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To establish an Innovation in Investment pilot program, to improve and expand a national registered apprenticeship program, to provide for State Workforce Education and Training Advisory Committees, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Workforce Innovation
5 for New Jobs and Applied Education Act” or the “WIN
6 Jobs and Applied Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INNOVATION IN INVESTMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

5 **“SEC. 173B. INNOVATION IN INVESTMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
7 lish and carry out a pilot program, to be known as the
8 Innovation in Investment pilot program, through which
9 the Secretary shall make grants as described in subsection
10 (b), in order to facilitate the provision of workforce devel-
11 opment activities through public-private partnerships.

12 “(b) GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the na-
14 tional program, the Secretary shall make grants on
15 a competitive basis to eligible consortia in covered
16 States to enable the consortia to establish and sup-
17 port State Innovation in Investment pilot programs.

18 “(2) NUMBER AND RENEWABILITY OF
19 GRANTS.—The Secretary shall make the grants to
20 not more than 5 consortia and in amounts of not
21 more than \$3,500,000 per grant. The Secretary
22 shall not renew a grant made to a consortium under
23 this subsection.

24 “(c) ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA.—

25 “(1) ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to re-
2 ceive a grant under this section, a consortium
3 shall include—

4 “(i) an eligible institution, which shall
5 serve as the lead applicant for the grant;

6 “(ii) 1 or more businesses that are
7 representative of a local area in which the
8 training will be provided;

9 “(iii) 1 or more representatives of the
10 State or local workforce investment sys-
11 tem; and

12 “(iv) 1 or more secondary schools (as
13 defined in section 9101 of the Elementary
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
15 U.S.C. 7801)), area career and technical
16 education schools (as defined in section 3
17 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
18 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.
19 2302)), or institutions of higher education
20 (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1001(a)) that provide a 2-year program
23 described in section 101(a)(3) of such Act
24 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)(3)).

1 “(B) MULTIPLE REPRESENTATIVES.—To
2 the maximum extent practicable, the eligible in-
3 stitution shall ensure that the eligible consor-
4 tium includes more than one representative—

5 “(i) of entities described in subpara-
6 graph (A)(ii);

7 “(ii) of entities described in subpara-
8 graph (A)(iii); and

9 “(iii) of entities described in subpara-
10 graph (A)(iv).

11 “(2) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—In this section
12 the term ‘community college’ means a community
13 college, as defined in section 3301 of the Elementary
14 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
15 7011).

16 “(3) COVERED STATES.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the
18 term ‘covered State’ means a State—

19 “(i) for which the percentage of indi-
20 viduals in the State in households with
21 household incomes at or below the poverty
22 line, is greater than the percentage of indi-
23 viduals in the United States in such house-
24 holds, as determined on the basis of data
25 from the Bureau of the Census;

1 “(ii) in which the percentage of the
2 adult population with a baccalaureate de-
3 gree is not more than 25 percent; and

4 “(iii) that meets such other measures
5 as the Secretary may determine to be ap-
6 propriate.

7 “(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
8 term ‘poverty line’ has the meaning given the
9 term in section 673 of the Community Services
10 Block Grants Act (42 U.S.C. 9902).

11 “(4) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—In this section,
12 the term ‘eligible institution’ means—

13 “(A) a local board, in partnership with 1
14 or more community colleges, at which training
15 programs will occur under a grant described in
16 subsection (b);

17 “(B) a community college district, estab-
18 lished by a State as a separate entity or gov-
19 erned by a community education board;

20 “(C) a State community college system; or

21 “(D) a community college.

22 “(d) APPLICATIONS.—In order for a consortium to
23 be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an eligible
24 institution shall submit an application to the Secretary on
25 behalf of the consortium at such time, in such manner,

1 and containing such information as the Secretary shall re-
2 quire, including—

3 “(1) a description of the training program to be
4 carried out;

5 “(2) a description of clear, relevant, and prac-
6 tical objectives for the program, including how the
7 program will ensure integration of Federal, State,
8 and local activities, train workers for high-wage and
9 high-skill employment, maximize the return on pub-
10 lic investment in the program, involve the private
11 sector, and integrate external learning opportunities
12 with classroom education;

13 “(3) a description of how the consortium will
14 facilitate development of a 21st century workforce in
15 the State in which the consortium operates; and

16 “(4)(A) standards, agreed on by all members of
17 the consortium, for data collection on and evaluation
18 of the performance of the program and participants
19 in the program; and

20 “(B) assurances that the consortium will par-
21 ticipate in evaluations of that performance by the
22 Secretary.

23 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

1 “(1) TRAINING PROGRAM.—A consortium that
2 receives a grant under this section shall use the
3 funds made available under the grant—

4 “(A) to support the development or expan-
5 sion of a training program that is designed to
6 enable participants to obtain employment (in-
7 cluding pre-employment training, career coun-
8 seling, or training that leads to skill certifi-
9 cation, as determined by the Secretary);

10 “(B) to provide educational assistance de-
11 scribed in paragraph (3)(B) through an eligible
12 institution in the consortium for such a pro-
13 gram; and

14 “(C) to otherwise support participation
15 in—

16 “(i) internship or cooperative activi-
17 ties approved by the consortium and de-
18 scribed in an application submitted under
19 subsection (d); or

20 “(ii) a registered apprenticeship pro-
21 gram carried out under the Act of August
22 16, 1937 (commonly known as the ‘Na-
23 tional Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664,
24 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

1 “(2) PARTICIPANTS.—The consortium shall
2 provide training to unemployed individuals, or to
3 postsecondary students who are not seeking a bacca-
4 laurate degree.

5 “(3) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—An eligible in-
6 stitution that is part of the consortium shall provide,
7 for a participant whose participation in the program
8 leads to a degree, or to the extent practicable, to in-
9 dustry or professional certification or licensure—

10 “(A) course credit for the training pro-
11 vided through such program; and

12 “(B) reimbursement, in the form of edu-
13 cational assistance within the meaning of sec-
14 tion 127(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of
15 1986, for part or all of the expenses covered by
16 subparagraph (A) of that section, at the institu-
17 tion and related to the program.

18 “(f) LIMIT ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more
19 than 10 percent of the funds made available through
20 grants received under this section shall be used to pay for
21 administrative costs.

22 “(g) ASSESSMENT AND REPORTS.—

23 “(1) ASSESSMENT.—The eligible institution in
24 an eligible consortium that receives a grant under

1 this section for a program shall carry out data col-
2 lection concerning and assessment of the program.

3 “(2) REPORTS.—The eligible institution shall
4 submit interim and final reports to the State in
5 which the consortium operates, to the Secretary of
6 Labor, and to the appropriate committees of Con-
7 gress, containing a summary of the data and the re-
8 sults of the assessment. The reports shall include a
9 description of the program, the stated objectives of
10 the program, information on best practices and les-
11 sons learned from the program, information that de-
12 scribes how the businesses in the consortium helped
13 to develop the program and curriculum for the pro-
14 gram, information that describes the education
15 gained by and employment outcomes of participants,
16 recommendations regarding incentives for business
17 and educational institutions to participate in similar
18 programs and to carry out programs that com-
19 plement and incorporate successful programs and re-
20 sources to the extent practicable, and other relevant
21 data that may be required by the Secretary of
22 Labor. The eligible institution shall submit the in-
23 terim report not later than 3 years after the date on
24 which the grant is made, and the final report not

1 later than 18 months after the end of the pro-
2 gram.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
4 174 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
5 2919) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out section
8 173B such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012
9 and each subsequent fiscal year.”.

10 **SEC. 3. REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

11 (a) PROGRAMS.—The Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
12 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50
13 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) is amended
14 by inserting after section 3 the following:

15 **“SEC. 3A. REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**

16 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section:

17 “(1) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—
18 The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the
19 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the
20 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

21 “(2) NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—
22 The term ‘national apprenticeship program’ means
23 the collective program carried out under this Act.

1 “(3) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PRO-
2 GRAM.—The term ‘registered apprenticeship pro-
3 gram’ means a program registered under this Act.

4 “(b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

5 “(1) DISSEMINATION BY SECRETARY OF
6 LABOR.—The Secretary of Labor, acting through the
7 Administrator of the Office of Apprenticeship of the
8 Department of Labor, shall disseminate information
9 on the national apprenticeship program (referred to
10 in this paragraph as ‘apprenticeship information’)
11 widely and publicly, and make every reasonable ef-
12 fort to increase awareness of that program. The in-
13 formation disseminated shall contain, at a minimum,
14 information on regionally available registered ap-
15 prenticeship programs, requirements and benefits of
16 each registered apprenticeship program, and the ap-
17 plication and selection process for each such pro-
18 gram.

19 “(2) DISSEMINATION BY SECRETARY OF EDU-
20 CATION.—

21 “(A) ELECTRONIC INFORMATION.—When
22 disseminating any electronic information de-
23 signed to help students prepare for graduation
24 from secondary school, the Secretary of Edu-
25 cation shall include apprenticeship information.

1 “(B) PRINT INFORMATION.—The Sec-
2 retary of Education shall disseminate appren-
3 ticeship information to State educational agen-
4 cies, local educational agencies, institutions of
5 higher education, and relevant State agencies.
6 The agencies and institutions described in this
7 subparagraph shall, as a condition of receiving
8 funding directly or indirectly from the Depart-
9 ment of Education, distribute the information
10 to students preparing for graduation from a
11 secondary school or such an institution.

12 “(c) EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor,
14 acting through the Administrator of the Office of
15 Apprenticeship, and in consultation with the Sec-
16 retary of Education (referred to in this subsection as
17 the ‘Secretaries’) shall establish a pilot program to
18 expand the national apprenticeship program, by
19 evaluating additional programs, in additional sec-
20 tors, for approval as registered apprenticeship pro-
21 grams. The pilot program shall be designed to ex-
22 pand the sectors with registered apprenticeship pro-
23 grams, to include new and evolving sectors, such as
24 green technology, engineering, communications,
25 health care, information technology, energy, and dis-

1 aster and emergency preparedness. The Secretary of
2 Labor shall carry out the pilot program for a period
3 of not less than 5 years.

4 “(2) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor
5 shall establish and use clear, consistent, and relevant
6 measures for evaluation of the quality and effective-
7 ness of programs proposed for registration under the
8 pilot program. The measures shall include measures
9 for evaluating the quality and effectiveness of the
10 curriculum and training associated with a proposed
11 program, and the performance of the program with
12 respect to performance standards, completion rates
13 for program participants (for the program and re-
14 lated education), number of participants entering
15 employment, credentials and certifications granted,
16 and the transferability of the credentials and certifi-
17 cations.

18 “(3) STUDY AND REPORTS.—

19 “(A) STUDY.—In addition to collecting
20 data in connection with the evaluations, the
21 Secretary of Labor shall study the program. In
22 conducting the study, the Secretary of Labor
23 shall collect data to determine the extent to
24 which the programs registered under the pilot
25 program efficiently and effectively prepared

1 participants for employment, and shall examine
2 how to encourage more individuals, partners,
3 and sponsors to participate in the national ap-
4 prenticeship program.

5 “(B) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years
6 after the date of the establishment of the pilot
7 program, and not later than 18 months after
8 the end of the pilot program, the Secretary of
9 Labor shall submit a report to Congress con-
10 taining the results of the study.

11 “(d) CREDITABLE PROGRAMS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor or
13 the Secretary of Education, as appropriate (referred
14 to in this subsection as the ‘appropriate Secretary’)
15 may approve an eligible program as a creditable pro-
16 gram, with respect to a tax credit under section 45S
17 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

18 “(2) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.—The term
20 ‘cooperative program’ means an existing or new
21 program that—

22 “(i) is carried out by a partnership in-
23 cluding at least 1 business, and 1 institu-
24 tion of higher education;

1 “(ii) meets such skills and education
2 standards as the appropriate Secretary
3 shall establish for such a program; and

4 “(iii)(I) provides training that leads to
5 industry or professional certification or li-
6 censure, as determined by the appropriate
7 Secretary; or

8 “(II) is similar to a registered appren-
9 ticeship program.

10 “(B) COVERED REGISTERED APPRENTICE-
11 SHIP PROGRAM.—The term ‘covered registered
12 apprenticeship program’ means a registered ap-
13 prenticeship program that is carried out by a
14 partnership including a business and an institu-
15 tion of higher education.

16 “(C) ELIGIBLE PROGRAM.—The term ‘eli-
17 gible program’ means a covered registered ap-
18 prenticeship program or a cooperative program.

19 “(3) APPROVAL LEVELS.—

20 “(A) LEVEL 1 CREDITABLE PROGRAM.—To
21 be approved as a level 1 creditable program—

22 “(i) an eligible program shall employ
23 participants who—

24 “(I) attend the institution of
25 higher education that is part of the

1 partnership, which shall be a local in-
 2 stitution of higher education and shall
 3 provide course credit for the training
 4 provided through such program; and

5 “(II) work not less than 20 hours
 6 per week for the business in the part-
 7 nership; and

8 “(ii) the Secretary of Labor and the
 9 Governor of the State in which the eligible
 10 program operates shall certify that the spe-
 11 cific skills and education provided through
 12 the program are needed in the local area,
 13 as defined in section 101 of the Workforce
 14 Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801),
 15 in which the program operates, and that
 16 need is not being fulfilled by other training
 17 programs.

18 “(B) LEVEL 2 CREDITABLE PROGRAM.—

19 To be approved as a level 2 creditable pro-
 20 gram—

21 “(i) an eligible program shall meet the
 22 requirements of subparagraph (A)(i);

23 “(ii) the Secretary of Labor and the
 24 Governor of the State in which the eligible
 25 program operates shall make the certifi-

1 cations described in subparagraph (A)(ii)
2 for the program; and

3 “(iii) the institution of higher edu-
4 cation in the partnership carrying out the
5 eligible program shall meet the require-
6 ments of subparagraph (A)(i)(I) and pro-
7 vide the program as a 2-year program de-
8 scribed in section 101(a)(3) of the Higher
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 1001(a)(3)).

11 “(4) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

12 “(A) INSTITUTIONS IN PARTNERSHIPS.—

13 To the extent practicable, an institution of
14 higher education in a partnership carrying out
15 a creditable program shall provide educational
16 assistance to participants in the program to re-
17 duce or pay for educational costs at the institu-
18 tion.

19 “(B) STANDARDS FOR SIGNIFICANT EDU-
20 CATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Edu-
21 cation shall issue standards specifying the per-
22 centage, of such a participant’s educational
23 costs at an institution of higher education for
24 a creditable program, that a business in the
25 partnership carrying out the program shall pro-

1 vide in order to be eligible to receive a tax cred-
 2 it under section 45S of the Internal Revenue
 3 Code of 1986 for educational assistance. A
 4 business that provides less than that percentage
 5 shall not be eligible to receive the tax credit
 6 under that section for any educational assist-
 7 ance to that participant.”.

8 (b) TAX CREDIT FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
 9 EXPENSES OF QUALIFIED EMPLOYERS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of
 11 subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue
 12 Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
 13 following new section:

14 **“SEC. 45S. CREDIT FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM EX-**
 15 **PENSES OF QUALIFIED EMPLOYERS.**

16 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38,
 17 in the case of a qualified employer, the apprenticeship pro-
 18 gram expenses credit determined under this section for
 19 any taxable year with respect to each qualified employee
 20 is an amount equal to the sum of—

21 “(1) the taxes paid by such employer under sec-
 22 tion 3111 or 3221 with respect to such employee for
 23 such taxable year, and

24 “(2) the amount of any educational assistance
 25 (within the meaning of section 127(c)(1)) paid or in-

1 curred by such employer with respect to such em-
2 ployee for such taxable year, to the extent such
3 amount exceeds the percentage established by the
4 Secretary of Education under section 3A(d)(4)(C) of
5 the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as
6 the ‘National Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664,
7 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

8 “(b) SPECIAL RULES.—

9 “(1) LIMITATION TO 3 YEARS OF EXPENSES.—

10 The expenses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
11 subsection (a) shall be taken into account for not
12 more than 3 years with respect to any qualified em-
13 ployee.

14 “(2) INCREASED CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PRO-
15 GRAMS.—

16 “(A) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PRO-

17 GRAMS.—In the case of a qualified employee
18 who is participating in a level 2 creditable pro-
19 gram described in subparagraph (B) of section
20 3A(d)(3) of the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
21 monly known as the ‘National Apprenticeship
22 Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50
23 et seq.), the amount of the credit determined
24 (without regard to this subparagraph and sub-

1 paragraph (B)) under subsection (a) shall be
2 multiplied by 2.

3 “(B) EXCEPTION FOR CRITICAL NEED
4 AREAS.—In the case of a qualified employee
5 who resides in a local area that is certified by
6 the Secretary of Labor (according to regula-
7 tions prescribed by such Secretary) as having
8 critical employment needs based on educational,
9 economic, and population factors, the amount of
10 the credit determined (without regard to this
11 subparagraph and subparagraph (A)) under
12 subsection (a) shall be multiplied by 3. Sub-
13 paragraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a
14 qualified employee to whom this subparagraph
15 applies.

16 “(c) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
18 tion, the term ‘qualified employer’ means an em-
19 ployer that, during the taxable year for which the
20 credit under this section is determined, is partici-
21 pating in a creditable program described in subpara-
22 graph (A) or (B) of section 3A(d)(3) of the Act of
23 August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the ‘National
24 Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29
25 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

1 “(2) PARTIAL TAXABLE YEARS.—If an em-
2 ployer does not participate in such a creditable pro-
3 gram for the employer’s entire taxable year, then
4 only expenses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of
5 subsection (a) with respect to the portion of the tax-
6 able year during which such employer participates in
7 such a program shall be taken into account under
8 subsection (a).

9 “(d) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of this
10 section—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified em-
12 ployee’ means, with respect to any taxable year, an
13 employee of a qualified employer who—

14 “(A) during such taxable year is enrolled
15 in a creditable program described in subsection
16 (c)(1) at the institution of higher education
17 (within the meaning of section 101(a) of the
18 Higher Education Act of 1965) which is part of
19 the partnership with the qualified employer and
20 which is a local institution of higher education,

21 “(B) is eligible for course credit for the
22 training provided through such program,

23 “(C) works not less than 20 hours per
24 week as an employee of the qualified employer
25 as part of such program, and

1 “(D) is still employed as part of such pro-
2 gram by the qualified employer on the date that
3 is 1 year after the date on which the employee
4 begins participation in such program with the
5 employer.

6 “(2) RECAPTURE IN CASE OF TERMINATION OF
7 EMPLOYMENT.—In the case of an employee whose
8 employment as part of such creditable program is
9 terminated by the qualified employer before the date
10 that is 1 year after the date on which the employee
11 begins participation in such program with the em-
12 ployer—

13 “(A) no expenses with respect to such em-
14 ployee shall be taken into account under sub-
15 section (a) for the taxable year in which such
16 employment is terminated, and

17 “(B) the tax under this chapter for the
18 taxable year in which such employment is ter-
19 minated shall be increased by the aggregate
20 credits (if any) allowed under section 38(a) for
21 prior taxable years by reason of this section
22 with respect to such employee.

23 “(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction
24 shall be allowed under this chapter for any amount taken
25 into account in determining the credit under this section.

1 “(f) ELECTION NOT TO CLAIM CREDIT.—This sec-
2 tion shall not apply to a taxpayer for any taxable year
3 if such taxpayer elects to have this section not apply for
4 such taxable year.”.

5 (2) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSI-
6 NESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “plus” at
8 the end of paragraph (35), by striking the period at
9 the end of paragraph (36) and inserting “, plus”,
10 and by adding at the end the following new para-
11 graph:

12 “(37) the apprenticeship program expenses
13 credit determined under section 45S(a).”.

14 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
15 tions for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of
16 chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
17 amended by adding at the end the following new
18 item:

“Sec. 45S. Credit for apprenticeship program expenses of qualified employers.”.

19 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
20 by this subsection shall apply to taxes paid under
21 section 3111 or 3221 of the Internal Revenue Code
22 of 1986, and expenses paid or incurred, after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. STATE WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING AD-**
2 **VISORY COMMITTEES.**

3 Section 134(a)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act
4 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(a)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (A) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the
7 end;

8 (B) in clause (vi), by striking the period
9 and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(vii) to the extent practicable, estab-
12 lishing or designating, and supporting, a
13 Workforce Education and Training Advi-
14 sory Committee described in subparagraph
15 (C).”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(C) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—

18 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The State shall
19 designate a State agency that shall estab-
20 lish or designate, and support, using funds
21 described in subparagraph (B), a Work-
22 force Education and Training Advisory
23 Committee (referred to in this subpara-
24 graph as the ‘Advisory Committee’) for the
25 State.

1 “(ii) COMPOSITION.—The Advisory
2 Committee shall consist of members ap-
3 pointed by the Governor, including—

4 “(I) representatives of State
5 agencies;

6 “(II) representatives of local
7 agencies;

8 “(III) representatives of institu-
9 tions of higher education, as defined
10 in section 101(a) of the Higher Edu-
11 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
12 1001(a));

13 “(IV) representatives of busi-
14 nesses;

15 “(V) representatives of State
16 boards and local boards;

17 “(VI) representatives of commu-
18 nity-based organizations; and

19 “(VII) representatives of other
20 relevant stakeholders.

21 “(iii) CHAIRPERSON.—The represent-
22 ative of the designated State agency shall
23 serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory
24 Committee.

1 “(iv) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Advi-
2 sory Committee shall—

3 “(I) consult with the Secretary of
4 Education and the Secretary of Labor
5 regarding workforce development in
6 the State; and

7 “(II) develop and recommend a
8 comprehensive strategy for the State
9 for education, employment and train-
10 ing activities, and other workforce de-
11 velopment activities.

12 “(v) PERIODIC RESPONSIBILITIES.—
13 Periodically, the Advisory Committee
14 shall—

15 “(I) identify and evaluate initia-
16 tives in the State involving education,
17 employment and training activities, or
18 other workforce development activi-
19 ties, and related strategic partner-
20 ships;

21 “(II) issue recommendations en-
22 couraging the adoption of nationally
23 recognized or State-recognized career
24 readiness certification programs;

1 “(III) assess the level of integra-
2 tion and coordination of Federal,
3 State, and local workforce develop-
4 ment initiatives within the State;

5 “(IV) assess the comprehensive
6 strategy described in clause (iv)(II)
7 that is adopted by the State;

8 “(V) compile and disseminate in-
9 formation on best practices for work-
10 force development activities, obtained
11 from entities represented on the Advi-
12 sory Committee; and

13 “(VI) make recommendations on
14 workforce development activities to
15 Federal, State, and local policy-
16 makers.

17 “(vi) REPORTS.—Not later than 2
18 years after the initial appointment of all
19 members of the Advisory Committee, and
20 every 2 years thereafter, the Advisory
21 Committee shall prepare and submit to the
22 Secretary of Education and the Secretary
23 of Labor a report containing the results of
24 the evaluation and assessments, the infor-
25 mation, described in clause (v), and the

1 recommendations described in clauses (iv)
2 and (v).”.

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