

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MR. TORRES OF NEW YORK

Add, at the end of the bill, the following:

1 **SEC. 3. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR ALIENS SEEK-**
2 **ING ASYLUM.**

3 Paragraph (2) of section 208(d) of the Immigration
4 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(d)) is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 “(2) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—

7 “(A) ELIGIBILITY.—Subject to subpara-
8 graphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Homeland
9 Security shall authorize employment for an ap-
10 plicant for asylum whose application for asylum
11 has not been determined frivolous.

12 “(B) APPLICATION.—An applicant for asy-
13 lum who is not otherwise eligible for employ-
14 ment authorization shall not be granted such
15 authorization prior to 30 days after the date of
16 filing of the application for asylum.

17 “(C) TERM.—Employment authorization
18 for an applicant for asylum shall be valid until
19 the date on which an applicant is issued a final

1 denial of the applicable application, including
2 administrative and judicial review.”.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 (a) U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERV-
5 ICES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
7 appropriated to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and
8 Immigration Services to increase the capacity of
9 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to ad-
10 dress the asylum backlog, including by hiring addi-
11 tional asylum officers and providing basic asylum
12 training and translation and interpretation services,
13 \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2024, to remain
14 available until expended.

15 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Not less than 75 percent
16 of the amount authorized to be appropriated under
17 paragraph (1) shall be used to hire personnel.

18 (b) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—There
19 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Home-
20 land Security for the Shelter and Services Program, ad-
21 ministered jointly by U.S. Customs and Border Protection
22 and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to pro-
23 vide State and local governments and nonprofit organiza-
24 tions with funding for the provision of shelter, food, trans-
25 portation, and other support services to migrants encoun-

1 tered by the Secretary \$10,000,000,000 for fiscal year
2 2024, to remain available until expended.

