

Union Calendar No. 555

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7463

[Report No. 119-638]

To amend section 477 of the Social Security Act to increase the maximum education and training voucher amount and provide greater support for foster youth pursuing postsecondary education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Ms. CHU (for herself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

MAY 7, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 10, 2026]

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 “Foster Youth Postsec-*
5 *ondary Education Access and Success Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM EDUCATION AND TRAINING**
7 **VOUCHER AMOUNT AND PROVISION OF**
8 **GREATER SUPPORT FOR FOSTER YOUTH PUR-**
9 **SUING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 477(i) of the Social Secu-
11 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 677(i)) is amended—*

12 (1) *in paragraph (3)—*

13 (A) *by striking “that program” and insert-*
14 *ing “that education or training program, (except*
15 *that the State may establish a grace period to*
16 *allow a youth to continue participation in ac-*
17 *tivities described in paragraph (4)(A), after an*
18 *assessment and consultation with the youth, if*
19 *the State determines that reasonable cir-*
20 *cumstances warrant the grace period)”;* and

21 (B) *by striking “the program” and insert-*
22 *ing “the voucher program”;* and

23 (2) *in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “\$5,000”*
24 *and inserting “\$12,000”.*

1 (b) *GUIDANCE.*—*The Secretary of Health and Human*
2 *Services, in consultation with youth who have experienced*
3 *foster care, shall develop and issue model guidance to States*
4 *and jurisdictions receiving allotments under section 477(c)*
5 *of the Social Security Act for implementation of the amend-*
6 *ment made by subsection (a)(1) of this section.*

7 **SEC. 3. IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND YOUTH AWARE-**
8 **NESS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCH-**
9 **ERS.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 477(i) of the Social Secu-*
11 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 677(i)) is amended by adding at the*
12 *end the following:*

13 “(7) *The State shall make reasonable efforts to*
14 *ensure that eligible youth are aware of potential bene-*
15 *fits provided under this subsection, including by co-*
16 *ordinating with programs funded under subsection*
17 *(h)(1).*

18 “(8) *The program shall include a simplified,*
19 *user-tested, and standard form for youth to use to*
20 *apply for vouchers under the program, using stand-*
21 *ard terminology, that is easily accessible and avail-*
22 *able electronically.”.*

23 (b) *USE OF FUNDS.*—*Section 477(d)(1) of such Act (42*
24 *U.S.C. 677(d)(1)) is amended to read as follows:*

1 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A State to which an amount
2 is paid from its allotment under subsection (c)(1)
3 may use the amount in any manner that is reason-
4 ably calculated to accomplish the purposes of this sec-
5 tion, including outreach related to subsection (i)(7). A
6 State to which an amount is paid from its allotment
7 under subsection (c)(3) may use the amount for any
8 purpose related to the program described in subsection
9 (i)(7).”.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 *The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on*
12 *the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of*
13 *this Act.*

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