

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4843

To provide for limitations on the Optional Practical Training Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2023

Mr. SANTOS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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Program.

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 “Americans First OPT  
5 Reform Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall by rule  
9 provide that participation in the Optional Practical Train-  
10 ing Program by any alien shall be limited to a period of  
11 4 months, without any extension. The following shall be

1 ineligible to be provided employment authorization in the  
2 United States pursuant to the Optional Practical Training  
3 Program or otherwise to participate in such program:

4           (1) Any alien with a degree or working in a  
5 sensitive field, including national security, infra-  
6 structure, telecommunications, and military-related  
7 fields.

8           (2) Any alien who is employed by, funded by,  
9 or otherwise affiliated with any entity owned or con-  
10 trolled by the Communist Party of China.

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