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To authorize funding to strengthen investments in the Nation’s postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) programs and build connections across the entire education and workforce development system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, and Ms. FINKENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Strengthen CTE in
5 Higher Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM ALIGNMENT FOR POST-**
2 **SECONDARY PERKINS CAREER AND TECH-**
3 **NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
6 appropriated to carry out this section \$181,000,000
7 for fiscal year 2021 and each of the 5 succeeding fis-
8 cal years.

9 (2) OUTLYING AREAS.—In addition to the
10 amounts authorized to be appropriated under para-
11 graph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated
12 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2021 and each of the 5
13 succeeding fiscal years, for the purpose of awarding
14 funds to carry out this section to the outlying areas
15 described in section 115(a) of the Carl D. Perkins
16 Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
17 U.S.C. 2325(a)).

18 (3) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY
19 CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.—In addi-
20 tion to the amounts authorized to be appropriated
21 under paragraphs (1) and (2), there are authorized
22 to be appropriated \$10,469,000 for fiscal year 2021
23 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years, for the
24 purpose of awarding funds to carry out this section
25 to tribally controlled postsecondary career and tech-
26 nical institutions described in section 117(a) of the

1 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
2 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2327(a)).

3 (b) ALLOTMENT AND ALLOCATION.—

4 (1) STATE ALLOTMENT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount ap-
6 propriated under subsection (a)(1) for each fis-
7 cal year, the Secretary of Education shall allot
8 funds to States in the same manner as allot-
9 ments are made to States under 111(a)(2) of
10 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
11 cation Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2321(a)(2)), ex-
12 cept that such section 111(a)(2) shall be ap-
13 plied by substituting “From the amount appro-
14 priated under subsection (a)(1),” for “From the
15 remainder of the amount appropriated under
16 section 9 and not reserved under paragraph (1)
17 for a fiscal year.”.

18 (B) REALLOTMENT.—If for any fiscal year
19 the amount appropriated for allotments under
20 this paragraph is insufficient to satisfy the pro-
21 visions of subparagraph (A), the payments to
22 all States under such subparagraph shall be
23 ratably reduced.

24 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE ALLOTMENT.—

25 From the amount allotted to each State under para-

1 graph (1) for a fiscal year, the eligible agency shall
2 use such funds in the same manner and in the same
3 amounts as described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of
4 section 112(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and
5 Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.
6 2321(a)).

7 (3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT ALLOCATION.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount allot-
9 ted to each State under paragraph (1) and not
10 used under paragraph (2) for a fiscal year, the
11 eligible agency shall allocate funds to each eligi-
12 ble recipient within the State in the same man-
13 ner that funds are allocated to eligible institu-
14 tions or consortium of eligible institutions under
15 section 132(a)(2) of the Carl D. Perkins Career
16 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
17 U.S.C. 2352(a)(2)), except that such section
18 132(a)(2) shall be applied by substituting “the
19 amount allotted to the State under paragraph
20 (1) and not used under paragraph (2)” for “the
21 portion of funds made available under section
22 112(a)(1) to carry out this section”.

23 (B) REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOCATION.—

24 To receive an allocation under subparagraph

1 (A), an eligible recipient shall meet the fol-
2 lowing requirements:

3 (i) Provide a description to the Sec-
4 retary, at such time and in such manner,
5 as may be required by the Secretary of
6 how the eligible recipient will use the allo-
7 cation to support and coordinate with—

8 (I) any funds received by such el-
9 ible recipient under title I of the
10 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
11 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.
12 2321 et seq.); and

13 (II) the activities described in the
14 State plan of the eligible agency that
15 distributes funds under such title to
16 such eligible recipient, and local appli-
17 cation of such eligible recipient under
18 such title.

19 (ii) Establish partnerships with each
20 of the following:

21 (I) A local educational agency or
22 a consortia of local educational agen-
23 cies.

24 (II) An area career and technical
25 education school, in a case in which

1 such a school is located in the State
2 or local area of the eligible recipient.

3 (III) A State or local workforce
4 development system.

5 (IV) A 4-year institution of high-
6 er education.

7 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible recipient that
9 receives an allocation under subsection (b)(2) shall
10 use such allocation to carry out a career and tech-
11 nical education program of study that shall—

12 (A) include alignment to career pathways,
13 the use of articulation agreements, and career
14 guidance and academic counseling;

15 (B) combine a minimum of 2 years of sec-
16 ondary education (as determined under State
17 law) with a minimum of 2 years of postsec-
18 ondary education in a nonduplicative, sequential
19 course of study;

20 (C) include work-based learning or appren-
21 ticeship programs;

22 (D) be aligned with—

23 (i) the workforce development system;

24 and

1 (ii) institutions of higher education of-
2 fering baccalaureate or advanced degree
3 programs;

4 (E) offer education and training in high-
5 skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors
6 and occupations to meet the regional needs and
7 support the priorities described in the most re-
8 cent comprehensive local needs assessment con-
9 ducted by the eligible recipient under section
10 134(c) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
11 nical Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2354(c)); and

12 (F) carry out the requirements of subpara-
13 graph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph
14 (2).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each career and tech-
16 nical education program of study described in para-
17 graph (1) shall carry out at least one of the fol-
18 lowing:

19 (A) Supporting the development, delivery,
20 or implementation of a statewide effort to scale
21 such program of study and career pathways.

22 (B) Establishing industry or sector part-
23 nerships inside or outside the State.

24 (C) Providing equal access to, and sup-
25 ports for, successful completion of the career

1 and technical education program of study to in-
2 dividuals who are members of special popu-
3 lations, including the development of services
4 appropriate to the needs of special populations.

5 (D) Improving career guidance, academic
6 counseling, and career exploration activities for
7 prospective or participating students through
8 the development and implementation of gradua-
9 tion and career plans aligned to career path-
10 ways.

11 (E) Developing curriculum and supports
12 for effective transitions between the following:

13 (i) The transition from a secondary
14 career and technical education program to
15 a postsecondary career and technical edu-
16 cation program.

17 (ii) The transition from postsecondary
18 career and technical education programs to
19 an institution of higher education offering
20 a baccalaureate or an advanced degree pro-
21 gram.

22 (iii) The transition from a workforce
23 development system to a postsecondary ca-
24 reer and technical education program.

1 (iv) The transition from a postsec-
2 ondary career and technical education pro-
3 gram to employment.

4 (v) The transition from a career and
5 technical education program to an appren-
6 ticeship program or from an apprenticeship
7 program to an institution of higher edu-
8 cation or employment.

9 (3) RESTRICTION ON USES OF FUNDS.—Each
10 eligible recipient that receives an allocation under
11 subsection (b)(2) shall not use more than 5 percent
12 of such allocation for costs associated with the ad-
13 ministration of activities.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term
16 “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship
17 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
18 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”;
19 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

20 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible
21 recipient” has the meaning given the term in section
22 3(21)(B) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
23 nical Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
24 2302(21)(B)).

1 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
2 term “institution of higher education” has the
3 meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-
4 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

5 (4) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term
6 “local educational agency” has the meaning given
7 such term in section 8101 of the Elementary and
8 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (5) PERKINS CTE TERMS.—The terms “articu-
10 lation agreement”, “area career and technical edu-
11 cation school”, “career and technical education”,
12 “eligible agency”, “program of study”, “special pop-
13 ulation”, and “work-based learning” have the mean-
14 ings given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
15 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
16 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

17 (6) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
18 ing given the term in section 111(d) of the Carl D.
19 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
20 2006.

21 (7) WIOA TERMS.—The terms “career path-
22 way”, “workforce development system”, “in-demand
23 industry sector or occupation”, and “industry or sec-
24 tor partnership” have the meanings given the terms

1 in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
2 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3201).

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