

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4854  
OFFERED BY MR. ROEMER**

Page 100, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 108, line 13, and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**Subtitle A—Amendments to Title I  
(National Volunteer Antipoverty  
Programs)**

**SEC. 2101. PURPOSE.**

Section 2(b) (42 U.S.C. 4950(b)) is amended by striking “local agencies” and inserting “local agencies, expand relationships with, and support for, the efforts of civic, community, and educational organizations,”.

**SEC. 2102. PURPOSE OF THE VISTA PROGRAM.**

Section 101 (42 U.S.C. 4951) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence, by striking “afflicted with” and inserting “affected by”; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking “local level” and all that follows and inserting “local level, to support efforts by local agencies and organizations to achieve long-term sustainability of projects



initiated or expanded under the VISTA program activities, and to strengthen local agencies and community organizations to carry out the purpose of this part, consistent with the provisions of section 187 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

**SEC. 2103. APPLICATIONS.**

Section 103 (42 U.S.C. 4953) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) by striking “handicapped” and inserting “disabled”; and

(B) by striking “handicaps” and inserting “disabilities”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “recruitment and placement procedures” and inserting “recruitment and placement procedures that involve sponsoring organizations and”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the material preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C)” and inserting “personnel described in subsection (b)(2)(C) and sponsoring organizations”; and



(ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking “National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993” and inserting “National and Community Service Act of 1990”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “this subsection” and inserting “this subsection and related public awareness and recruitment activities under the national service laws”;

(4) in subsection (g) by striking “and has been submitted to the Governor” and all that follows and inserting a period; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) The Director may enter into agreements under which public and private nonprofit organizations with sufficient financial capacity and size pay for all or a portion of the costs of supporting the service of volunteers under this title, consistent with the provisions of section 187 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990.”.

**SEC. 2104. TERMS AND PERIODS OF SERVICE.**

Section 104 (42 U.S.C. 4954) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (4), volunteers serving under this part shall be

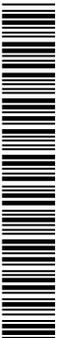


required to make a full-time personal commitment to combating poverty and poverty-related problems. To the maximum extent practicable, the requirement for full-time commitment shall include a commitment to live among and at the economic level of the people served, and to remain available for service without regard to regular working hours, at all times during their periods of service, except for authorized periods of leave.

“(2) The requirements in paragraph (1) shall not apply to up to 25 percent of volunteers enrolled in fiscal year 2003 and up to 50 percent of volunteers enrolled in fiscal year 2004.

“(3) Not later than September 30, 2004, the General Accounting Office shall submit a report to Congress on whether the changes provided in paragraph (2) have had a material and adverse effect on the ability of the VISTA program to combat poverty and poverty-related problems, such as increased attrition rates among volunteers and difficulties in recruiting volunteers.

“(4) Unless the report described in paragraph (3) concludes that the changes provided in paragraph (2) have caused a material and adverse effect on the ability of the VISTA program to combat poverty and poverty-related problems, the requirements in paragraph (1) shall not apply to up to 75 percent of volunteers enrolled in



fiscal year 2005 and up to 100 percent of volunteers enrolled in fiscal year 2006 and thereafter.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “if the Director determines” and all that follows and inserting “if they are enrolled in a term of service of at least 1,700 hours for which the requirements of subsection (a)(1) do not apply.”; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “with the terms and conditions of their service.” and inserting “with the terms and conditions of their service or any adverse action, including termination, proposed by the sponsoring organization. The procedure shall provide for an appeal to the Director of any proposed termination.”; and

(B) in the third sentence (as amended by this section), by striking “and the terms and conditions of their service”.

**SEC. 2105. VISTA LITERACY CORPS.**

Section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959) and the item relating to it in the table of contents are repealed.

**SEC. 2106. UNIVERSITY YEAR FOR VISTA PROGRAM.**

Section 111(b) (42 U.S.C. 4971(b)) is amended in the third sentence by striking “agencies, institutions, and



situations” and inserting “agencies and institutions, including civic, community, and educational organizations,”.

Page 117, strike lines 12 through 19 and redesignate subsequent sections and conform the table of contents accordingly.

Page 118, line 18, strike “, 416, and 419 (42 U.S.C. 5052, 5056, and 5059” and insert “and 416 (42 U.S.C. 5052 and 5056)”.

Page 119, strike lines 3 through 17 and insert the following:

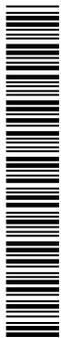
1 **SEC. 2401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
2 **VISTA AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

3 Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 5081) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “, exclud-  
6 ing section 109” and all that follows and insert-  
7 ing “such sums as may be necessary for each  
8 of the fiscal years 2003 through 2007.”;

9 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (4) and  
10 redesignating paragraphs (3) and (5) as para-  
11 graphs (2) and (3); and



1                   (C) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by  
2                   this section), by striking “, excluding section  
3                   125” and all that follows and inserting “such  
4                   sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal  
5                   years 2003 through 2007.”; and  
6                   (2) by striking subsection (e).

