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H. R. 4355

To authorize the Secretary of Labor to make grants to States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to carry out employment training programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “New Jobs for America
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING GRANTS.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to the availability of
8 appropriations for such funds, the Secretary of Labor
9 shall make grants to States, units of local government,

1 and Indian tribes to carry out activities the activities de-
2 scribed in subsection (b).

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant under
4 this Act shall use the grant for the following purposes:

5 (1) To seek out unemployed individuals strug-
6 gling financially whose prior training consisted of
7 skills necessary for a faltering or dying industry.

8 (2) To create compensated training programs
9 that offer training in emerging markets and indus-
10 tries (such as green technologies).

11 (3) To partner with historically Black colleges
12 and universities and Hispanic serving colleges and
13 universities along with local community college sys-
14 tems to create innovative retraining programs for
15 minorities focused on retooling workers for jobs in
16 the growth sectors of healthcare, biotech, and infor-
17 mation technology.

18 (4) To partner with cities and non-profit orga-
19 nizations to provide apprenticeships and internships.

20 (5) To provide compensation to participants in
21 training programs to temporarily aide in their finan-
22 cial distress.

23 (6) To provide access to public healthcare pro-
24 grams for participants.

1 (7) To create training programs for ex-offend-
2 ers in an effort to reduce recidivism.

3 (8) To aide newly trained participants in secur-
4 ing employment within the field of their newly ac-
5 quired expertise.

6 (c) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant
7 under this Act, a grant recipient shall—

8 (1) comply with nondiscrimination standards of
9 the Civil Rights Act;

10 (2) allocate not less than 80 percent of the
11 funding allocated under the grant to wages, benefits,
12 and support activities, including child care services
13 to individuals receiving compensated training under
14 such a grant; and

15 (3) institute a program to aide newly trained
16 participants in securing employment in their new
17 area of expertise.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
20 necessary to carry out this Act.

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