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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable credit for mentoring and housing young adults.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable credit for mentoring and housing young adults.

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. NONREFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR MENTORING**
4 **AND HOUSING YOUNG ADULTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
6 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
7 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
8 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 25E. MENTORING AND HOUSING CERTAIN YOUNG**
2 **ADULTS.**

3 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of a tax-
4 payer who is a qualified mentor, there shall be allowed
5 as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for
6 the taxable year with respect to each qualifying mentored
7 individual by the taxpayer an amount equal to \$1,000.

8 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—

9 “(1) PRORATION OF CREDIT FOR YEARS IN
10 WHICH INDIVIDUAL ATTAINS AGE 18 AND 21.—In the
11 case of a qualifying mentored individual who attains
12 age 18 or 21 during the taxable year, the credit al-
13 lowed under subsection (a) shall be the amount spec-
14 ified in subsection (a) multiplied by a fraction, the
15 numerator of which is the number of days in the
16 taxable year such individual is 18 or 20 (as the case
17 may be) and the denominator of which is the num-
18 ber of days in the taxable year.

19 “(2) LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF
20 TAX.—In the case of a taxable year to which section
21 26(a)(2) does not apply, the credit allowed under
22 subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed
23 the excess of—

24 “(A) the sum of the regular tax liability
25 (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax im-
26 posed by section 55, over

1 “(B) the sum of the credits allowable
2 under this subpart (other than this section) and
3 section 27 for the taxable year.

4 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

5 “(1) QUALIFIED MENTOR.—The term ‘qualified
6 mentor’ means an individual—

7 “(A) who attained the age of 21 before the
8 beginning of the taxable year,

9 “(B) with respect to whom any agency cer-
10 tified by the State (including a private men-
11 toring agency and governmental mentoring
12 agency) in which the taxpayer has his principle
13 place of abode to provide or facilitate mentoring
14 services has placed a qualifying mentored indi-
15 vidual, and

16 “(C) who is in compliance with the men-
17 toring requirements of such agency or State
18 with respect to the qualifying mentored indi-
19 vidual.

20 “(2) MENTORING REQUIREMENTS.—The term
21 ‘mentoring requirements’ includes participating in a
22 one-on-one relationship as a positive role model with
23 a qualifying mentored individual and involves meet-
24 ings and activities on not less than a monthly basis.

1 “(3) QUALIFYING MENTORED INDIVIDUAL.—

2 The term ‘qualifying mentored individual’ means an
3 individual who—

4 “(A) has attained the age of 18 as of the
5 close of the taxable year but did not attain age
6 22 during the taxable year,

7 “(B) as of the day before the date on
8 which the individual attained the age of 18, was
9 placed by an authorized placement agency or by
10 judgment, decree, or other order of any court of
11 competent jurisdiction, and

12 “(C) has the same principal place of abode
13 as the taxpayer for more than one-half of such
14 taxable year.

15 “(d) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—No credit
16 shall be allowed under this section to a taxpayer with re-
17 spect to a qualifying mentored individual unless the tax-
18 payer includes the name and taxpayer identification num-
19 ber of such qualifying mentored individual on the return
20 of tax for the taxable year.

21 “(e) TAXABLE YEAR MUST BE FULL TAXABLE
22 YEAR.—Except in the case of a taxable year closed by rea-
23 son of the death of the taxpayer, no credit shall be allow-
24 able under this section in the case of a taxable year cov-
25 ering a period of less than 12 months.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) Section 23(b)(4)(B) of such Code is amend-
3 ed by inserting “and section 25E” after “this sec-
4 tion”.

5 (2) Section 24(b)(3)(B) of such Code is amend-
6 ed by striking “and 25B” and inserting “, 25B, and
7 25E”.

8 (3) Section 25B(g)(2) of such Code is amended
9 by striking “section 23” and inserting “sections 23
10 and 25E”.

11 (4) Section 26(a)(1) of such Code is amended
12 by striking “and 25B” and inserting “25B, and
13 25E”.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
16 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relat-
17 ing to section 25D the following new section:

“Sec. 25E. Mentoring and housing certain young adults.”.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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