

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2117

To amend title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish financial literacy education programs for newly naturalized citizens of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON 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 “Naturalized Citizens
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT**

2 **ACT OF 1998.**

3 (a) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION.**—Section 203
4 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (20 U.S.C.
5 9202) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through
7 (18) as paragraphs (9) through (19), respectively;
8 and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(8) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION PRO-**
12 **GRAM FOR NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS.**—The
13 term ‘financial literacy education program for newly
14 naturalized citizens’ means a program of instruction
15 designed to help individuals, who have been natural-
16 ized citizens of the United States for 12 months or
17 less, achieve financial literacy through basic instruc-
18 tion on banking, retirement savings, acquiring and
19 managing credit (including credit cards), insurance,
20 income taxes, long-term financial planning, preda-
21 tory lending, identity theft, and other financial abuse
22 schemes”.

23 (b) **FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**—
24 Section 231(b) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 9241) is amended
25 by adding at the end the following:

- 1 “(4) Financial literacy education programs for
- 2 newly naturalized citizens.”.

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