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H. R. 7406

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to update the definition of supportive services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OMAR 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 “Supportive Services
5 Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

7 (a) INCLUSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN DEFINITION OF CAREER PATHWAY.—Section 3(7) of the
8 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
9 3102(7))—
10 3102(7))—

1 (1) is amended by striking “and” at the end of
2 subparagraph (F);

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

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

6 “(H) includes supportive services or pro-
7 vides assistance in applying for and accessing
8 direct support services, means-tested Federal
9 benefit programs, or similar State, tribal, or
10 local benefit programs.”.

11 (b) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DEFINED.—Section
12 3(59) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
13 (29 U.S.C. 3102(59)) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(59) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-
15 portive services’ means services such as transpor-
16 tation, child care, dependent care, housing, food and
17 nutrition services, mental health care supports, sub-
18 stance use disorder treatment, access to broadband,
19 affordable internet connection, or digital devices with
20 connection to the internet, assistive technology, and
21 needs-related payments, that are necessary to enable
22 an individual to participate in workforce develop-
23 ment activities.”.

24 (c) FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL BOARD.—Section
25 107(d)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity

1 Act (29 U.S.C. 3122(d)(3)) is amended, in the first sen-
2 tence, by inserting “, including supportive services offered
3 by community-based organizations,” after “resources”.

4 (d) PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR YOUTH WORKFORCE
5 INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 129(c)(2) of the
6 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
7 3164(c)(2) is amended—

8 (1) by amending subparagraph (G) to read as
9 follows:

10 “(G) Supportive services, including pro-
11 viding supportive services to eligible youth or
12 connecting such youth to supportive services
13 provided by another entity, to enable participa-
14 tion in the a summer or year-round employment
15 program, which may include food and nutrition
16 services, and health and mental health care
17 supports.”; and

18 (2) by amending subparagraph (K) to read as
19 follows:

20 “(K) high-quality financial literacy edu-
21 cation, including for eligible youth participating
22 in a summer or year-round employment pro-
23 gram, including education on the use of credit
24 and financing higher education, and access to
25 safe and affordable banking.”.

1 (e) REQUIRED LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
 2 ACTIVITIES.—Section 134(c) of the Workforce Innovation
 3 and Opportunity Act (29 13 U.S.C. 3174(c)) is amend-
 4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A) is amended by striking
 6 clauses (iv) and (v) and inserting the following:

7 “(iv) to provide supportive services de-
 8 scribed in paragraph (4) to adults and dis-
 9 located workers, respectively, through the
 10 one-stop delivery system in accordance
 11 with such paragraph;” and

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

13 “(4) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—A portion of the
 14 funds allocated to a local area for adults under para-
 15 graph (2)(A) or (3), as appropriate, of section
 16 133(b), and a portion of the funds allocated to the
 17 local area for dislocated workers under section
 18 133(b)(2)(B)—

19 “(A) shall be used to provide supportive
 20 services (that are not needs-related payments)
 21 to adults and dislocated workers, respectively—

22 “(i) who are participating in programs
 23 with activities authorized in paragraph (2)
 24 or (3) of subsection (c), or who entered un-
 25 subsidized employment after participating

1 in such programs, for up to 12 months fol-
2 lowing the date of first employment; and

3 “(ii) who are unable to obtain such
4 supportive services through other programs
5 providing such services; and

6 “(B) may be used to provide needs-related
7 payments to adults and dislocated workers, re-
8 spectively, who are unemployed and do not
9 qualify for (or have ceased to qualify for) unem-
10 ployment compensation for the purpose of ena-
11 bling such individuals to participate in pro-
12 grams of training services under subsection
13 (c)(3).”.

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