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To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to update the definition of supportive services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OMAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Supportive Services
5 Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

7 (a) **INCLUSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN DEFINITION OF CAREER PATHWAY.**—Section 3(7) of the

1 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
2 3102(7))—

3 (1) is amended by striking “and” at the end of
4 subparagraph (F);

5 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
6 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(H) includes supportive services or pro-
9 vides assistance in applying for and accessing
10 direct support services, means-tested Federal
11 benefit programs, or similar State, tribal, or
12 local benefit programs.”.

13 (b) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DEFINED.—Section
14 3(59) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
15 (29 U.S.C. 3102(59)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(59) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-
17 portive services’ means services such as transpor-
18 tation, child care, dependent care, housing, food and
19 nutrition services, mental health care supports, sub-
20 stance use disorder treatment, access to broadband,
21 affordable internet connection, or digital devices with
22 connection to the internet, assistive technology, and
23 needs-related payments, that are necessary to enable
24 an individual to participate in workforce develop-
25 ment activities.”.

1 (c) FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL BOARD.—Section
2 107(d)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
3 Act (29 U.S.C. 3122(d)(3)) is amended, in the first sen-
4 tence, by inserting “, including supportive services offered
5 by community-based organizations,” after “resources”.

6 (d) PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR YOUTH WORKFORCE
7 INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 129(c)(2) of the
8 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
9 3164(c)(2) is amended—

10 (1) by amending subparagraph (G) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(G) Supportive services, including pro-
13 viding supportive services to eligible youth or
14 connecting such youth to supportive services
15 provided by another entity, to enable participa-
16 tion in the a summer or year-round employment
17 program, which may include food and nutrition
18 services, and health and mental health care
19 supports.”; and

20 (2) by amending subparagraph (K) to read as
21 follows:

22 “(K) high-quality financial literacy edu-
23 cation, including for eligible youth participating
24 in a summer or year-round employment pro-
25 gram, including education on the use of credit

1 and financing higher education, and access to
2 safe and affordable banking.”.

3 (e) REQUIRED LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
4 ACTIVITIES.—Section 134(c) of the Workforce Innovation
5 and Opportunity Act (29 13 U.S.C. 3174(c)) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)(A) is amended by striking
8 clauses (iv) and (v) and inserting the following:

9 “(iv) to provide supportive services de-
10 scribed in paragraph (4) to adults and dis-
11 located workers, respectively, through the
12 one-stop delivery system in accordance
13 with such paragraph;” and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—A portion of the
16 funds allocated to a local area for adults under para-
17 graph (2)(A) or (3), as appropriate, of section
18 133(b), and a portion of the funds allocated to the
19 local area for dislocated workers under section
20 133(b)(2)(B)—

21 “(A) shall be used to provide supportive
22 services (that are not needs-related payments)
23 to adults and dislocated workers, respectively—

24 “(i) who are participating in programs
25 with activities authorized in paragraph (2)

1 or (3) of subsection (c), or who entered un-
2 subsidized employment after participating
3 in such programs, for up to 12 months fol-
4 lowing the date of first employment; and

5 “(ii) who are unable to obtain such
6 supportive services through other programs
7 providing such services; and

8 “(B) may be used to provide needs-related
9 payments to adults and dislocated workers, re-
10 spectively, who are unemployed and do not
11 qualify for (or have ceased to qualify for) unem-
12 ployment compensation for the purpose of ena-
13 bling such individuals to participate in pro-
14 grams of training services under subsection
15 (c)(3).”.