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H. R. 668

To direct the Secretary of Labor to fund youth workforce investment activities for certain local areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Mr. RUSH 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 “Jobs Now Youth Em-
5 ployment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amount made available
8 under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
9 make allotments to local areas pursuant to subsection (b)
10 for youth workforce investment activities under section

1 129 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
2 U.S.C. 3164).

3 (b) FORMULA.—The allotment to a local area under
4 subsection (a) shall be made on the basis of the relative
5 number of long-term unemployed individuals in each local
6 area, compared to the total number of long-term unem-
7 ployed individuals in all local areas.

8 (c) DATA COLLECTION.—In carrying out subsection
9 (a), the Secretary shall—

10 (1) beginning not later than 180 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act and annually
12 thereafter, the Secretary shall collect long-term un-
13 employment rates for local areas; and

14 (2) identify local areas that have long-term un-
15 employment rates above the national average for the
16 year for which such data is collected.

17 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section:

18 (1) LOCAL AREA.—The term “local area” has
19 the meaning given such term under section 3 of the
20 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
21 U.S.C. 3102).

22 (2) LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT.—The term
23 “long-term unemployment”, used with respect to a
24 local area, means the number of individuals in such

1 local area who have been unemployed for 15 weeks
2 or more.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Labor.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated to carry out the activities
7 described in subsection (a) \$10,000,000,000 for each year
8 in the 10-year period beginning on the date that is the
9 first fiscal year that commences following the existence of
10 data collected under subsection (c).

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