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# H. R. 4865

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TSONGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

## A BILL

To amend the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 to establish an Office of Youth Employment in the Department of Labor to administer youth programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Youth Counseling and  
4 Employment Act of 1977".

5 SEC. 2. Section 304 of the Comprehensive Employment  
6 and Training Act of 1973 is amended to read as follows:

7 "OFFICE OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT; YOUTH PROGRAMS

8 "SEC. 304. (a) There is hereby established within the  
9 Department of Labor a Youth Employment Office (herein-

1 after in this title referred to as the 'Office'). There shall  
 2 be at the head of the Office a Director who shall be appointed  
 3 by the President (after consultation with the Secretaries of  
 4 Labor and of Health, Education, and Welfare), by and with  
 5 the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall be com-  
 6 pensated at the rate provided for level V of the Executive  
 7 Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5316).

8 “(b) The Director may provide financial assistance  
 9 through grants and contracts in urban and rural areas, in-  
 10 cluding areas having large concentrations or proportions of  
 11 low-income, unemployed persons, and rural areas having sub-  
 12 stantial outmigration to urban areas, for comprehensive work  
 13 and training programs, and necessary supportive and follow-  
 14 up services, including the following:

15 “(1) programs to provide part-time employment,  
 16 on-the-job training, and useful work experience for stu-  
 17 dents from low-income families who are in the ninth  
 18 through twelfth grades of school (or are of an age  
 19 equivalent to that of students in such grades) and who  
 20 are in need of the earnings to permit them to resume or  
 21 maintain attendance in school;

22 “(2) programs to provide unemployed, underem-  
 23 ployed, or low-income persons (aged sixteen and over)  
 24 with useful work and training (which must include suf-

1 ficient basic education and institutional or on-the-job  
2 training) designed to assist those persons to develop their  
3 maximum occupational potential and to obtain regular  
4 competitive employment;

5 “(3) jobs, including those in recreation and related  
6 programs, for economically disadvantaged youths during  
7 the summer months; and

8 “(4) programs to provide in-school guidance and  
9 counseling to students to promote educational choices  
10 advantageous to future employment possibilities, and to  
11 assist students in seeking and obtaining such employ-  
12 ment.

13 “(c) To the maximum extent feasible, programs or com-  
14 ponents of programs conducted under this section shall be  
15 linked to comprehensive work and training programs con-  
16 ducted by prime sponsors under title I of this Act, but the  
17 Director may provide financial assistance to a public agency  
18 or private organization other than a prime sponsor to carry  
19 out one or more component programs described in subsec-  
20 tion (b) when he determines, after soliciting and considering  
21 comments of the appropriate prime sponsor, if any, that such  
22 assistance would enhance program effectiveness. In the case  
23 of programs under subsection (b) (1) and (4) of this  
24 section, financial assistance may be provided directly to local



1 or State education agencies, after consultation with the Sec-  
2 retary of Health, Education, and Welfare, for the operation  
3 of such programs.

4 “(d) (1) Assistance provided under this section shall,  
5 to the extent feasible, be made available for a minimum of  
6 three years.

7 “(2) The Director of the Office shall conduct or have  
8 conducted such studies or analyses as may be necessary to  
9 assess the effectiveness of programs conducted pursuant to  
10 this section and shall keep the Committee on Education and  
11 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
12 on Labor and Public Welfare of the Senate fully and cur-  
13 rently informed of the results of such studies and analyses.”.

14 SEC. 3. Title III of the Comprehensive Employment  
15 and Training Act of 1973 is amended by inserting im-  
16 mediately after section 304 the following new section:

17 “OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS

18 “SEC. 305. (a) The Secretary may provide financial  
19 assistance in urban and rural areas, including areas having  
20 large concentrations or proportions of low-income, unem-  
21 ployed persons, and rural areas having substantial outmigra-  
22 tion to urban areas, for comprehensive work and training  
23 programs, and necessary supportive and followup services,  
24 including the following:

25 “(1) special programs which involve work activi-

1 ties directed to the needs of those chronically unemployed  
2 poor who have poor employment prospects and are  
3 unable, because of age, lack of employment opportunity,  
4 or otherwise, to secure appropriate employment or train-  
5 ing assistance under other programs, and which, in  
6 addition to other services provided, will enable such  
7 persons to participate in projects for the betterment,  
8 physical improvement, or beautification of the com-  
9 munity or areas served by the program ;

10 “(2) special programs which provide unemployed  
11 or low-income persons with jobs leading to career op-  
12 portunities, including new types of careers, in programs  
13 designed to improve the physical, social, economic, or  
14 cultural condition of the community or area served ;

15 “(3) special services, when required, for middle-  
16 aged and older men and women, including recruitment,  
17 placement, and counseling for such persons who are  
18 unemployed as a result of the closing of a plant or  
19 factory or a permanent large-scale reduction in the  
20 work force of a locality, and provide grants to or  
21 contracts with prime sponsors to assist such sponsors  
22 in securing part-time or temporary employment for  
23 middle-aged and older persons ; and

24 “(4) other manpower programs conducted by com-  
25 munity-based organizations.

1 “(b) To the maximum extent feasible, programs or  
2 components of programs conducted under this section shall  
3 be linked to comprehensive work and training programs con-  
4 ducted by prime sponsors under title I of this Act, but the  
5 Secretary may provide financial assistance to a public agency  
6 or private organization other than a prime sponsor to carry  
7 out one or more component programs described in subsec-  
8 tion (a) when he determines, after soliciting and considering  
9 comments of the appropriate prime sponsor, if any, that such  
10 assistance would enhance program effectiveness.”.

11 SEC. 4. The Act of June 6, 1933 (48 Stat. 113), as  
12 amended (29 U.S.C. 49), is further amended—

13 (1) by inserting “and for juniors” immediately  
14 after “handicapped persons” in section 3 (a) ; and

15 (2) by inserting immediately after the second sen-  
16 tence of section 8 the following new sentence: “Such  
17 plans shall be amended not later than January 1, 1978,  
18 to include provision for the promotion and development  
19 of employment opportunities for juniors, for job counsel-  
20 ing and placement of such persons, and for the designa-  
21 tion of at least one person in each State or Federal em-  
22 ployment office responsible for conducting such program  
23 in conformity with such guidelines as the Director of the  
24 Youth Employment Office of the Department of Labor  
25 may provide.”.



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