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H. R. 6221

To codify certain directives in the Executive order entitled “Fostering the Future for American Children and Families”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. FONG, and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

To codify certain directives in the Executive order entitled “Fostering the Future for American Children and Families”.

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 “Fostering the Future
5 for American Children and Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE SECTOR**
2 **PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT TECHNICAL JOB**
3 **TRAINING, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND AP-**
4 **PRENTICESHIPS FOR CURRENT AND FORMER**
5 **FOSTER YOUTH.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services, in coordination with the Secretary of
8 Labor, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the Fed-
9 eral, State, and private sector programs that support tech-
10 nical job training, on-the-job training, and apprenticeships
11 for current and former foster youth. The study shall evalu-
12 ate the effectiveness of the programs, gaps in services pro-
13 vided under the programs, the barriers to accessing the
14 programs, and the opportunities to expand career path-
15 ways for youth transitioning out of the child welfare sys-
16 tem.

17 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Within 1 year after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall
19 submit to the Congress a report containing findings and
20 recommendations of the study required by subsection (a)
21 for improving alignment of the matters referred to in sub-
22 section (a), the need for additional funding to do so, and
23 the modernization of the relevant programs.

24 **SEC. 3. FOSTERING THE FUTURE PIPELINE PROGRAM.**

25 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—After completing the study
26 required by section 2, the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall
 2 establish in the Department of Health and Human Serv-
 3 ices a program, which shall be known as the “Fostering
 4 the Future Pipeline Program”, under which grants are
 5 made to States, academic institutions, private-sector em-
 6 ployers, and nonprofit or faith-based organizations, on a
 7 competitive basis, to expand access to industry-aligned
 8 technical job training and apprenticeships for current and
 9 former foster youth, including through training or appren-
 10 ticeships in high-demand fields such as skilled trades,
 11 manufacturing, health care, information technology, and
 12 agriculture.

13 (b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
 14 PRIATIONS.—To carry out this section, there are author-
 15 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health and
 16 Human Services not more than \$50,000,000 for each fis-
 17 cal year.

18 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO USE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
 19 **VOUCHERS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE**
 20 **JOHN H. CHAFEE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM**
 21 **FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO ADULT-**
 22 **HOOD TO INCREASE FLEXIBILITY FOR YOUTH**
 23 **EXITING FOSTER CARE.**

24 Section 477(i)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
 25 U.S.C. 677(i)(4)) is amended—

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

3 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) and sub-
4 paragraph (C) and inserting after subparagraph (A)
5 the following:

6 “(B) may be available for short-term, ca-
7 reer-focused, credential-granting programs, in-
8 cluding registered apprenticeships, certificate
9 programs, and other rapid-employment path-
10 ways; and”.

11 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
13 take effect 6 months after the date of the enactment of
14 this Act.

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