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# H. R. 1396

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRITZ (for himself, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. MCKINLEY) 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 “Marcellus Shale On-  
5       the-Job Training Act of 2011”.

6       **SEC. 2. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title I of the Work-  
8       force Investment Act of 1998 is amended by inserting  
9       after section 173A (29 U.S.C. 2918a) the following:

1 **“SEC. 173B. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR THE MARCELLUS**  
2 **SHALE REGION.**

3 “(a) GRANTS.—From the amount made available  
4 under subsection (f), and subject to subsection (c), the  
5 Secretary shall make grants on a discretionary basis to  
6 local areas, for adult on-the-job training, or dislocated  
7 worker on-the-job training, carried out under section 134,  
8 at worksites directly related to the exploration for, produc-  
9 tion of, and transportation of natural gas from the  
10 Marcellus Shale formation.

11 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
12 under subsection (a), a State, or a local board in consulta-  
13 tion with the State in which the local board is located,  
14 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,  
15 in such manner, and containing such information as the  
16 Secretary may require.

17 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF WAGE RATES.—Notwith-  
18 standing the limitation in section 101(31)(B), in making  
19 the grants described in subsection (a) the Secretary may  
20 allow for higher levels of reimbursement of wage rates that  
21 the Secretary determines are appropriate based on factors  
22 such as—

23 “(1) employer size, in order to facilitate the  
24 participation of small- and medium-sized employers;  
25 and

1           “(2) target populations, in order to enhance job  
2           creation for persons with barriers to employment.

3           “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may use an  
4           amount that is not more than 1 percent of the funds made  
5           available under subsection (f) for the administration, man-  
6           agement, and oversight of the programs, activities, and  
7           grants, funded under subsection (a), including the evalua-  
8           tion of the use of such funds.

9           “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
10          tion shall be construed to affect the manner in which sub-  
11          title B is implemented, for activities funded through  
12          amounts appropriated under section 137.

13          “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
14          is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
15          such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012 and  
16          each subsequent fiscal year.”.

17          (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in  
18          section 1(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 is  
19          amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
20          173A the following:

“Sec. 173B. On-the-job training for the Marcellus Shale region.”.

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