).

5 “(b) LIFE-LONG LEARNING PROGRAM REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.—An institution of higher education that is award-
7 ed a grant under subsection (a) shall carry out a life-long
8 learning program that—

9 “(1) provides older individuals who are not en-
10 rolled in an insitution of higher education the oppor-
11 tunity to audit, free of charge, courses that are of-
12 fered by the institution of higher education to stu-
13 dents who are enrolled in such institution;

14 “(2) promotes, and disseminates information
15 regarding, life-long learning programs, including op-
16 portunities for distance learning;

17 “(3) provides registration assistance for older
18 individuals who wish to participate in the program;
19 and

20 “(4) provides financial assistance for older indi-
21 viduals who participate in the program to—

22 “(A) purchase required text books; and

23 “(B) pay the costs associated with auditing
24 specific courses, such as lab fees for science
25 courses and art class fees.

1 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 \$15,000,000 for each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year
4 2007.”.

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