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H. R. 5307

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Education and 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 2026 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 members at
16 the Corporation for National and Community Serv-
17 ice to assist with planning, program design, and
18 technology advancements for purposes of carrying
19 out such subtitle 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) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
26 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

1 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
2 designated, the following:

3 “(1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
4 ‘local educational agency’ has the meaning given the
5 term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
6 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”;
7 and

8 (3) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—

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

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

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

14 “(C) a local educational agency, or a con-
15 sortium of 2 or more local educational agencies,
16 in the State.”.

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

20 “(d) SPECIAL RULE.—A State educational agency
21 described in section 111A(3)(A) may designate, to receive
22 an allotment or competitive grant for the State edu-
23 cational agency in accordance with section 112A, and
24 carry out the functions of the agency under this part, a
25 statewide entity that—

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

3 “(2) is a community-based entity, a non-profit
4 organization that provides training or direct support
5 to teachers, youth workers, and students, or the
6 State Commission on National and Community
7 Service established for the State under section
8 178.”.

9 (c) AWARDS.—Section 112A of the National and
10 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12524) is
11 amended—

12 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ALLOT-**
13 **MENTS**” and inserting “**AWARDS**”;

14 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “through fis-
15 cal year 2025” after “any fiscal year”;

16 (3) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
18 (A) of paragraph (1), by striking “for the fiscal
19 year” and inserting “for any fiscal year through
20 fiscal year 2025”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting
22 “through fiscal year 2025” after “any fiscal
23 year”;

24 (4) in subsection (c), by inserting “before fiscal
25 year 2026” after “a fiscal year”; and

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

2 “(d) RESERVATION AND GRANT AWARDS FOR FIS-
3 CAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appro-
5 priated to carry out this part for fiscal year 2026
6 and any succeeding fiscal year, the Corporation
7 shall—

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

11 “(B) award grants, on a competitive basis,
12 to State educational agencies, territories, and
13 Indian tribes to carry out this part.

14 “(2) GRANT AMOUNT.—The Corporation shall
15 determine the amount of any grant made under
16 paragraph (1)(B).

17 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The
18 Corporation shall submit to Congress a report, on an
19 annual basis, that provides the percentage of funds
20 appropriated for the preceding fiscal year to carry
21 out this part that have been awarded under this sec-
22 tion to each type of grantee, and how such grantees
23 have used such grants.”.

24 (d) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Part I of subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 112(a) (42 U.S.C. 12523(a))—

(i) in the subsection heading, by striking “ALLOTMENTS” and inserting “AWARDS”; and

(ii) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “allotments” and inserting “allotments or competitive grants, in accordance with section 112A,”;

(B) in section 113(a) (42 U.S.C. 12525(a))—

(i) in the subsection heading, by striking “ALLOTMENTS” and inserting “AWARDS”; and

(ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “allotment under” and inserting “allotment or competitive grant, in accordance with”;

(C) in section 114(c) (42 U.S.C. 12526(c)), by striking “allotment” and inserting “allotment or competitive grant”;

1 (D) in section 116(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.
2 12528(a)(1)), by striking “from an allotment”
3 and inserting “(including from an allotment)”;
4 and

5 (E) in section 117 (42 U.S.C. 12529), by
6 striking “allotment” and inserting “allotment
7 or competitive grant”.

8 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
9 tents of the National and Community Service Act of
10 1990 is amended by striking the item relating to
11 section 112A and inserting the following:

“Sec. 112A. Awards.”.

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