

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8972

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. GROTHMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “OPT Fair Tax Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**

6 **FOR F–1 VISA HOLDERS AS EMPLOYMENT.**

7 (a) FEDERAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT.—

8 Section 3121(b)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

1 is amended by striking “as the case may be” and inserting  
2 “as the case may be, except that this paragraph shall not  
3 apply to service performed by an alien present in the  
4 United States as a nonimmigrant described in section  
5 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
6 (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i)) who is participating in op-  
7 tional practical training”.

8 (b) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 210(a)(19) of  
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 410(a)(19)) is amend-  
10 ed by striking “as the case may be” and inserting “as  
11 the case may be, except that this paragraph shall not  
12 apply to service performed by an alien present in the  
13 United States as a nonimmigrant described in section  
14 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
15 (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i)) who is participating in op-  
16 tional practical training”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply to services performed in calendar  
19 months beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

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