

SB-89

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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Dodson of West Virginia introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Expanding our Workforce Act".

SECTION 2. REMOVAL OF COUNTRY BASED LIMITS ON IMMIGRATION.

There are many highly skilled workers looking to come from their homelands to the United States for employment. The United States has a desire to maintain its place as the world's leader in innovation and industry. Therefore, the determination of those who are allowed to immigrate into the United States for employment purposes must be based on merit, and not national origin.

(1) The current country-based cap on immigration, which is currently set so that a maximum of seven percent of the total amount of immigrants in a given year can be from a single country, shall be

removed.

SECTION 3. VISA EXPANSION.

Currently, there are hard limits on the number of employment-based immigrant visas which can be issued in a given year. H-1B visas are issued to highly skilled foreign workers and are sponsored by the employer for whom they are to work. America is in need of skilled workers to help boost its economy and encourage innovation. In order to strengthen America's workforce, the following reform is to be imposed:

(1) The number of H-1B visas available to foreign workers who have not attained degrees from American Universities shall be increased from 65,000 to 100,000 per year.

SECTION 4. ENACTMENT.

(1) This bill shall come into force at the start of the fiscal year following its signing into law.