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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSEN of Washington introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 2019”.

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 high school  
17 served by a local educational agency partner of the  
18 eligible entity, enrolls in and completes—

19 (A) STEM and STEM-focused career and  
20 technical education courses; and

21 (B) courses that prepare such student for  
22 community college and a career in a State-iden-  
23 tified high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand indus-  
24 try sector or occupation (within the meaning of  
25 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-  
26 cation Act of 2006, as in effect on or after July

1           1, 2019), or the manufacturing field or other  
2           vocational or career and technical education  
3           field;

4           (2) upon graduating from the high school, en-  
5           rolls, at a community college partner of the eligible  
6           entity—

7                 (A) in a course of study related to a career  
8                 pathway described in paragraph (1)(B); or

9                 (B) in a youth apprenticeship program;  
10            and

11           (3) upon receiving an associate's degree from  
12           the community college, in the case of a student who  
13           has not completed the youth apprenticeship program  
14           or joint labor-management training program of the  
15           eligible entity, enrolls and participates, for at least  
16           a 2-year period, in such youth apprenticeship pro-  
17           gram or joint labor-management training program.

18           (d) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—To be eligible to partici-  
19           pate in a program described in subsection (c), a student  
20           shall, prior to participating in the program, demonstrate  
21           academic ability and a commitment to pursue a career  
22           pathway described in subsection (c)(1)(B).

23           (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24                 (1) APPRENTICESHIP.—The term “apprentice-  
25                 ship” means an apprenticeship registered under the

1 Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the  
2 “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chap-  
3 ter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

4 (2) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The  
5 term “career and technical education” has the  
6 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Carl D.  
7 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of  
8 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

9 (3) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term “commu-  
10 nity college” has the meaning given the term “junior  
11 or community college” in section 312(f) of the High-  
12 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

13 (4) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
14 ty” means a partnership—

15 (A) among—

16 (i) one or more local educational agen-  
17 cies;

18 (ii) one or more community colleges;  
19 and

20 (iii) one or more youth apprenticeship  
21 programs or joint labor-management train-  
22 ing programs; and

23 (B) that works with an employer in a  
24 State-identified high-skill, high-wage, or in-de-  
25 mand industry sector or occupation described in

1 subsection (c)(1)(B) that is serving, or seeking  
2 to expand its capacity to serve, youth appren-  
3 ticeship programs.

4 (5) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-  
5 cational agency”, “high school”, and “State” have  
6 the meanings given the terms in section 8101 of the  
7 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
8 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9 (6) IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY SECTOR OR OCCUPA-  
10 TION.—The term “in-demand industry sector or oc-  
11 cupation” has the meaning given the term in section  
12 3 of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act  
13 (29 U.S.C. 3102).

14 (7) JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT TRAINING PRO-  
15 GRAM.—The term “joint labor-management training  
16 program” means a program that—

17 (A) is carried out by a committee that is  
18 composed of an equal number of representatives  
19 of employers and representatives of employees  
20 represented by a bona fide collective bargaining  
21 agent; and

22 (B) has been established to conduct, oper-  
23 ate, or administer an youth apprenticeship pro-  
24 gram and enter into apprenticeship agreements  
25 with apprentices.

1           (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2 the Secretary of Education.

3           (9) STEM.—The term “STEM” means—  
4           (A) science, technology, engineering, and  
5 mathematics; and  
6           (B) other career and technical education  
7 subjects that build on the subjects described in  
8 subparagraph (A).

9           (10) YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The  
10 term “youth apprenticeship program” means an ap-  
11 prenticeship program that is a partner of the eligible  
12 entity that—

13           (A) is designed for an eligible student who  
14 at the start of the program is eligible to be en-  
15 rolled in high school; and

16           (B) incorporates the following:

17           (i) Paid, on-the-job learning under the  
18 supervision of skilled employee mentors.

19           (ii) Related classroom-based instruc-  
20 tion at a local educational agency or com-  
21 munity college partner of the eligible entity  
22 aligned with a career pathway described in  
23 subsection (c)(2)(A).

24           (iii) Ongoing assessment against es-  
25 tablished skill and competency standards.

1                   (iv) Culmination in a recognized post-  
2                   secondary credential, with the quality of  
3                   the training leading to the credential re-  
4                   viewed by the eligible entity.

5                   (v) Leads to placement in further edu-  
6                   cation, employment, or an apprenticeship  
7                   program.