

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7343
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Foster Youth Work-
3 force Opportunity Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
5 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH WHO
6 HAVE EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE.**

7 Section 477 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 677) is amended—

9 (1) in each of subsections (a)(5) and (h)(2), by
10 striking “aged out of foster care” and inserting “ex-
11 perience foster care at age 14 or older”;

12 (2) in each of subsections (a)(6) and (i)(2), by
13 striking “16” and inserting “14”;

14 (3) in subsection (i)(3), by striking “in no event
15 may a youth participate in the program for more
16 than 5 years (whether or not consecutive)” and in-
17 serting “may not allow a youth to participate in the
18 program for more than 5 years (or, in the case of

1 a youth who was involved in a remedial education
2 activity referred to in paragraph (4)(B), for more
3 than 6 years), whether or not consecutive”;

4 (4) in subsection (i)(4)—

5 (A) by amending subparagraph (A) to read
6 as follows:

7 “(A) may be available for the cost of at-
8 tendance—

9 “(i) at an institution of higher edu-
10 cation, as defined in section 102 of the
11 Higher Education Act of 1965, including a
12 community college or postsecondary voca-
13 tional institution; or

14 “(ii) at a short-term training program
15 that is eligible for the Workforce Pell pro-
16 gram under section 401(k), as described in
17 section 481(b)(3) of the Higher Education
18 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)(3)), as
19 added by section 83002(b) of Public Law
20 119–21;”;

21 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
22 subparagraph (C); and

23 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A),
24 as so amended, the following:

25 “(B) may be available for costs—

1 “(i) associated with participation in
2 an apprenticeship program;

3 “(ii) to obtain a general equivalency
4 degree; or

5 “(iii) to receive remedial education;
6 and”; and

7 (5) in subsection (i), by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 “(7) In this section, the term ‘remedial edu-
10 cation’ means education or skill training needed to
11 support obtaining a high school diploma or quali-
12 fying for postsecondary education, training, or an
13 apprenticeship that is—

14 “(A) not already available through the
15 school district of the student or another free
16 local, State, or Federal program; and

17 “(B) is provided by an instructor with cre-
18 dentials relevant to the subject area of instruc-
19 tion, as determined by the State.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
22 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
23 of this Act.

