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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. NUNN of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.