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H. R. 5679

To provide a direct appropriation of funds for the Learn and Serve America program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and expand the eligibility of such program to additional entities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Learn and Serve
5 America Reinvestment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIRECT APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE**
2 **LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA PROGRAM.**

3 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
4 appropriated to the Corporation for National and Commu-
5 nity Service for fiscal year 2024 and each succeeding fiscal
6 year, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
7 propriated—

8 (1) \$40,000,000, for subtitle B of title I of the
9 National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
10 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), of which not less than 20
11 percent shall be used to carry out part I of such
12 subtitle B and not less than 80 percent shall be used
13 to carry out part II of such subtitle B; and

14 (2) such sums as may be necessary to hire not
15 less than 10 additional, full-time staff at the Cor-
16 poration for National and Community Service to as-
17 sist with planning, program design, and technology
18 advancements for purposes of carrying out such sub-
19 title B.

20 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LEARN AND**
21 **SERVICE AMERICA PROGRAM.**

22 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 111A of the National and
23 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12522) is
24 amended—

25 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
2 graph (A);

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) a local educational agency, or a con-
7 sortium of 2 or more local educational agencies,
8 in the State.”.

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

10 “(3) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
11 ‘local educational agency’ has the meaning given the
12 term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
13 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”.

14 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—Section 112(d) of the National
15 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12523(d))
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(d) SPECIAL RULE.—A State educational agency
18 described in section 111A(2)(A) may designate, to receive
19 the State educational agency’s allotment under this part,
20 and carry out the functions of the agency under this part,
21 a statewide entity that—

22 “(1) has demonstrated experience in supporting
23 or implementing service-learning programs; and

24 “(2) is a community-based entity, a non-profit
25 organization that provides training or direct support

1 to teachers, youth workers, and students, or the
2 State Commission on National and Community
3 Service established for the State under section 178
4 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990
5 (42 U.S.C. 12638).”.

6 (c) ALLOTMENTS.—Section 112A of the National and
7 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12524) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “through fis-
10 cal year 2023” after “any fiscal year”;

11 (2) in section (b)(2), by inserting “through fis-
12 cal year 2023” after “any fiscal year”;

13 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “before fiscal
14 year 2024” after “a fiscal year”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(d) RESERVATION AND ALLOTMENTS FOR FISCAL
17 YEAR 2024 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-
19 priated to carry out this part for fiscal year 2024
20 and any succeeding fiscal year, the Corporation
21 shall—

22 “(A) reserve an amount of not less than 2
23 percent and not more than 3 percent for pay-
24 ments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

1 “(B) award allotments, on a competitive
2 basis, to State educational agencies, territories,
3 and Indian tribes to carry out this part.

4 “(2) ALLOTMENT AMOUNT.—The Corporation
5 shall determine the amount of any allotment award-
6 ed under paragraph (1)(B).

7 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The
8 Corporation shall submit to Congress a report, on an
9 annual basis, that provides the percentage of funds
10 appropriated for the preceding fiscal year to carry
11 out this part that have been allotted under this sec-
12 tion to each type of grantee, and how such grantees
13 have used such allotments.”.

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