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H. R. 1017

To amend title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to give preference in awarding economic development grants made in connection with community development loan guarantees to cities having high unemployment rates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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 “EDI Reform Act of
5 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR EDI GRANTS.**

2 Section 108(q) of the Housing and Community De-
3 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5308(q)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting before the
5 semicolon at the end the following: “, which shall be
6 determined in a manner that takes into consider-
7 ation the rate of unemployment in such community
8 and jurisdiction”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(5) PREFERENCE FOR HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT
12 JURISDICTIONS.—

13 “(A) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—In pro-
14 viding for the selection of eligible public entities
15 for assistance under this subsection, the Sec-
16 retary shall establish minimum requirements
17 for eligibility for such assistance based on the
18 factors included in the selection criteria estab-
19 lished pursuant to paragraph (4).

20 “(B) PREFERENCE.—With respect to any
21 single competition for assistance under this sub-
22 section, unless such assistance is provided for
23 each eligible public entity applying for such as-
24 sistance that—

25 “(i) complies with the minimum re-
26 quirements for eligibility,

1 “(ii) has a rate of unemployment in
2 the community to be served (based on such
3 recent available data as the Secretary con-
4 siders appropriate) that exceeds the rate
5 that the Secretary shall select (for pur-
6 poses of this paragraph) to indicate the ex-
7 istence of a severe unemployment problem
8 within a community, and

9 “(iii) otherwise complies with the re-
10 quirements for receiving assistance under
11 this subsection,

12 the Secretary may not provide such assistance
13 to any other eligible public entity.”.

14 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY TO PROPOSED COMMUNITY OPPOR-**
15 **TUNITY PERFORMANCE FUND.**

16 If there is established—

17 (1) a Community Opportunity Performance
18 Fund program (as proposed in the Budget of the
19 United States Government for Fiscal Year 1996
20 submitted by the President pursuant to section
21 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code), or

22 (2) any other program to consolidate various
23 programs for community economic development as-
24 sistance of the Department of Housing and Urban
25 Development, which—

1 (A) includes or eliminates the program for
2 economic development grants under section
3 108(q) of the Housing and Community Devel-
4 opment Act of 1974, and

5 (B) provides for the determination of the
6 amount of assistance provided under the pro-
7 gram for jurisdictions or communities based
8 upon a formula,

9 the formula that determines the amount of assistance pro-
10 vided for a jurisdiction or community under the program
11 so established shall take into consideration the rate or ex-
12 tent of unemployment in the jurisdiction or community.

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