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S. 2658

To amend subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to give more youth aging out of foster care the opportunity to participate in national service programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2002

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Fostering Service Act
5 of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY**
2 **SERVICE ACT OF 1990.**

3 The National and Community Service Act of 1990
4 is amended—

5 (1) in section 101 (42 U.S.C. 12511), by add-
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(30) YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.—
8 The term ‘youth aging out of foster care’ means
9 children who are—

10 “(A) leaving foster care because such chil-
11 dren have attained the maximum age for foster
12 care eligibility in a State; and

13 “(B) transitioning to independent living, as
14 determined by the Corporation.”;

15 (2) in section 122(a) (42 U.S.C. 12572(a))—

16 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “too
17 old for foster care,” and inserting “too old for
18 foster care, youth aging out of foster care,”;

19 (B) by redesignating paragraph (15) as
20 paragraph (16); and

21 (C) by inserting after paragraph (14) the
22 following:

23 “(15) A community service program designed to
24 engage former foster care youth as mentors for
25 youth aging out of foster care.”;

26 (3) in section 125(a) (42 U.S.C. 12575(a))—

1 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and”;

2 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
3 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

4 (C) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(7) improve the ability of national service
6 programs—

7 “(A) to recruit and retain youth aging out
8 of foster care as participants in such programs;
9 and

10 “(B) to integrate such youth with other
11 participants in such programs.”;

12 (4) in section 130(b)(5) (42 U.S.C.
13 12582(b)(5)), by striking “disabilities and economi-
14 cally disadvantaged young men and women” and in-
15 serting “disabilities, economically disadvantaged
16 young men and women, and youth aging out of fos-
17 ter care”;

18 (5) in section 131(b)(2) (42 U.S.C.
19 12583(b)(2))—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “and” at the end; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(C) to those participants who are youth
24 aging out of foster care to assist such partici-

1 pants in making the transition to independent
2 living; and”;

3 (6) in section 138(d) (42 U.S.C. 12592(d)), in
4 the second sentence, by striking “offices,” and in-
5 serting “offices, State and local agencies that pro-
6 vide services to youth in foster care and youth aging
7 out of foster care,”; and

8 (7) in section 501(a)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C.
9 12681(a)(2)(A)), by adding at the end the following:
10 “The amounts authorized to be appropriated under
11 this subparagraph shall include an additional
12 amount of \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry
13 out the amendments made by the Fostering Service
14 Act of 2002.”.

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