

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3002

To expand the educational and work opportunities of welfare recipients under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1997

Mrs. LOWEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Postsecondary Adult
5 Vocational Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 24 MONTHS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MADE PERMISSIBLE WORK ACTIVITY UNDER THE TANF PROGRAM.**
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4 Section 407 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 607) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “(E) 24 MONTH LIMIT ON PARTICIPATION
9 IN HIGHER EDUCATION.—For purposes of de-
10 termining monthly participation rates under
11 paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (2)(B) of subsection
12 (b), an individual shall not be considered to be
13 engaged in work by virtue of participation in
14 training described in subsection (d)(8) after the
15 individual has participated in such training for
16 24 months (excluding any month before the in-
17 dividual completed secondary school or received
18 a certificate of general equivalence).”; and

19 (2) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (8)
20 and inserting the following:

21 “(8) training provided at an institution of high-
22 er education (as defined in section 481(a) of the
23 Higher Education Act of 1965);”.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOSE**
2 **HIGHER EDUCATION MAY COUNT AS WORK.**

3 Section 407(c)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 607(c)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS WHOSE HIGH-
6 ER EDUCATION MAY COUNT AS WORK.—For
7 purposes of determining monthly participation
8 rates under paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (2)(B) of
9 subsection (b), not more than 20 percent of in-
10 dividuals in all families and in 2-parent families
11 may be determined to be engaged in work in
12 the State for a month by reason of participation
13 in training described in subsection (d)(8).”.

14 **SEC. 4. CLARIFICATION THAT PARTICIPATION IN A FED-**
15 **ERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM IS A PERMISS-**
16 **IBLE WORK ACTIVITY UNDER THE TANF**
17 **PROGRAM.**

18 Section 407(d)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 607(D)(3)) is amended by inserting “(including
20 participation in an activity under a program established
21 under part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
22 1965)” before the semicolon.

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