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S. 4526

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to expand the types of one-stop centers used to provide services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 Develop-
5 ment Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ONE-STOP CENTERS.**

7 Section 121(e) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
8 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151(e)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1
 2 physical center in each local area of the State;
 3 and” and inserting “1 physical or virtual center
 4 in each local area of the State, or at 1 or more
 5 physical or virtual centers shared by adjacent
 6 local areas and not less than 1 such center in
 7 each other local area of the State.”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 9 “and” at the end;

10 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 11 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(E) may locate a physical or virtual cen-
 14 ter described in subparagraph (A) at a public in-
 15 stitution of higher education.”;

16 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “, the employ-
 17 ment service” and all that follows and inserting “,
 18 in each State that has a physical one-stop center,
 19 the employment service offices in that State shall be
 20 colocated with the physical one-stop centers in that
 21 State.”;

22 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
 23 graph (3); and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL AREAS AND
 2 STATES.—For purposes of applying this Act in a sit-
 3 uation in which 2 adjacent local areas share a phys-
 4 ical or virtual one-stop center, a reference in this
 5 Act to a one-stop center that is in a local area or
 6 State shall be considered to be a reference to a one-
 7 stop center for that local area or State, respectively.

8 “(6) VIRTUAL CENTER.—In this subsection, the
 9 term ‘virtual’, used with respect to a one-stop center,
 10 means a terminal or other equipment that provides
 11 access to each of the programs, services, and activi-
 12 ties described in paragraph (1).”.

13 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

14 Section 3(d) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C.
 15 49b(d)) is amended by striking “, employment service”
 16 and all that follows and inserting “, in each State that
 17 has a physical one-stop center, the employment service of-
 18 fices in that State shall be colocated with the physical one-
 19 stop centers in that State.”.

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