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To amend the Job Training Partnership Act to establish a demonstration grant program for the purpose of establishing an employment information network to provide job search services to unemployed individuals, underemployed individuals, and economically disadvantaged individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1993

Mr. MARTINEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMONSTRATION GRANT**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title IV of the Job
6 Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1737 et seq.) is

1 amended by inserting after section 456 the following new
2 section:

3 **“SEC. 457. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION NETWORK DEM-**
4 **ONSTRATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts reserved
7 under section 3(c)(6) for each fiscal year to carry
8 out this section, the Secretary shall provide a grant
9 to a private nonprofit organization for the purpose
10 of establishing an employment information network
11 to provide job search services in an eligible commu-
12 nity described in paragraph (2).

13 “(2) ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY.—An eligible com-
14 munity described in this paragraph is a community
15 which is part of an area with respect to which the
16 President, within the 3-year period ending on the
17 date of the enactment of this section, has declared
18 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
19 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)
20 that a major disaster or emergency exists relating to
21 urban social unrest.

22 “(3) PERIOD OF GRANT.—A grant received
23 under paragraph (1) may extend for a period of not
24 less than 3 fiscal years.

1 “(b) APPLICATION.—The Secretary may provide a
2 grant to a private nonprofit organization under subsection
3 (a) only if such organization submits to the Secretary an
4 application which contains such information as the Sec-
5 retary may reasonably require.

6 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORK.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A private nonprofit
9 organization shall use amounts received from a
10 grant under subsection (a) to establish an em-
11 ployment information network (in this section
12 referred to as the ‘network’) to provide job
13 search services to unemployed individuals, un-
14 deremployed individuals, and economically dis-
15 advantaged individuals in an eligible community
16 described in subsection (a)(2).

17 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The network shall be
18 composed of businesses, educational organiza-
19 tions, governmental entities, labor organiza-
20 tions, and community-based organizations.

21 “(2) ACTIVITIES OF NETWORK.—The network
22 shall—

23 “(A) establish and carry out job fairs to
24 help put unemployed individuals, under-
25 employed individuals, and economically dis-

1 advantaged individuals in touch with prospec-
2 tive employers and community-based organiza-
3 tions;

4 “(B) establish and carry out seminars and
5 workshops relating to job search skills, inter-
6 viewing skills, job retention skills, and other re-
7 lated job search and employment skills;

8 “(C) at least once a week, publish and dis-
9 tribute a periodical containing detailed informa-
10 tion on available jobs in the community; and

11 “(D) utilize the local broadcast media to
12 provide information relating to available jobs in
13 the community.

14 “(d) REPORTS.—

15 “(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY.—The Secretary
16 may provide a grant to a private nonprofit organiza-
17 tion under subsection (a) only if such organization
18 agrees to submit to the Secretary, in each fiscal year
19 in which the Secretary makes payments under such
20 grant to such organization, a report containing—

21 “(A) a description and evaluation of the
22 activities of the Network established under sub-
23 section (c); and

24 “(B) any other information as the Sec-
25 retary may reasonably require.

1 “(2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

2 “(A) INTERIM REPORTS.—Not later than
3 180 days after the date on which the Secretary
4 receives from a private nonprofit organization a
5 report under paragraph (1) in both the 1st and
6 2d fiscal years in which the Secretary makes
7 payments under a grant to such organization,
8 the Secretary shall submit to the President and
9 the Congress an interim report containing a
10 compilation of the information contained in
11 each such report received under paragraph (1).

12 “(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date on which the Secretary re-
14 ceives from a private nonprofit organization a
15 report under paragraph (1) in the 3d fiscal year
16 in which the Secretary makes payments under
17 a grant to such organization, the Secretary
18 shall submit to the President and the Congress
19 a final report containing—

20 “(i) a compilation of the information
21 contained in such report received under
22 paragraph (1); and

23 “(ii) an evaluation of the effectiveness
24 of the demonstration grants authorized
25 under subsection (a).”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-
2 section (c) of section 3 of such Act is amended by adding
3 at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(6)(A) From the amount appropriated under para-
5 graph (1) for each of the fiscal years 1994 through 1996,
6 the Secretary, after making the reservations under para-
7 graph (2), shall reserve \$2,600,000 for each such fiscal
8 year to carry out section 457.

9 “(B) Amounts appropriated under paragraph (1)
10 shall remain available until expended.”.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
12 tents of such Act is amended by inserting after the item
13 relating to section 456 the following new item:

“Sec. 457. Employment Information Network Demonstration Program.”.

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