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# H. R. 3617

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. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training.

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 “Learning, Educating,  
5 Achieving, and Retraining for the Nation Act” or the  
6 “LEARN Act”.

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

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

1 **“SEC. 173B. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.**

2 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘feder-  
3 ally recognized tribal organization’ means an entity de-  
4 scribed in section 166(c)(1).

5 “(b) GRANTS.—From the amount made available  
6 under subsection (h), and subject to subsection (d)—

7 “(1) the Secretary shall make grants on a dis-  
8 cretionary basis to States, local boards, and federally  
9 recognized tribal organizations, for adult on-the-job  
10 training, or dislocated worker on-the-job training,  
11 carried out under section 134 and for State func-  
12 tions described in subsection (f); and

13 “(2) using an amount that is not more than 10  
14 percent of the funds made available under subsection  
15 (h), the Secretary shall make grants to States, local  
16 boards, and federally recognized tribal organizations  
17 for developing on-the-job training programs, includ-  
18 ing providing capacity building activities for local  
19 staff who will be engaged in the development of the  
20 programs, in consultation with the Secretary.

21 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
22 under subsection (b), a State, local board, or federally rec-  
23 ognized tribal organization shall submit an application to  
24 the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-  
25 taining such information as the Secretary may require. In  
26 preparing such an application for a grant under subsection

1 (b)(1), a local board shall consult with the corresponding  
2 State.

3 “(d) REIMBURSEMENT OF WAGE RATES.—Notwith-  
4 standing the limitation in section 101(31)(B), in making  
5 the grants described in subsection (b)(1) the Secretary  
6 may allow for higher levels of reimbursement of wage rates  
7 the Secretary determines are appropriate based on factors  
8 such as—

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

11 “(2) target populations, in order to enhance job  
12 creation for persons with barriers to employment;  
13 and

14 “(3) the number of employees that will partici-  
15 pate in the on-the-job training, the wage and benefit  
16 levels of the employees (before the training and an-  
17 ticipated on completion of the training), the relation-  
18 ship of the training to the competitiveness of the  
19 employer and employees, and the existence of other  
20 employer-provided training and advancement oppor-  
21 tunities.

22 “(e) ADMINISTRATION BY SECRETARY.—The Sec-  
23 retary may use an amount that is not more than 1 percent  
24 of the funds made available under subsection (h) for the  
25 administration, management, and oversight of the pro-

1 grams, activities, and grants, funded under subsection (b),  
2 including the evaluation of, and dissemination of informa-  
3 tion on lessons learned through, the use of such funds.

4 “(f) STATE OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING.—A local  
5 board that receives a grant under subsection (b)(1) and  
6 is located in a State, shall provide not less than 5 percent  
7 of the grant funds to the State for State functions de-  
8 scribed in sections 136(f), 184, and 185.

9 “(g) 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 “(h) 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 2015 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.”.

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