

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8671

To allow the use of unspent educational funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to address pandemic learning loss through Child Opportunity Scholarships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 2022

Mr. OWENS 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 “Raising Expectations
5 with Child Opportunity Vouchers for Educational Recov-
6 ery Act” or the “RECOVER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF UNOBLIGATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**
2 **ACT FUNDS FOR CHILD OPPORTUNITY**
3 **SCHOLARSHIPS.**

4 Section 2001 of the American Rescue Plan Act of
5 2021 (20 U.S.C. 3401 note) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (e)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “through the implementa-
8 tion of” and inserting “through—

9 “(A) the implementation of”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by
11 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking
12 “; and” and inserting “; or”; and

13 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A),
14 as designated by subparagraph (A) of this para-
15 graph, the following:

16 “(B) the distribution of Child Opportunity
17 Scholarships; and”;

18 (2) in subsection (f)—

19 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at
20 the end;

21 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
22 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (C) by adding after paragraph (4) the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(5) may use any remaining amounts to dis-
26 tribute Child Opportunity Scholarships.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (h)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
3 (3) as paragraphs (4) and (6), respectively;

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
5 following:

6 “(2) the term ‘Child Opportunity Scholarship’
7 means direct financial assistance to the parent or
8 guardian of an eligible student for a qualified edu-
9 cational expense in an amount reasonably commensurate to the negative educational impact intended
10 to be addressed;

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12 “(3) the term ‘eligible student’ means a child
13 who is a member of a household with an income
14 which is not greater than 300 percent of the Federal
15 poverty level;”;

16 (C) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by
17 subparagraph (A), by striking “and” after the
18 semicolon; and

19 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4), as
20 redesignated by subparagraph (A), the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(5) the term ‘qualified educational expense’ in-
23 cludes tutoring or educational classes outside the
24 home, curriculum and curricular materials, books or
25 instructional materials, technological education ma-

1 terials, online educational materials, private school
2 tuition, testing fees, diagnostic tools, and edu-
3 cational therapies for students with disabilities;
4 and”.

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