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H. R. 9829

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a community service technical assistance reservation and to increase the percentage of funds used for compensation of students participating in Federal work-study programs who are employed in community service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HAYES 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 “Students Working for
5 Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PRO-**
2 **GRAMS UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**
3 **OF 1965.**

4 (a) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 442 of the
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–52) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “From
9 the amount appropriated pursuant to section
10 441(b) for each fiscal year” and inserting
11 “From the remainder of the amount appro-
12 priated pursuant to section 441(b) for each fis-
13 cal year after making the reservation under
14 subsection (f)”;

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “From
16 the amount” and inserting “From the remain-
17 der of the amount” in each place it appears;
18 and

19 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “the
20 amount appropriated for any fiscal year” and
21 inserting “the remainder of the amount appro-
22 priated for any fiscal year”;

23 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “pursuant
24 to section 441(b) after making the allocations re-
25 quired by subsection (a)” and inserting “pursuant to
26 section 441(b) after making the reservation under

1 subsection (f) and the allocations required by sub-
2 section (a)”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) RESERVATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE TECH-
5 NICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year for
7 which the amount appropriated to carry out this
8 part is not less than \$1,300,000,000, the Secretary
9 shall, prior to making the allocations required by
10 subsections (a) and (b), reserve 1 percent from such
11 amount to make 1 or more grants to public or pri-
12 vate entities that have demonstrated success in
13 working with partnerships of institutions of higher
14 education and nonprofit organizations on work-study
15 and community service programs.

16 “(2) GRANT USES.—An entity awarded a grant
17 under paragraph (1) shall use such grant to provide
18 technical assistance to eligible institutions with re-
19 spect to carrying out the activities under this part
20 in order to promote best practices and ensure the
21 success of such activities, with a particular focus
22 on—

23 “(A) meeting the needs of historically un-
24 derserved student populations, such as first-

1 generation college students (as defined in sec-
 2 tion 402A(h)) and students of color; and

3 “(B) community service programs, includ-
 4 ing—

5 “(i) the compensation of students em-
 6 ployed in community service under section
 7 443(b)(2)(A); and

8 “(ii) the implementation of commu-
 9 nity service work-study programs under
 10 section 447.”.

11 (b) GRANTS FOR FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PRO-
 12 GRAMS.—Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of
 13 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “ex-
 16 cept as provided under subsection (f),” after
 17 “for fiscal year 2000 and succeeding fiscal
 18 years,”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (5)(A)(ii), by inserting “,
 20 except that for any academic year for which
 21 paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (f)
 22 is applicable, the maximum percentage of stu-
 23 dents who may be so employed shall not exceed
 24 the percentage of an institution’s grant under
 25 this part that is used to compensate such stu-

1 dent during such academic year” after “75 per-
2 cent”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(f) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SERV-
5 ICE.—Beginning with fiscal year 2025—

6 “(1) for each fiscal year for which the amount
7 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
8 \$1,300,000,000 and less than \$1,450,000,000, sub-
9 section (b)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘9
10 percent’ for ‘7 percent’;

11 “(2) for each fiscal year for which the amount
12 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
13 \$1,450,000,000 and less than \$1,650,000,000, sub-
14 section (b)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘12
15 percent’ for ‘7 percent’;

16 “(3) for each fiscal year for which the amount
17 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
18 \$1,650,000,000 and less than \$1,900,000,000, sub-
19 section (b)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘15
20 percent’ for ‘7 percent’;

21 “(4) for each fiscal year for which the amount
22 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
23 \$1,900,000,000 and less than \$2,200,000,000, sub-
24 section (b)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘18
25 percent’ for ‘7 percent’;

1 “(5) for each fiscal year for which the amount
2 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
3 \$2,200,000,000 and less than \$2,550,000,000, sub-
4 section (b)(2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘21
5 percent’ for ‘7 percent’; and

6 “(6) for each fiscal year for which the amount
7 appropriated under section 441(b) is not less than
8 \$2,550,000,000, subsection (b)(2)(A) shall be ap-
9 plied by substituting ‘24 percent’ for ‘7 percent’.”.

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