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To provide for youth jobs, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Employ Young Ameri-
5 cans Now Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF EMPLOY YOUNG AMERICANS**
7 **FUND.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
9 Treasury of the United States an account that shall be
10 known as the Employ Young Americans Fund (referred
11 to in this Act as the “Fund”).

1 (b) DEPOSITS INTO THE FUND.—Out of any
2 amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
3 is appropriated \$5,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2016,
4 which shall be paid to the Fund, to be used by the Sec-
5 retary of Labor to carry out this Act.

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

9 (1) allot \$4,000,000,000 in accordance with
10 section 3 to provide summer and year-round employ-
11 ment opportunities to low-income youth; and

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

20 (d) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—The amounts appro-
21 priated under this Act shall be available for obligation by
22 the Secretary of Labor, and shall be available for expendi-
23 ture by grantees (including subgrantees), until expended.

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 (referred to in this section
 8 as a “State plan modification”) (or other State request
 9 for funds specified in guidance under subsection (b)) ap-
 10 proved under subsection (d), and recipient under section
 11 166(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
 12 (29 U.S.C. 3221(c)) (referred to in this section as a “Na-
 13 tive American grantee”), that meets the requirements of
 14 this section, for the purpose of providing summer employ-
 15 ment and year-round employment opportunities to low-in-
 16 come youth.

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

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

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

25 (A) the submission and approval of State
 26 plan modifications, for such other forms of re-

1 quests for funds by the State as may be identi-
 2 fied in such guidance, for modifications to local
 3 plans (referred to individually in this section as
 4 a “local plan modification”), or for such other
 5 forms of requests for funds by local areas as
 6 may be identified in such guidance, that pro-
 7 mote the expeditious and effective implementa-
 8 tion of the activities authorized under this sec-
 9 tion; and

10 (B) the allotment and allocation of funds,
 11 including reallocation and reallocation of such
 12 funds, that promote such implementation.

13 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—Except as otherwise pro-
 14 vided in the guidance described in paragraph (1)
 15 and in this section and other provisions of this Act,
 16 the funds provided for activities under this section
 17 shall be administered in accordance with the provi-
 18 sions of subtitles A, B, and E of title I of the Work-
 19 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 20 3111 et seq., 3151 et seq., 3241 et seq.) relating to
 21 youth activities.

22 (c) STATE ALLOTMENTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Using the funds described in
 24 subsection (a), the Secretary of Labor shall allot to
 25 each State the total of the amounts assigned to the

1 State under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of para-
2 graph (2).

3 (2) ASSIGNMENTS TO STATES.—

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

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

12 (i) $33\frac{1}{3}$ percent on the basis of the
13 relative number of individuals in the civil-
14 ian labor force who are not younger than
15 16 but younger than 25 in each State,
16 compared to the total number of individ-
17 uals in the civilian labor force who are not
18 younger than 16 but younger than 25 in
19 all States;

20 (ii) $33\frac{1}{3}$ percent on the basis of the
21 relative number of unemployed individuals
22 in each State, compared to the total num-
23 ber of unemployed individuals in all States;
24 and

1 (iii) $33\frac{1}{3}$ on the basis of the relative
 2 number of disadvantaged young adults and
 3 youth in each State, compared to the total
 4 number of disadvantaged young adults and
 5 youth in all States.

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

16 (4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of paragraph
 17 (2), the term “disadvantaged young adult or youth”
 18 means an individual who is not younger than 16 but
 19 is younger than 25 who received an income, or is a
 20 member of a family that received a total family in-
 21 come, that, in relation to family size, does not exceed
 22 the higher of—

23 (A) the poverty line; or

24 (B) 70 percent of the lower living standard
 25 income level.

1 (d) STATE PLAN MODIFICATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—For a State to be eligible to
3 receive an allotment of funds under subsection (c),
4 the Governor of the State shall submit to the Sec-
5 retary of Labor a State plan modification, or other
6 State request for funds specified in guidance under
7 subsection (b), in such form and containing such in-
8 formation as the Secretary may require. At a min-
9 imum, such State plan modification or request shall
10 include—

11 (A) a description of the strategies and ac-
12 tivities to be carried out to provide summer em-
13 ployment opportunities and year-round employ-
14 ment opportunities, including linkages to train-
15 ing and educational activities, consistent with
16 subsection (f);

17 (B) a description of the requirements the
18 State will apply relating to the eligibility of low-
19 income youth, consistent with section 2(4), for
20 summer employment opportunities and year-
21 round employment opportunities, which require-
22 ments may include criteria to target assistance
23 to particular categories of such low-income
24 youth, such as youth with disabilities, con-
25 sistent with subsection (f);

1 (C) a description of the performance out-
2 comes to be achieved by the State through the
3 activities carried out under this section and the
4 processes the State will use to track perform-
5 ance, consistent with guidance provided by the
6 Secretary of Labor regarding such outcomes
7 and processes and with section 5(b);

8 (D) a description of the timelines for im-
9 plementation of the strategies and activities de-
10 scribed in subparagraph (A), and the number of
11 low-income youth expected to be placed in sum-
12 mer employment opportunities, and year-round
13 employment opportunities, respectively, by
14 quarter;

15 (E) assurances that the State will report
16 such information, relating to fiscal, perform-
17 ance, and other matters, as the Secretary may
18 require and as the Secretary determines is nec-
19 essary to effectively monitor the activities car-
20 ried out under this section;

21 (F) assurances that the State will ensure
22 compliance with the requirements, restrictions,
23 labor standards, and other provisions described
24 in section 5(a); and

1 (G) if a local board and chief elected offi-
2 cial in the State will provide employment oppor-
3 tunities with the link to training and edu-
4 cational activities described in subsection
5 (f)(2)(B), a description of how the training and
6 educational activities will lead to the industry-
7 recognized credential involved.

8 (2) SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF STATE
9 PLAN MODIFICATION OR REQUEST.—

10 (A) SUBMISSION.—

11 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Governor shall
12 submit the State plan modification or
13 other State request for funds specified in
14 guidance under subsection (b) to the Sec-
15 retary of Labor not later than 30 days
16 after the issuance of such guidance.

17 (ii) PROCESS.—The Secretary shall—

18 (I) make copies of the State plan
19 modification or request available to
20 the public on the Web site of the De-
21 partment of Labor and through other
22 electronic means, on the date on
23 which the Governor submits the State
24 plan modification or request under
25 this section;

1 (II) allow members of the public,
2 including representatives of business,
3 representatives of labor organizations,
4 and representatives of educational in-
5 stitutions, to submit to the Secretary
6 comments on the State plan modifica-
7 tion or request, during a comment pe-
8 riod beginning on the submission date
9 and ending 60 days after the submis-
10 sion date; and

11 (III) include with the notification
12 of approval or disapproval of the
13 State plan modification or request,
14 submitted to the Governor under sub-
15 paragraph (B), any such comments
16 that represent disagreement with the
17 plan modification or request.

18 (B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary of Labor
19 shall approve the State plan modification or re-
20 quest submitted under subparagraph (A) not
21 later than 90 days after the submission date,
22 unless the Secretary determines that the plan
23 or request is inconsistent with the requirements
24 of this section. If the Secretary has not made
25 a determination with that 90-day period, the

1 plan or request shall be considered to be ap-
2 proved. If the plan or request is disapproved,
3 the Secretary may provide a reasonable period
4 of time in which the plan or request may be
5 amended and resubmitted for approval. If the
6 plan or request is approved, the Secretary shall
7 allot funds to the State under subsection (c)
8 within 90 days after such approval.

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

14 (e) WITHIN-STATE ALLOCATION AND ADMINISTRA-
15 TION.—

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

18 (A) may reserve not more than 5 percent
19 of the funds for administration and technical
20 assistance; and

21 (B) shall allocate the remainder of the
22 funds among local areas within the State in ac-
23 cordance with clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of sub-
24 section (c)(2)(B), except that for purposes of
25 such allocation references to a State in sub-

1 section (c)(2)(B) shall be deemed to be ref-
2 erences to a local area and references to all
3 States shall be deemed to be references to all
4 local areas in the State involved.

5 (2) LOCAL PLAN.—

6 (A) SUBMISSION.—In order to receive an
7 allocation under paragraph (1)(B), the local
8 board, in partnership with the chief elected offi-
9 cial for the local area involved, shall submit to
10 the Governor a local plan modification, or such
11 other request for funds by local areas as may
12 be specified in guidance under subsection (b),
13 not later than 30 days after the submission by
14 the State of the State plan modification or
15 other State request for funds specified in guid-
16 ance under subsection (b), describing the strat-
17 egies and activities to be carried out under this
18 section.

19 (B) APPROVAL.—The Governor shall ap-
20 prove the local plan modification or other local
21 request for funds submitted under subpara-
22 graph (A) not later than 30 days after the sub-
23 mission date, unless the Governor determines
24 that the plan or request is inconsistent with re-
25 quirements of this section. If the Governor has

1 not made a determination within that 30-day
2 period, the plan shall be considered to be ap-
3 proved. If the plan or request is disapproved,
4 the Governor may provide a reasonable period
5 of time in which the plan or request may be
6 amended and resubmitted for approval. If the
7 plan or request is approved, the Governor shall
8 allocate funds to the local area within 30 days
9 after such approval.

10 (3) REALLOCATION.—If a local board and chief
11 elected official do not submit a local plan modifica-
12 tion (or other local request for funds specified in
13 guidance under subsection (b)) by the date specified
14 in paragraph (2), or the Governor disapproves a
15 local plan modification (or other local request), the
16 amount the local area would have been eligible to re-
17 ceive pursuant to the formula under paragraph
18 (1)(B) shall be allocated to local areas that receive
19 approval of their local plan modifications or local re-
20 quests for funds under paragraph (2). Each such
21 local area shall receive a share of the total amount
22 available for reallocation under this paragraph, in
23 accordance with the area's share of the total amount
24 allocated under paragraph (1)(B) to such local
25 areas.

1 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—

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

4 (A) to provide summer employment oppor-
5 tunities for low-income youth, with direct link-
6 ages to academic and occupational learning,
7 and may be used to provide supportive services,
8 such as transportation or child care, that is
9 necessary to enable the participation of such
10 youth in the opportunities; and

11 (B) to provide year-round employment op-
12 portunities, which may be combined with other
13 activities authorized under section 129 of the
14 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
15 U.S.C. 3164), to low-income youth.

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

19 (A) identifying employment opportunities
20 that are—

21 (i) in emerging or in-demand occupa-
22 tions in the local area; or

23 (ii) in the public or nonprofit sector
24 and meet community needs; and

(B) linking participants in year-round employment opportunities to training and educational activities that will provide such participants an industry-recognized certificate or credential (referred to in this Act as an “industry-recognized credential”).

(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Not more than 5 percent of the funds allocated to a local area under this section may be used for the costs of administration of this section.

(4) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—For activities funded under this section, in lieu of meeting the requirements described in (before July 1, 2016) section 136 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2871) and (after June 30, 2016) section 116 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141), States and local areas shall provide such reports as the Secretary of Labor may require regarding the performance outcomes described in section 5(b)(5).

SEC. 4. WORK-BASED EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES OF DEMONSTRATED EFFECTIVENESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—From the funds available under section 2(c)(2), the Secretary of Labor shall make allot-

1 ments to States, and award grants to eligible entities,
 2 under subsection (b) to carry out work-based strategies
 3 and activities of demonstrated effectiveness.

4 (b) ALLOTMENTS AND GRANTS.—

5 (1) ALLOTMENTS TO STATES FOR GRANTS.—

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

10 (B) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The
 11 State shall use the funds to award grants, on
 12 a competitive basis, to eligible entities in the
 13 State.

14 (2) DIRECT GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—
 15 Using the funds described in subsection (a) that are
 16 not allotted under paragraph (1), the Secretary of
 17 Labor shall award grants on a competitive basis to
 18 eligible entities.

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

21 (1) shall include—

22 (A) a partnership involving a chief elected
 23 official and the local board for the local area in-
 24 volved (which may include a partnership with
 25 such elected officials and boards and State

1 elected officials and State boards, in the region
2 and in the State); or

3 (B) an entity eligible to apply for a grant,
4 contract, or agreement under section 166 of the
5 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
6 U.S.C. 3221); and

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

9 (A) employers or employer associations;

10 (B) adult education providers or postsec-
11 ondary educational institutions, including com-
12 munity colleges;

13 (C) community-based organizations;

14 (D) joint labor-management committees;

15 (E) work-related intermediaries;

16 (F) labor organizations that sponsor train-
17 ing or employment upgrade programs; and

18 (G) other appropriate organizations.

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

1 (1) describe the strategies and activities of dem-
2 onstrated effectiveness that the eligible entity will
3 carry out to provide unemployed, low-income young
4 adults and low-income youth with skills that will
5 lead to employment upon completion of participation
6 in such activities;

7 (2) describe the requirements that will apply re-
8 lating to the eligibility of unemployed, low-income
9 young adults and low-income youth, consistent with
10 section 2, for activities carried out under this sec-
11 tion, which requirements may include criteria to tar-
12 get assistance to particular categories of such adults
13 and youth, such as individuals with disabilities or in-
14 dividuals who have exhausted all rights to unemploy-
15 ment compensation;

16 (3) describe how the strategies and activities
17 will address the needs of the target populations iden-
18 tified in paragraph (2) and the needs of employers
19 in the local area;

20 (4) describe the expected outcomes to be
21 achieved by implementing the strategies and activi-
22 ties;

23 (5) provide evidence that the funds provided
24 through the grant will be expended expeditiously and
25 efficiently to implement the strategies and activities;

1 (6) describe how the strategies and activities
2 will be coordinated with other Federal, State and
3 local programs providing employment, education and
4 supportive activities;

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

9 (8) provide assurances that the eligible entity
10 will report such information relating to fiscal, per-
11 formance, and other matters, as the Secretary of
12 Labor may require and as the Secretary determines
13 is necessary to effectively monitor the activities car-
14 ried out under this section;

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

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

23 (e) PRIORITY IN AWARDS.—In awarding grants
24 under this section, the Secretary of Labor (or a State,
25 under subsection (b)(1)(B)) shall give priority to applica-

1 tions submitted by eligible entities from areas of high pov-
 2 erty and high unemployment, as defined by the Secretary,
 3 such as Public Use Microdata Areas designated by the Bu-
 4 reau of the Census.

5 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—An entity that receives a grant
 6 under this section shall use the funds made available
 7 through the grant to support work-based strategies and
 8 activities of demonstrated effectiveness that are designed
 9 to provide unemployed, low-income young adults and low-
 10 income youth with skills that will lead to employment as
 11 part of or upon completion of participation in such activi-
 12 ties. Such strategies and activities may include—

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

16 (2) sector-based training programs that have
 17 been designed to meet the specific requirements of
 18 an employer or group of employers in that sector
 19 and for which employers are committed to hiring in-
 20 dividuals upon successful completion of the training;

21 (3) training that supports an industry sector or
 22 an employer-based or labor-management committee
 23 industry partnership and that includes a significant
 24 work-experience component;

1 (4) activities that lead to the acquisition of in-
2 dustry-recognized credentials in a field identified by
3 the State or local area as a growth sector or in-de-
4 mand industry in which there are likely to be signifi-
5 cant job opportunities in the short term;

6 (5) activities that provide connections to imme-
7 diate work opportunities, including subsidized em-
8 ployment opportunities, or summer employment op-
9 portunities for youth, that include concurrent skills
10 training and other supports;

11 (6) activities offered through career academies
12 that provide students with the academic preparation
13 and training, such as paid internships and concu-
14 rent enrollment in community colleges or other post-
15 secondary institutions, needed to pursue a career
16 pathway that leads to postsecondary credentials and
17 in-demand jobs; and

18 (7) adult basic education and integrated basic
19 education and training for low-skilled individuals
20 who are not younger than 16 but are younger than
21 25, hosted at community colleges or at other sites,
22 to prepare individuals for jobs that are in demand
23 in a local area.

24 (g) COORDINATION OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRA-
25 TION.—The Secretary of Labor shall administer this sec-

tion in coordination with the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and other appropriate agency heads, to ensure the effective implementation of this section.

SEC. 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

(a) LABOR STANDARDS AND PROTECTIONS.—Activities provided with funds made available under this Act shall be subject to the requirements and restrictions, including the labor standards, described in section 181 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3241) and the nondiscrimination provisions of section 188 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3248), in addition to other applicable Federal laws.

(b) REPORTING.—The Secretary of Labor may require the reporting of information relating to fiscal, performance and other matters that the Secretary determines is necessary to effectively monitor the activities carried out with funds provided under this Act. At a minimum, recipients of grants (including recipients of subgrants) under this Act shall provide information relating to—

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

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

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

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

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

9 (A) for low-income youth participating in
10 summer employment activities under sections 3
11 and 4, performance on indicators consisting
12 of—

13 (i) work readiness skill attainment
14 using an employer validated checklist; and

15 (ii) placement in or return to sec-
16 ondary or postsecondary education or
17 training, or entry into unsubsidized em-
18 ployment;

19 (B) for low-income youth participating in
20 year-round employment activities under section
21 3 or in activities under section 4, performance
22 on indicators consisting of—

23 (i) placement in or return to postsec-
24 ondary education;

1 (ii) attainment of a secondary school
2 diploma or its recognized equivalent;

3 (iii) attainment of an industry-recog-
4 nized credential; and

5 (iv) entry into, retention in, and earn-
6 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

7 (C) for unemployed, low-income young
8 adults participating in activities under section
9 4, performance on indicators consisting of—

10 (i) entry into, retention in, and earn-
11 ings in, unsubsidized employment; and

12 (ii) attainment of an industry-recog-
13 nized credential.

14 (c) ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO BE ADDITIONAL.—
15 Funds provided under this Act shall only be used for ac-
16 tivities that are in addition to activities that would other-
17 wise be available in the State or local area in the absence
18 of such funds.

19 (d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of
20 Labor may establish such additional requirements as the
21 Secretary determines may be necessary to ensure fiscal in-
22 tegrity, effective monitoring, and the appropriate and
23 prompt implementation of the activities under this Act.

24 (e) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND EVALUATIONS TO
25 CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC.—The Secretary of Labor

1 shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress
2 and make available to the public the information reported
3 pursuant to subsection (b).

4 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL.—The term
7 “chief elected official” means the chief elected execu-
8 tive officer of a unit of local government in a local
9 area or in the case in which such an area includes
10 more than one unit of general government, the indi-
11 viduals designated under an agreement described in
12 section 107(c)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation
13 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3122(c)(1)(B)).

14 (2) LOCAL AREA.—The term “local area” has
15 the meaning given the term in section 3 of the
16 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
17 U.S.C. 3102).

18 (3) LOCAL BOARD.—The term “local board”
19 has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the
20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

21 (4) LOCAL PLAN.—The term “local plan”—

22 (A) means a local plan approved, before
23 July 1, 2016, under section 118 of the Work-
24 force Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833);
25 and

1 (B) after June 30, 2016, means a local
2 plan as defined in section 3 of the Workforce
3 Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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

6 (A) is not younger than 16 but is younger
7 than 25;

8 (B) meets the definition of a low-income
9 individual provided in section 3(36) of the
10 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
11 U.S.C. 3102(36)), except that—

12 (i) States and local areas, subject to
13 approval in the applicable State plans and
14 local plans, may increase the income level
15 specified in subparagraph (B)(i) of such
16 section to an amount not in excess of 200
17 percent of the poverty line for purposes of
18 determining eligibility for participation in
19 activities under section 3; and

20 (ii) eligible entities described in sec-
21 tion 4(c), subject to approval in the appli-
22 cable applications for funds, may make
23 such an increase for purposes of deter-
24 mining eligibility for participation in activi-
25 ties under section 4; and

1 (C) is in one or more of the categories
 2 specified in subparagraph (B)(iii) or (C)(iv) of
 3 section 129(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation
 4 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1)).

5 (6) POVERTY LINE.—The term “poverty line”
 6 means a poverty line as defined in section 673 of the
 7 Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
 8 9902), applicable to a family of the size involved.

9 (7) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—
 10 The term “registered apprenticeship program”
 11 means an apprenticeship program registered under
 12 the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as
 13 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
 14 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

15 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
 16 the several States of the United States, and the Dis-
 17 trict of Columbia.

18 (9) STATE PLAN.—The term “State plan”
 19 means a State plan approved—

20 (A) before July 1, 2016, under section 112
 21 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
 22 U.S.C. 2822); or

23 (B) after June 30, 2016, under section
 24 102 or 103 of the Workforce Innovation and
 25 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112, 3113).

1 (10) UNEMPLOYED, LOW-INCOME YOUNG
2 ADULT.—The term “unemployed, low-income young
3 adult” means an individual who—

4 (A) is not younger than 18 but is younger
5 than 35;

6 (B) is without employment and is seeking
7 assistance under this Act to obtain employment;
8 and

9 (C) meets the definition of a low-income
10 individual specified in section 3(36) of the
11 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
12 U.S.C. 3102(36)), except that eligible entities
13 described in section 4(c), subject to approval in
14 the applicable applications for funds, may in-
15 crease the income level specified in subpara-
16 graph (B)(i) of such section to an amount not
17 in excess of 200 percent of the poverty line for
18 purposes of determining eligibility for participa-
19 tion in activities under section 4.

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