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# S. 3250

To provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Federal Buildings Per-  
5 sonnel Training Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAINING OF FEDERAL BUILDING PERSONNEL.**

7 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF CORE COMPETENCIES.—Not  
8 later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this  
9 Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of General  
10 Services, in consultation with representatives of relevant

1 professional societies, industry associations, and appren-  
2 ticeship training providers, and after providing notice and  
3 an opportunity for comment, shall identify the core com-  
4 petencies necessary for Federal personnel performing  
5 building operations and maintenance, energy manage-  
6 ment, safety, and design functions to comply with require-  
7 ments under Federal law. The core competencies identified  
8 shall include competencies relating to building operations  
9 and maintenance, energy management, sustainability,  
10 water efficiency, safety (including electrical safety), and  
11 building performance measures.

12 (b) DESIGNATION OF RELEVANT COURSES, CERTIFI-  
13 CATIONS, DEGREES, LICENSES, AND REGISTRATIONS.—  
14 The Administrator, in consultation with representatives of  
15 relevant professional societies, industry associations, and  
16 apprenticeship training providers, shall identify a course,  
17 certification, degree, license, or registration to dem-  
18 onstrate each core competency, and for ongoing training  
19 with respect to each core competency, identified for a cat-  
20 egory of personnel specified in subsection (a).

21 (c) IDENTIFIED COMPETENCIES.—An individual  
22 shall demonstrate each core competency identified by the  
23 Administrator under subsection (a) for the category of  
24 personnel that includes such individual. An individual  
25 shall demonstrate each core competency through the

1 means identified under subsection (b) not later than one  
2 year after the date on which such core competency is iden-  
3 tified under subsection (a) or, if the date of hire of such  
4 individual occurs after the date of such identification, not  
5 later than one year after such date of hire. In the case  
6 of an individual hired for an employment period not to  
7 exceed one year, such individual shall demonstrate each  
8 core competency at the start of the employment period.

9 (d) CONTINUING EDUCATION.—The Administrator,  
10 in consultation with representatives of relevant profes-  
11 sional societies, industry associations, and apprenticeship  
12 training providers, shall develop or identify comprehensive  
13 continuing education courses to ensure the operation of  
14 Federal buildings in accordance with industry best prac-  
15 tices and standards.

16 (e) CURRICULUM WITH RESPECT TO FACILITY MAN-  
17 AGEMENT AND OPERATION OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE  
18 BUILDINGS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of  
19 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Ad-  
20 ministrator, acting through the head of the Office of Fed-  
21 eral High-Performance Green Buildings, and the Sec-  
22 retary of Energy, acting through the head of the Office  
23 of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings, in  
24 consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal  
25 departments and agencies and representatives of relevant

1 professional societies, industry associations, and appren-  
2 ticeship training providers, shall develop a recommended  
3 curriculum relating to facility management and the oper-  
4 ation of high-performance buildings.

5 (f) APPLICABILITY OF THIS SECTION TO FUNCTIONS  
6 PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT.—Training requirements  
7 under this section shall apply to non-Federal personnel  
8 performing building operations and maintenance, energy  
9 management, safety, and design functions under a con-  
10 tract with a Federal department or agency. A contractor  
11 shall provide training to, and certify the demonstration of  
12 core competencies for, non-Federal personnel in a manner  
13 that is approved by the Administrator.

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