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# H. R. 7810

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the clock hour requirements for certain eligible programs under title IV of such Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Clock Hour Program  
5 Student Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLOCK HOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS OF TRAINING.**

3 Section 481(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
4 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 “(5) An otherwise eligible program that pro-  
7 vides a program of training to prepare students for  
8 gainful employment in a recognized profession in a  
9 State, and for which the number of clock hours of  
10 instruction exceeds the minimum number of clock  
11 hours of instruction required by such State for  
12 training in the recognized profession for which the  
13 otherwise eligible program prepares students, shall  
14 be determined to be an eligible program under this  
15 subsection if the number of clock hours of instruc-  
16 tion provided by such otherwise eligible program  
17 does not exceed the greater of—

18 “(A) 150 percent of the minimum number  
19 of clock hours required by such State for train-  
20 ing in the recognized profession for which the  
21 otherwise eligible program prepares students; or

22 “(B) 150 percent of the minimum number  
23 of clock hours required by a Federal agency for  
24 such training.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       The amendment made by this section shall take effect  
3 on July 1, 2024, and apply with respect to award year  
4 2024–2025 and each subsequent award year.

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