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To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to require one-stop delivery systems under such Act to offer services through internet websites and to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop standards and best practices for such websites, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK) 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 “Widening Internet
5 Readiness for Employment Development Act” or the
6 “WIRED Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONLINE PROVISION OF ONE-STOP SERVICES.**

2 (a) ONLINE PROVISION OF ONE-STOP SERVICES.—

3 Subparagraph (D) of section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce
 4 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 5 3151(e)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(D) as applicable and practicable, shall
 7 make programs, services, and activities acces-
 8 sible to individuals through electronic means
 9 that meet the standards and incorporate the
 10 best practices established by the Secretary of
 11 Labor under subsection (j), including through
 12 an internet website that is unique to the par-
 13 ticular one-stop delivery system.”.

14 (b) STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE
 15 PROVISION OF SERVICES BY ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYS-
 16 TEMS.—Section 121 of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
 17 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3951) is amended by adding at
 18 the end the following:

19 “(j) STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR PROVI-
 20 SION OF SERVICES THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS.—
 21 After soliciting public comments and consulting with and
 22 receiving input from relevant parties, including local
 23 boards, State boards, and the Secretary of Labor, in co-
 24 ordination with the Federal agencies responsible for the
 25 programs and activities described in subsection (b)(1)(B),
 26 shall establish and maintain standards and best practices

1 for the provision of services through electronic means, in-
2 cluding for internet websites maintained by one-stop deliv-
3 ery systems under subsection (e)(2)(D). Such standards
4 and best practices shall include—

5 “(1) a requirement for user-friendly, up-to-date
6 websites available to all individuals seeking one-stop
7 services, including individuals with barriers to em-
8 ployment;

9 “(2) a requirement that such websites promi-
10 nently display the address and hours of operation of
11 all physical one-stop centers in the local area, and a
12 description of services provided in and events held at
13 each such center;

14 “(3) best practices for incorporating social
15 media and networking capabilities into such
16 websites;

17 “(4) best practices for making such websites ac-
18 cessible by mobile devices to the extent practicable;

19 “(5) best practices for providing, through elec-
20 tronic means, services such as resume assistance,
21 cover letter review, job searching, interview prepara-
22 tions, and online employment-related practice tests,
23 through videos, video-conferencing, or other means;
24 and

1 “(6) best practices for assuring a secure net-
2 work and the protection of any personal informa-
3 tion.”.

4 (c) DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall establish the
5 initial standards and best practices required by section
6 121(j) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
7 (as added by subsection (b)) not later than one year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act.

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