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To provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CONYERS 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 “Youth Jobs Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH JOBS FUND.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
7 Treasury of the United States an account that shall be
8 known as the Youth Jobs Fund (referred to in this Act
9 as “the Fund”).

10 (b) DEPOSITS INTO THE FUND.—Out of any
11 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
12 is appropriated \$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2014,

1 which shall be paid to the Fund, to be used by the Sec-
2 retary of Labor to carry out this Act.

3 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts avail-
4 able to the Fund under subsection (b), the Secretary of
5 Labor shall—

6 (1) allot \$1,500,000,000 in accordance with
7 section 3 to provide summer and year-round employ-
8 ment opportunities to low-income youth; and

9 (2) award \$1,500,000,000 in allotments and
10 competitive grants in accordance with section 4 to
11 local entities to carry out work-based training and
12 other work-related and educational strategies and
13 activities of demonstrated effectiveness to unem-
14 ployed, low-income young adults and low-income
15 youth to provide the skills and assistance needed to
16 obtain employment.

17 (d) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—The amounts appro-
18 priated under this Act shall be available for obligation by
19 the Secretary of Labor until December 31, 2014, and shall
20 be available for expenditure by grantees (including sub-
21 grantees) until September 30, 2015.

1 **SEC. 3. SUMMER EMPLOYMENT AND YEAR-ROUND EMPLOY-**
2 **MENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW-INCOME**
3 **YOUTH.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the funds available under
5 section 2(c)(1), the Secretary of Labor shall make an al-
6 lotment under subsection (c) to each State that has a
7 modification to a State plan approved under section 112
8 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
9 2822) (referred to in this section as a “State plan modi-
10 fication”) (or other State request for funds specified in
11 guidance under subsection (b)) approved under subsection
12 (d) and recipient under section 166(c) of the Workforce
13 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2911(c)) (referred to
14 in this section as a “Native American grantee”) that
15 meets the requirements of this section, for the purpose of
16 providing summer employment and year-round employ-
17 ment opportunities to low-income youth.

18 (b) GUIDANCE AND APPLICATION OF REQUIRE-
19 MENTS.—

20 (1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 20 days after
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
22 Labor shall issue guidance regarding the implemen-
23 tation of this section.

24 (2) PROCEDURES.—Such guidance shall, con-
25 sistent with this section, include procedures for—

1 (A) the submission and approval of State
2 plan modifications, for such other forms of re-
3 quests for funds by the State as may be identi-
4 fied in such guidance, for modifications to local
5 plans approved under section 118 of the Work-
6 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833)
7 (referred to individually in this section as a
8 “local plan modification”), or for such other
9 forms of requests for funds by local workforce
10 investment areas as may be identified in such
11 guidance, that promote the expeditious and ef-
12 fective implementation of the activities author-
13 ized under this section; and

14 (B) the allotment and allocation of funds,
15 including reallotment and reallocation of such
16 funds, that promote such implementation.

17 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Except as otherwise pro-
18 vided in the guidance described in paragraph (1)
19 and in this section and other provisions of this Act,
20 the funds provided for activities under this section
21 shall be administered in accordance with the provi-
22 sions of subtitles B and E of title I of the Workforce
23 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2811 et seq.,
24 2911 et seq.) relating to youth activities.

25 (c) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Using the funds described in
2 subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall allot to
3 each State the total of the amounts assigned to the
4 State under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-
5 graph (2).

6 (2) ASSIGNMENTS TO STATES.—

7 (A) MINIMUM AMOUNTS.—Using funds de-
8 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary of
9 Labor shall assign to each State an amount
10 equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent of such funds.

11 (B) FORMULA AMOUNTS.—The Secretary
12 of Labor shall assign the remainder of the
13 funds described in subsection (a) among the
14 States by assigning—

15 (i) one-half on the basis of the relative
16 number of young unemployed individuals
17 in areas of substantial youth unemploy-
18 ment in each State, compared to the total
19 number of young unemployed individuals
20 in areas of substantial youth unemploy-
21 ment in all States; and

22 (ii) one-half on the basis of the rel-
23 ative number of disadvantaged young
24 adults and youth in each State, compared

1 to the total number of disadvantaged
2 young adults and youth in all States.

3 (3) REALLOTMENT.—If the Governor of a State
4 does not submit a State plan modification or other
5 State request for funds specified in guidance under
6 subsection (b) by the date specified in subsection
7 (d)(2)(A), or a State does not receive approval of
8 such State plan modification or request, the amount
9 the State would have been eligible to receive pursu-
10 ant to paragraph (2) shall be transferred within the
11 Fund and added to the amounts available for com-
12 petitive grants under sections 2(c)(2) and 4(b)(2).

13 (4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of paragraph
14 (2):

15 (A) AREA OF SUBSTANTIAL YOUTH UNEM-
16 PLOYMENT.—The term “area of substantial
17 youth unemployment” means any contiguous
18 area that has a population of at least 10,000,
19 and that has an average rate of unemployment
20 of at least 10 percent, among individuals who
21 are not younger than 16 but are younger than
22 25, for the most recent 12 months, as deter-
23 mined by the Secretary of Labor.

24 (B) DISADVANTAGED YOUNG ADULT OR
25 YOUTH.—The term “disadvantaged young adult

or youth” means an individual who is not younger than 16 but is younger than 25 who received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of—

(i) the poverty line; or

(ii) 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

(C) YOUNG UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—

The term “young unemployed individual” means an individual who is not younger than 16 but is younger than 25.

(d) STATE PLAN MODIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For a State to be eligible to receive an allotment of funds under subsection (c), the Governor of the State shall submit to the Secretary of Labor a State plan modification, or other State request for funds specified in guidance under subsection (b), in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require. At a minimum, such State plan modification or request shall include—

(A) a description of the strategies and activities to be carried out to provide summer em-

1 employment opportunities and year-round employ-
2 ment opportunities, including linkages to train-
3 ing and educational activities, consistent with
4 subsection (f);

5 (B) a description of the requirements the
6 State will apply relating to the eligibility of low-
7 income youth, consistent with section 2(4), for
8 summer employment opportunities and year-
9 round employment opportunities, which require-
10 ments may include criteria to target assistance
11 to particular categories of such low-income
12 youth, such as youth with disabilities, con-
13 sistent with subsection (f);

14 (C) a description of the performance out-
15 comes to be achieved by the State through the
16 activities carried out under this section and the
17 processes the State will use to track perform-
18 ance, consistent with guidance provided by the
19 Secretary of Labor regarding such outcomes
20 and processes and with section 5(b);

21 (D) a description of the timelines for im-
22 plementation of the strategies and activities de-
23 scribed in subparagraph (A), and the number of
24 low-income youth expected to be placed in sum-
25 mer employment opportunities, and year-round

1 employment opportunities, respectively, by
2 quarter;

3 (E) assurances that the State will report
4 such information, relating to fiscal, perform-
5 ance, and other matters, as the Secretary may
6 require and as the Secretary determines is nec-
7 essary to effectively monitor the activities car-
8 ried out under this section;

9 (F) assurances that the State will ensure
10 compliance with the requirements, restrictions,
11 labor standards, and other provisions described
12 in section 5(a); and

13 (G) if a local board and chief elected offi-
14 cial in the State will provide employment oppor-
15 tunities with the link to training and edu-
16 cational activities described in subsection
17 (f)(2)(B), a description of how the training and
18 educational activities will lead to the industry-
19 recognized credential involved.

20 (2) SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF STATE
21 PLAN MODIFICATION OR REQUEST.—

22 (A) SUBMISSION.—The Governor shall
23 submit the State plan modification or other
24 State request for funds specified in guidance
25 under subsection (b) to the Secretary of Labor

1 not later than 30 days after the issuance of
2 such guidance.

3 (B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary of Labor
4 shall approve the State plan modification or re-
5 quest submitted under subparagraph (A) within
6 30 days after submission, unless the Secretary
7 determines that the plan or request is incon-
8 sistent with the requirements of this section. If
9 the Secretary has not made a determination
10 within that 30-day period, the plan or request
11 shall be considered to be approved. If the plan
12 or request is disapproved, the Secretary may
13 provide a reasonable period of time in which the
14 plan or request may be amended and resub-
15 mitted for approval. If the plan or request is
16 approved, the Secretary shall allot funds to the
17 State under subsection (c) within 30 days after
18 such approval.

19 (3) MODIFICATIONS TO STATE PLAN OR RE-
20 QUEST.—The Governor may submit further modi-
21 fications to a State plan modification or other State
22 request for funds specified under subsection (b),
23 consistent with the requirements of this section.

24 (e) WITHIN-STATE ALLOCATION AND ADMINISTRA-
25 TION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds allotted to the
2 State under subsection (c), the Governor—

3 (A) may reserve not more than 5 percent
4 of the funds for administration and technical
5 assistance; and

6 (B) shall allocate the remainder of the
7 funds among local workforce investment areas
8 within the State in accordance with clauses (i)
9 and (ii) of subsection (c)(2)(B), except that for
10 purposes of such allocation references to a
11 State in subsection (c)(2)(B) shall be deemed to
12 be references to a local workforce investment
13 area and references to all States shall be
14 deemed to be references to all local workforce
15 investment areas in the State involved.

16 (2) LOCAL PLAN.—

17 (A) SUBMISSION.—In order to receive an
18 allocation under paragraph (1)(B), the local
19 workforce investment board, in partnership with
20 the chief elected official for the local workforce
21 investment area involved, shall submit to the
22 Governor a local plan modification, or such
23 other request for funds by local workforce in-
24 vestment areas as may be specified in guidance
25 under subsection (b), not later than 30 days

1 after the submission by the State of the State
2 plan modification or other State request for
3 funds specified in guidance under subsection
4 (b), describing the strategies and activities to be
5 carried out under this section.

6 (B) APPROVAL.—The Governor shall ap-
7 prove the local plan modification or other local
8 request for funds submitted under subpara-
9 graph (A) within 30 days after submission, un-
10 less the Governor determines that the plan or
11 request is inconsistent with requirements of this
12 section. If the Governor has not made a deter-
13 mination within that 30-day period, the plan
14 shall be considered to be approved. If the plan
15 or request is disapproved, the Governor may
16 provide a reasonable period of time in which the
17 plan or request may be amended and resub-
18 mitted for approval. If the plan or request is
19 approved, the Governor shall allocate funds to
20 the local workforce investment area within 30
21 days after such approval.

22 (3) REALLOCATION.—If a local workforce in-
23 vestment board and chief elected official do not sub-
24 mit a local plan modification (or other local request
25 for funds specified in guidance under subsection (b))

1 by the date specified in paragraph (2), or the Gov-
2 ernor disapproves a local plan, the amount the local
3 workforce investment area would have been eligible
4 to receive pursuant to the formula under paragraph
5 (1)(B) shall be allocated to local workforce invest-
6 ment areas that receive approval of their local plan
7 modifications or local requests for funds under para-
8 graph (2). Each such local workforce investment
9 area shall receive a share of the total amount avail-
10 able for reallocation under this paragraph, in accord-
11 ance with the area's share of the total amount allo-
12 cated under paragraph (1)(B) to such local work-
13 force investment areas.

14 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The funds made available
16 under this section shall be used—

17 (A) to provide summer employment oppor-
18 tunities for low-income youth, with direct link-
19 ages to academic and occupational learning,
20 and may be used to provide supportive services,
21 such as transportation or child care, that is
22 necessary to enable the participation of such
23 youth in the opportunities; and

24 (B) to provide year-round employment op-
25 portunities, which may be combined with other

1 activities authorized under section 129 of the
2 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
3 2854), to low-income youth.

4 (2) PROGRAM PRIORITIES.—In administering
5 the funds under this section, the local board and
6 chief elected official shall give priority to—

7 (A) identifying employment opportunities
8 that are—

9 (i) in emerging or in-demand occupa-
10 tions in the local workforce investment
11 area; or

12 (ii) in the public or nonprofit sector
13 and meet community needs; and

14 (B) linking participants in year-round em-
15 ployment opportunities to training and edu-
16 cational activities that will provide such partici-
17 pants an industry-recognized certificate or cre-
18 dential (referred to in this Act as an “industry-
19 recognized credential”).

20 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 5 per-
21 cent of the funds allocated to a local workforce in-
22 vestment area under this section may be used for
23 the costs of administration of this section.

24 (4) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—For ac-
25 tivities funded under this section, in lieu of meeting

1 the requirements described in section 136 of the
 2 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
 3 2871), States and local workforce investment areas
 4 shall provide such reports as the Secretary of Labor
 5 may require regarding the performance outcomes de-
 6 scribed in section 5(b)(5).

7 **SEC. 4. WORK-BASED EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES AND AC-**
 8 **TIVITIES OF DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVE-**
 9 **NESS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the funds available under
 11 section 2(c)(2), the Secretary of Labor shall make allot-
 12 ments to States, and award grants to eligible entities,
 13 under subsection (b) to carry out work-based strategies
 14 and activities of demonstrated effectiveness.

15 (b) ALLOTMENTS AND GRANTS.—

16 (1) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES FOR GRANTS.—

17 (A) ALLOTMENTS.—Using funds described
 18 in subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall
 19 allot to each State an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1
 20 percent of such funds.

21 (B) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The
 22 State shall use the funds to award grants, on
 23 a competitive basis, to eligible entities in the
 24 State.

1 (2) DIRECT GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

2 Using the funds described in subsection (a) that are
3 not allotted under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
4 Labor shall award grants on a competitive basis to
5 eligible entities.

6 (c) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible to receive a
7 grant under this section, an entity—

8 (1) shall include—

9 (A) a partnership involving a chief elected
10 official and the local workforce investment
11 board for the local workforce investment area
12 involved (which may include a partnership with
13 such elected officials and workforce investment
14 boards and State elected officials and State
15 boards (as defined in section 101 of the Work-
16 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
17 2801)) in the region and in the State); or

18 (B) an entity eligible to apply for a grant,
19 contract, or agreement under section 166 of the
20 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
21 2911); and

22 (2) may include, in combination with a partner-
23 ship or entity described in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) employers or employer associations;

1 (B) adult education providers or postsec-
2 ondary educational institutions, including com-
3 munity colleges;

4 (C) community-based organizations;

5 (D) joint labor-management committees;

6 (E) work-related intermediaries; or

7 (F) other appropriate organizations.

8 (d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
9 under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary
10 of Labor (or to the State, if applying for a grant under
11 subsection (b)(1)(B)) an application at such time, in such
12 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
13 may require. At a minimum, the application shall—

14 (1) describe the strategies and activities of dem-
15 onstrated effectiveness that the eligible entity will
16 carry out to provide unemployed, low-income young
17 adults and low-income youth with skills that will
18 lead to employment upon completion of participation
19 in such activities;

20 (2) describe the requirements that will apply re-
21 lating to the eligibility of unemployed, low-income
22 young adults and low-income youth, consistent with
23 section 2, for activities carried out under this sec-
24 tion, which requirements may include criteria to tar-
25 get assistance to particular categories of such adults

1 and youth, such as individuals with disabilities or in-
2 dividuals who have exhausted all rights to unemploy-
3 ment compensation;

4 (3) describe how the strategies and activities
5 will address the needs of the target populations iden-
6 tified in paragraph (2) and the needs of employers
7 in the local workforce investment area;

8 (4) describe the expected outcomes to be
9 achieved by implementing the strategies and activi-
10 ties;

11 (5) provide evidence that the funds provided
12 through the grant will be expended expeditiously and
13 efficiently to implement the strategies and activities;

14 (6) describe how the strategies and activities
15 will be coordinated with other Federal, State and
16 local programs providing employment, education and
17 supportive activities;

18 (7) provide evidence of employer commitment to
19 participate in the activities funded under this sec-
20 tion, including identification of anticipated occupa-
21 tional and skill needs;

22 (8) provide assurances that the eligible entity
23 will report such information relating to fiscal, per-
24 formance, and other matters, as the Secretary of
25 Labor may require and as the Secretary determines

1 is necessary to effectively monitor the activities car-
2 ried out under this section;

3 (9) provide assurances that the eligible entity
4 will ensure compliance with the requirements, re-
5 strictions, labor standards, and other provisions de-
6 scribed in section 5(a); and

7 (10) if the entity will provide activities de-
8 scribed in subsection (f)(4), a description of how the
9 activities will lead to the industry-recognized creden-
10 tials involved.

11 (e) PRIORITY IN AWARDS.—In awarding grants
12 under this section, the Secretary of Labor (or a State,
13 under subsection (b)(1)(B)) shall give priority to applica-
14 tions submitted by eligible entities from areas of high pov-
15 erty and high unemployment, as defined by the Secretary,
16 such as Public Use Microdata Areas designated by the Bu-
17 reau of the Census.

18 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant
19 under this section shall use the funds made available
20 through the grant to support work-based strategies and
21 activities of demonstrated effectiveness that are designed
22 to provide unemployed, low-income young adults and low-
23 income youth with skills that will lead to employment as
24 part of or upon completion of participation in such activi-
25 ties. Such strategies and activities may include—

1 (1) on-the-job training, registered apprentice-
2 ship programs, or other programs that combine work
3 with skills development;

4 (2) sector-based training programs that have
5 been designed to meet the specific requirements of
6 an employer or group of employers in that sector
7 and for which employers are committed to hiring in-
8 dividuals upon successful completion of the training;

9 (3) training that supports an industry sector or
10 an employer-based or labor-management committee
11 industry partnership and that includes a significant
12 work-experience component;

13 (4) activities that lead to the acquisition of in-
14 dustry-recognized credentials in a field identified by
15 the State or local workforce investment area as a
16 growth sector or in-demand industry in which there
17 are likely to be significant job opportunities in the
18 short-term;

19 (5) activities that provide connections to imme-
20 diate work opportunities, including subsidized em-
21 ployment opportunities, or summer employment op-
22 portunities for youth, that include concurrent skills
23 training and other supports;

24 (6) activities offered through career academies
25 that provide students with the academic preparation

1 and training, such as paid internships and concur-
2 rent enrollment in community colleges or other post-
3 secondary institutions, needed to pursue a career
4 pathway that leads to postsecondary credentials and
5 in-demand jobs; and

6 (7) adult basic education and integrated basic
7 education and training for low-skilled individuals
8 who are not younger than 16 but are younger than
9 25, hosted at community colleges or at other sites,
10 to prepare individuals for jobs that are in demand
11 in a local workforce investment area.

12 (g) COORDINATION OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRA-
13 TION.—The Secretary of Labor shall administer this sec-
14 tion in coordination with the Secretary of Education, the
15 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and other ap-
16 propriate agency heads, to ensure the effective implemen-
17 tation of this section.

18 **SEC. 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

19 (a) LABOR STANDARDS AND PROTECTIONS.—Activi-
20 ties provided with funds made available under this Act
21 shall be subject to the requirements and restrictions, in-
22 cluding the labor standards, described in section 181 of
23 the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2931)
24 and the nondiscrimination provisions of section 188 of

1 such Act (29 U.S.C. 2938), in addition to other applicable
2 Federal laws.

3 (b) REPORTING.—The Secretary of Labor may re-
4 quire the reporting of information relating to fiscal, per-
5 formance and other matters that the Secretary determines
6 is necessary to effectively monitor the activities carried out
7 with funds provided under this Act. At a minimum, recipi-
8 ents of grants (including recipients of subgrants) under
9 this Act shall provide information relating to—

10 (1) the number of individuals participating in
11 activities with funds provided under this Act and the
12 number of such individuals who have completed such
13 participation;

14 (2) the expenditures of funds provided under
15 this Act;

16 (3) the number of jobs created pursuant to the
17 activities carried out under this Act;

18 (4) the demographic characteristics of individ-
19 uals participating in activities under this Act; and

20 (5) the performance outcomes for individuals
21 participating in activities under this Act, including—

22 (A) for low-income youth participating in
23 summer employment activities under sections 3
24 and 4, performance on indicators consisting
25 of—

1 (i) work readiness skill attainment
2 using an employer validated checklist;

3 (ii) placement in or return to sec-
4 ondary or postsecondary education or
5 training, or entry into unsubsidized em-
6 ployment;

7 (B) for low-income youth participating in
8 year-round employment activities under section
9 3 or in activities under section 4, performance
10 on indicators consisting of—

11 (i) placement in or return to postsec-
12 ondary education;

13 (ii) attainment of a secondary school
14 diploma or its recognized equivalent;

15 (iii) attainment of an industry-recog-
16 nized credential; and

17 (iv) entry into, retention in, and earn-
18 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

19 (C) for unemployed, low-income young
20 adults participating in activities under section
21 4, performance on indicators consisting of—

22 (i) entry into, retention in, and earn-
23 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

24 (ii) attainment of an industry-recog-
25 nized credential.

1 (c) ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO BE ADDITIONAL.—
 2 Funds provided under this Act shall only be used for ac-
 3 tivities that are in addition to activities that would other-
 4 wise be available in the State or local workforce invest-
 5 ment area in the absence of such funds.

6 (d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of
 7 Labor may establish such additional requirements as the
 8 Secretary determines may be necessary to ensure fiscal in-
 9 tegrity, effective monitoring, and the appropriate and
 10 prompt implementation of the activities under this Act.

11 (e) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND EVALUATIONS TO
 12 CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC.—The Secretary of Labor
 13 shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress
 14 and make available to the public the information reported
 15 pursuant to subsection (b).

16 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL.—The term
 19 “chief elected official” means the chief elected execu-
 20 tive officer of a unit of local government in a local
 21 workforce investment area or in the case in which
 22 such an area includes more than one unit of general
 23 government, the individuals designated under an
 24 agreement described in section 117(c)(1)(B) of the

1 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
2 2832(c)(1)(B)).

3 (2) LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA.—
4 The term “local workforce investment area” means
5 such area designated under section 116 of the Work-
6 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2831).

7 (3) LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD.—
8 The term “local workforce investment board” means
9 such board established under section 117 of the
10 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
11 2832).

12 (4) LOW-INCOME YOUTH.—The term “low-in-
13 come youth” means an individual who—

14 (A) is not younger than 16 but is younger
15 than 25;

16 (B) meets the definition of a low-income
17 individual provided in section 101(25) of the
18 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
19 2801(25)), except that—

20 (i) States and local workforce invest-
21 ment areas, subject to approval in the ap-
22 plicable State plans and local plans, may
23 increase the income level specified in sub-
24 paragraph (B)(i) of such section to an
25 amount not in excess of 200 percent of the

1 poverty line for purposes of determining
2 eligibility for participation in activities
3 under section 3; and

4 (ii) eligible entities described in sec-
5 tion 4(c), subject to approval in the appli-
6 cable applications for funds, may make
7 such an increase for purposes of deter-
8 mining eligibility for participation in activi-
9 ties under section 4; and

10 (C) is in one or more of the categories
11 specified in section 101(13)(C) of the Work-
12 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
13 2801(13)(C)).

14 (5) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
15 means a poverty line as defined in section 673 of the
16 Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
17 9902), applicable to a family of the size involved.

18 (6) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—
19 The term “registered apprenticeship program”
20 means an apprenticeship program registered under
21 the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as
22 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
23 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

1 (7) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
2 the several States of the United States, and the Dis-
3 trict of Columbia.

4 (8) UNEMPLOYED, LOW-INCOME YOUNG
5 ADULT.—The term “unemployed, low-income young
6 adult” means an individual who—

7 (A) is not younger than 18 but is younger
8 than 35;

9 (B) is without employment and is seeking
10 assistance under this Act to obtain employment;
11 and

12 (C) meets the definition of a low-income
13 individual specified in section 101(25) of the
14 Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
15 2801(25)), except that eligible entities described
16 in section 4(c), subject to approval in the appli-
17 cable applications for funds, may increase the
18 income level specified in subparagraph (B)(i) of
19 such section to an amount not in excess of 200
20 percent of the poverty line for purposes of de-
21 termining eligibility for participation in activi-
22 ties under section 4.

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