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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to codify the Optional Practical Training program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FOUSHEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. CODIFY OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) COURSE OF STUDY.—Section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of  
6 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
7 1101(a)(15)(F)(i)) is amended by inserting after “course  
8 of study” the second times it appears “, including prac-

1 tical training and employment authorization described  
2 under section 214(m)(3),”.

3 (b) PRACTICAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT AU-  
4 THORIZATION.—Section 214(m) of the Immigration and  
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)) is amended by adding  
6 at the end the following:

7 “(3)(A) With respect to an alien who obtains  
8 the status of a nonimmigrant under section  
9 101(a)(15)(F)(i), a full course of study may include  
10 practical training and employment authorization for  
11 a period of up to 24 months if such employment is  
12 related to the field of study undertaken by the non-  
13 immigrant.

14 “(B) With respect to an alien who obtains  
15 the status of a nonimmigrant under section  
16 101(a)(15)(F)(i) and is pursuing or has com-  
17 pleted a full course of study in a science, tech-  
18 nology, engineering, or mathematics field, a full  
19 course of study may include practical training  
20 and employment authorization for a period of  
21 up to 48 months if such employment is related  
22 to the field of study undertaken by the non-  
23 immigrant.

24 “(C) The Secretary of Homeland Security  
25 may establish terms and conditions necessary

1           for the practical training and employment au-  
2           thorization period.”.

3       (c) NURSING.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
4 shall take such actions as may be necessary to make nurs-  
5 ing a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics  
6 field for the purpose of section 214(m)(3)(B) of the Immi-  
7 gration and Nationality Act ((8 U.S.C. 1184(m)(3)(B)).