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To establish a pilot program to promote public-private partnerships among apprenticeships or other job training programs, local educational agencies, and community colleges, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Youth Access to Amer-
5 ican Jobs Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. 2-2-2 PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
3 to carry out this Act, the Secretary of Education, in con-
4 sultation with the Secretary of Labor, shall award grants
5 to 10 eligible entities to carry a program described in sub-
6 section (c) for eligible students.

7 (b) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible enti-
8 ty that desires to receive a grant under this section shall
9 submit an application to the Secretary as such time, in
10 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
11 retary may require.

12 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives
13 a grant under this section shall use such grant to carry
14 out a program under which each eligible student partici-
15 pating in the program—

16 (1) during grades 11 and 12 at a secondary
17 school served by the local educational agency in the
18 eligible entity, takes STEM and STEM-focused Ca-
19 reer and Technical Education courses and courses
20 that prepare such student for community college;

21 (2) upon graduating from the secondary school,
22 enrolls in a course of study related to the manufac-
23 turing field at the community college in the eligible
24 entity; and

1 (3) upon receiving an associate’s degree from
2 the community college, enrolls and participates, for
3 a 2-year period, in—

4 (A) the State apprenticeship program in
5 the eligible entity; or

6 (B) the joint-labor management training
7 program in the eligible entity.

8 (d) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—To be eligible to partici-
9 pate in a program described in subsection (c), a student
10 shall, prior to participating in the program, demonstrate
11 academic ability and a commitment to pursue a career in
12 a manufacturing field or other vocational or career and
13 technical education field.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term “commu-
16 nity college” has the meaning given the term in sec-
17 tion 312(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
18 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

19 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
20 ty” means a partnership among—

21 (A) a local educational agency;

22 (B) a community college; and

23 (C) a State apprenticeship program or a
24 joint-labor management training program.

1 (3) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-
2 cational agency”, “secondary school”, and “State”
3 have the meanings given the terms in section 9101
4 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

6 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Education.

8 (5) STATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The
9 term “State apprenticeship program” means an ap-
10 prenticeship program that provides an apprentice-
11 ship with an employer in the manufacturing field to
12 students with an associate’s degree related to the
13 field of manufacturing.

14 (6) STEM.—The term “STEM” means—

15 (A) science, technology, engineering, and
16 mathematics; and

17 (B) other career and technical education
18 subjects that build on the subjects described in
19 subparagraph (A).