

Fact Sheet on Sanders-Stabenow-Murray-Gillibrand-Cardin-Whitehouse Youth Jobs Amendment

Under the Sanders-Stabenow-Murray-Gillibrand-Cardin-Whitehouse Youth Jobs amendment, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) would provide \$1.5 billion in grants to states to:

- provide summer and year round employment opportunities for youth, with direct links to academic and occupational learning; and
- provide important services such as transportation and child care, necessary to enable young Americans to participate in job opportunities.

Within 50 days, each state would submit a plan to DOL that includes:

- strategies and activities to provide summer employment opportunities and year-round employment opportunities for youth, including links to educational activities;
- identifying employment opportunities in emerging or in-demand occupations;
- identifying employment opportunities in the public or nonprofit sector that meet community needs; and
- an estimate of the number of youth expected to be placed in employment opportunities.

Young Americans aged 16-24 who live in households with income up to 200 percent of the poverty line (\$47,100 for a family of four) would be eligible to participate in job opportunities provided under this amendment.

States will be able to use this funding to provide summer and year round job opportunities to young Americans until September 30, 2015. It is anticipated that most of this funding will be used to provide summer job opportunities for young Americans during the summers of 2014 and 2015.

Every state in the country would receive a minimum of \$7.5 million to create a summer and year round jobs program for low-income youth and disadvantaged young adults.

The remainder of the funds would be targeted to states experiencing high unemployment, large numbers of low-income youth, and large numbers of disadvantaged young adults.

This amendment is modeled on the summer and year round youth jobs program included in President Obama's American Jobs Act.

It would build on the successes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which provided \$1.2 billion in funding for the WIA Youth Jobs Program. This program created over 374,000 summer job opportunities during 2009 and 2010 to young Americans.

The amendment would lead to the creation of more than 400,000 job opportunities for young Americans aged 16-24.

It would be fully paid for by imposing a temporary \$10 fee on employers who hire guest workers and international workers who receive green cards.