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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 introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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.

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 2017”.

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 the local educational agency in the eligible
18 entity, enrolls in and completes STEM and STEM-
19 focused career and technical education courses, and
20 courses that prepare such student for community
21 college;

22 (2) upon graduating from the high school, en-
23 rolls in a course of study related to a high-growth
24 skills industry, an in-demand industry or occupation,
25 the manufacturing field, or other vocational or ca-

1 career and technical education field at a community
2 college in the eligible entity; and

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

6 (A) the State apprenticeship program of
7 the eligible entity; or

8 (B) the joint-labor management training
9 program of the eligible entity.

10 (d) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—To be eligible to partici-
11 pate in a program described in subsection (c), a student
12 shall, prior to participating in the program, demonstrate
13 academic ability and a commitment to pursue a career in
14 a high-growth skills industry, an in-demand industry or
15 occupation, the manufacturing field, or other vocational
16 or career and technical education field.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The
19 term “career and technical education” has the
20 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Carl D.
21 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
22 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

23 (2) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term “commu-
24 nity college” has the meaning given the term “junior

1 or community college” in section 312(f) of the High-
2 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f)).

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

5 (A) a local educational agency;

6 (B) a community college; and

7 (C) a State apprenticeship program or a
8 joint-labor management training program.

9 (4) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “local edu-
10 cational agency”, “high school”, and “State” have
11 the meanings given the terms in section 8101 of the
12 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
13 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

14 (5) IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY SECTOR OR OCCUPA-
15 TION.—The term “in-demand industry sector or oc-
16 cupation” has the meaning given the term in section
17 3 of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act
18 (29 U.S.C. 3102).

19 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Education.

21 (7) STATE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The
22 term “State apprenticeship program” means an ap-
23 prenticeship program that provides an apprentice-
24 ship with an employer in a high-growth skills indus-
25 try, an in-demand industry or occupation, the manu-

1 facturing field, or other vocational or career and
2 technical education field to students with an associ-
3 ate's degree related to such industry, occupation, or
4 field.

5 (8) STEM.—The term “STEM” means—

6 (A) science, technology, engineering, and
7 mathematics; and

8 (B) other career and technical education
9 subjects that build on the subjects described in
10 subparagraph (A).