

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 7309
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In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment, insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “The Workforce Innova-
3 tion and Opportunity Act of 2022”.

4 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

5 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 203. Grants and contracts for eligible provider.

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- Sec. 301. Executive agency review of occupational licensing requirements.

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGNER-PEYSER ACT

- Sec. 401. Workforce and labor market information system.

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- Sec. 501. Competitive integrated employment.
- Sec. 502. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
3 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) is amended in section 3 (29 U.S.C.
4 3102)—

5 (1) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking “reg-
6 istered” and all that follows through “171”;

7 (2) in paragraph (44)—

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

1 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) in a case in which each of the condi-
5 tions under section 134(c)(3)(I)(i) are met with
6 respect to such training (including the estab-
7 lishment of an on-the-job training agreement
8 described in section 134(c)(3)(I)(iii)), provides
9 the Federal share of the cost of training to the
10 employer through an employer-directed skills
11 account.”;

12 (3) by amending paragraph (47) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(47) PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE CONTRACT
15 STRATEGY.—The term ‘pay-for-performance contract
16 strategy’ means a procurement strategy that—

17 “(A) uses pay-for-performance contracts in
18 the provision of training services described in
19 section 134(c)(3) or activities described in sec-
20 tion 129(e)(2), and includes—

21 “(i) contracts, each of which shall
22 specify a fixed amount that will be paid to
23 an eligible service provider (which may in-
24 clude a local or national community-based
25 organization or intermediary, community

1 college, or other training provider, that is
2 eligible under section 122 or 123, as ap-
3 propriate) based on the achievement of
4 specified levels of performance on the pri-
5 mary indicators of performance described
6 in section 116(b)(2)(A) for target popu-
7 lations as identified by the local board (in-
8 cluding individuals with barriers to employ-
9 ment), within a defined timetable, and
10 which may provide for bonus payments to
11 such service provider to expand capacity to
12 provide effective training;

13 “(ii) a strategy for independently vali-
14 dating the achievement of the performance
15 described in clause (i); and

16 “(iii) a description of how the State or
17 local area will reallocate funds not paid to
18 a provider because the achievement of the
19 performance described in clause (i) did not
20 occur, for further activities related to such
21 a procurement strategy, subject to section
22 189(g)(4); and

23 “(B) does not require a local area to con-
24 duct a feasibility study prior to implementing
25 such pay-for-performance contract strategy.”;

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

2 “(72) DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS.—The term
3 ‘digital literary skills’ has the meaning given such
4 term in section 202 of the Museum and Library
5 Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9101).

6 “(73) EMPLOYER-SPONSORED SKILLS DEVEL-
7 OPMENT.—The term “employer-sponsored skills de-
8 velopment” means a skills development program—

9 “(A) that is selected by an employer to
10 meet the specific skill demands of the employer;

11 “(B) that is conducted pursuant to terms
12 and conditions which are established under an
13 employer-sponsored skills development agree-
14 ment described in section 134(c)(3)(I)(iv), in-
15 cluding a commitment by the employer to em-
16 ploy an individual upon successful completion of
17 the program;

18 “(C) for which an employer pays a portion
19 of the cost of the program, which shall not be
20 less than—

21 “(i) 10 percent of the cost, in the case
22 of an employer with not more than 50 em-
23 ployees;

24 “(ii) 25 percent of the cost, in the
25 case of an employer with more than 50

1 employees but not more than 100 employ-
2 ees; and

3 “(iii) 50 percent of the cost, in the
4 case of an employer with more than 100
5 employees; and

6 “(D) for which the Federal share of the
7 cost of the program is provided to the employer
8 through an employer-directed skills account in
9 accordance with section 134(c)(3)(I)(ii).

10 “(74) EVIDENCED-BASED.—The term “evi-
11 dence-based”, when used with respect to an activity,
12 strategy, or intervention, means an activity, strat-
13 egy, or intervention that—

14 “(A) demonstrates a statistically signifi-
15 cant effect on improving participant outcomes
16 or other relevant outcomes based on— (i)
17 strong evidence from at least 1 well-designed
18 and well-implemented experimental study; (ii)
19 moderate evidence from at least 1 well-designed
20 and well-implemented quasi-experimental study;
21 or (iii) promising evidence from at least 1 well-
22 designed and well-implemented correlational
23 study with statistical controls for selection bias;
24 or

1 “(B)(i) demonstrates a rationale based on
2 high-quality research findings or positive eval-
3 uation that such activity, strategy, or interven-
4 tion is likely to improve participant outcomes or
5 other relevant outcomes; and

6 “(ii) includes ongoing efforts to examine
7 the effects of such activity, strategy, or inter-
8 vention.”; and

9 (5) by reordering paragraphs (1) through (74),
10 as amended by this section, and the paragraphs
11 added by this paragraph in alphabetical order, and
12 renumbering such paragraphs as so reordered;

13 **TITLE I—WORKFORCE**
14 **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**
15 **Subtitle A—System Alignment**

16 **SEC. 101. STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

17 Section 101(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
18 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111(d)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (3)(D)—

20 (A) by striking “and jobseekers” and in-
21 serting “jobseekers, and entrepreneurs”; and

22 (B) by inserting “and entrepreneurial
23 skills development and microenterprise services”
24 after “occupations”; and

25 (2) in paragraph (5)—

1 (A) by inserting “evidence-based and
2 other” after “information on”; and

3 (B) by inserting “evidence-based and
4 other” after “including”.

5 **SEC. 102. UNIFIED STATE PLAN.**

6 Section 102(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
7 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (ii) in clause (ii), by “and” at the end;

13 and

14 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(iii) projected industries or sectors
17 within the State expected to decline or face
18 significant changes in employment oppor-
19 tunities;”;

20 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
21 and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (G), respec-
22 tively;

23 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
24 the following:

1 “(D) an analysis of the extent to which the
2 activities described in subparagraph (C) are evi-
3 dence-based, and a description of the State’s
4 plan for increasing the use of evidence-based
5 activities in the State;”;

6 (D) in subparagraph (E), as so redesign-
7 ated, by striking “and” at the end;

8 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (E),
9 as so redesignated, the following:

10 “(F) a description of the occupational li-
11 censing requirements for specific occupations or
12 industry sectors in the State; and”;

13 (F) in subparagraph (G), as so redesign-
14 ated—

15 (i) by striking “(C)” and inserting
16 “(D)”; and

17 (ii) by striking “subparagraph (D)”
18 and inserting “subparagraph (E)”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

21 (i) in clause (vii), by striking “and” at
22 the end;

23 (ii) in clause (viii), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(ix) how the State will disseminate
4 information to the core programs and enti-
5 ties of the State’s workforce investment
6 system on the availability and use of evi-
7 dence-based activities.”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ii)—

9 (i) in subclause (V), by inserting
10 “and” at the end; and

11 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(VI) the plan of the eligible
14 agency to award grants and contracts
15 to eligible providers under section 231
16 in a timely manner as required under
17 subsection (a) of such section;”; and

18 (C) in subparagraph (E)(viii)(I), by insert-
19 ing “, and award grants and contracts to eligi-
20 ble providers under section 231 in a timely
21 manner as required under subsection (a) of
22 such section” after “provisions”).

1 **SEC. 103. COMBINED STATE PLAN.**

2 Section 103(a)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and
3 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3113(a)(2)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(L) Employment and skills development
6 activities carried out by the Small Business Ad-
7 ministration, including such activities carried
8 out by the Office of Entrepreneurial Develop-
9 ment.”.

10 **SEC. 104. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS.**

11 Section 106 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
12 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3121) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “after con-
14 sultation with the local boards and chief elected offi-
15 cials in the local areas” and inserting “after con-
16 sultation with the State economic development agen-
17 cy, local boards, chief elected officials”;

18 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end
19 the following:

20 “(C) CONSULTATIONS.—The State board,
21 State economic development agency, chief elect-
22 ed officials, and local boards shall provide such
23 consultations as requested by the Governor in a
24 timely manner.”.

25 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

1 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (E),
2 (F), (G), and (H) as subparagraphs (F), (G),
3 (H), and (I), respectively; and

4 (B) by adding after subparagraph (D) the
5 following:

6 “(E) the establishment of cost arrange-
7 ments for services described in subsections (c)
8 and (d) of section 134, including the pooling of
9 funds for such costs;”.

10 **SEC. 105. LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.**

11 Section 107 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
12 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3122) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (d)(6)—

14 (A) in the heading, by striking “PROVEN”
15 and inserting “EVIDENCE-BASED”; and

16 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “proven” and inserting “evidence-based”; and

18 (2) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the
19 following:

20 “(4) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The local
21 board may provide board and one-stop delivery sys-
22 tem staff with professional development on—

23 “(A) the expanded use of digital tech-
24 nology and tools for augmenting and improving

1 the delivery of services to participants and em-
2 ployers; and

3 “(B) the identification and implementation
4 of evidence-based strategies.”.

5 **SEC. 106. LOCAL PLAN.**

6 Section 108(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
7 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3123(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (4)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by striking
10 “and” at the end;

11 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
12 “and” at the end; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) that may include opportunities for
15 workers participating in incumbent worker
16 training programs, on-the-job training pro-
17 grams, or customized training programs to ful-
18 fill any applicable educational requirements nec-
19 essary to obtain any professional license that
20 may be required for such workers’ occupa-
21 tions;”;

22 (2) in paragraph (6)(B), by inserting “, includ-
23 ing digital technology,” after “technology”; and

1 (3) in paragraph (19), by inserting “or em-
2 employer-directed skills accounts” after “individual
3 training accounts”.

4 **SEC. 107. PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.**

5 Section 116 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
6 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “and
9 the evidence that such indicators are correlated
10 with program quality” after “indicators”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by adding at the
12 end the following:

13 “(ix) TRANSPARENCY REQUIRE-
14 MENT.—The Secretary of Labor in con-
15 junction with the Secretary of Education
16 shall publish on a publicly accessible
17 website the statistical model developed
18 under clause (viii), and the methodology
19 used to develop each such proposed ex-
20 pected level of performance.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (d)(2)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (J), by inserting
23 “and” at the end;

24 (B) by amending subparagraph (K) to
25 read as follows:

1 “(K) to the extent practicable, the number
2 and percentage of participants who obtained
3 employment in an industry or sector related to
4 their program of study upon exit from the pro-
5 gram.”.

6 **Subtitle B—Workforce Investment** 7 **Activities and Providers**

8 **SEC. 111. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYS-** 9 **TEMS.**

10 Section 121 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
11 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)(A)(ii), by inserting “phys-
13 ical and virtual” after “of the”; and

14 (2) in subsection (e)—

15 (A) in paragraph (2)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

17 (I) by inserting “in person or vir-
18 tually” after “accessible”; and

19 (II) by inserting “virtual or” be-
20 fore “physical”;

21 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by insert-
22 ing “(such as a community college campus,
23 a secondary school, an area career and
24 technical education school, or a public li-
25 brary)” after “sites”; and

1 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
2 “virtual or physical” after “have”; and
3 (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, which
4 may be virtual or physical,” after “one-stop
5 centers”.

6 **SEC. 112. IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS OF**
7 **TRAINING SERVICES.**

8 Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
9 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as
12 follows:

13 “(2) PROVIDERS.—Subject to the provisions of
14 this section, to be eligible to receive those funds for
15 the provision of training services, the provider—

16 “(A) shall be—

17 “(i) an institution of higher education
18 that provides a program that leads to a
19 recognized postsecondary credential;

20 “(ii) an entity that carries out appren-
21 ticeships; or

22 “(iii) another public or private pro-
23 vider of a program of training services,
24 which may include joint labor-management
25 organizations, providers of entrepreneurial

1 skills development programs, business or
2 industry associations, and eligible providers
3 of adult education and literacy activities
4 under title II, if such activities are pro-
5 vided in combination with occupational
6 skills training; and

7 “(B) may include providers listed under
8 subparagraph (A) delivering services in part, or
9 exclusively, online.”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “A pro-
11 vider described in paragraph (2)(B) shall be in-
12 cluded and maintained on the list of eligible
13 providers of training services described in sub-
14 section (d) for so long as the corresponding pro-
15 gram of the provider remains registered as de-
16 scribed in paragraph (2)(B).”;

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
20 “and online learning platforms” after
21 “technology”;

22 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph (J)
23 as subparagraph (K); and

24 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
25 (I) the following:

1 “(J) The expected—
2 “(i) program cost of such program;
3 “(ii) skills taught as part of such pro-
4 gram; and
5 “(iii) time to completion of such pro-
6 gram.”.

7 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
8 (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

9 (C) by adding after paragraph (2) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(3) STATES.—The State shall make available
12 on a publicly accessible website—

13 “(A) the criteria, information require-
14 ments, and procedures regarding the eligibility
15 of providers of services established pursuant to
16 subsection (a)(2); and

17 “(B) the appropriate, accurate, and timely
18 information each provider of services submits to
19 the State in accordance with subparagraphs
20 (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) of paragraph (2).”;

21 (D) by amending paragraph (4), as so re-
22 designated, to read as follows:

23 “(4) LOCAL CRITERIA AND INFORMATION RE-
24 QUIREMENTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A local board in the
2 State may establish criteria and information re-
3 quirements in addition to the criteria and infor-
4 mation requirements established by the Gov-
5 ernor, or may require higher levels of perform-
6 ance than required for the criteria established
7 by the Governor, for purposes of determining
8 the eligibility of providers of training services to
9 receive funds described in subsection (a) for the
10 provision of training services in the local area
11 involved.

12 “(B) LOCAL NOMINATIONS.—A local board
13 may submit the name of a provider or pro-
14 viders, including online-only providers, to the
15 Governor for inclusion of each such provider on
16 the list of eligible providers described in sub-
17 section (a), if such a provider meets the appli-
18 cable criteria described in paragraph (1) to
19 meet training needs in the local area or region.
20 The Governor shall make a decision not later
21 than 30 days after the submission of such name
22 or names under this subparagraph.”; and

23 (E) in paragraph (5)(B), as so redesign-
24 ated, by inserting “A Governor shall make an
25 eligibility determination under this paragraph

1 with respect to a provider not later than 30
2 days after receipt of an application for such a
3 determination from such provider.” at the end;

4 and

5 (3) in subsection (h)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “em-
7 ployer-sponsored skills development,” after “in-
8 cumbent worker training,”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “em-
10 ployer-sponsored skills development,” after “in-
11 cumbent worker training,”.

12 **SEC. 113. WITHIN STATE ALLOCATIONS.**

13 Section 128(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and
14 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3163(a)(1)) is amended by
15 striking “15” and inserting “30”.

16 **SEC. 114. USE OF FUNDS FOR YOUTH WORKFORCE INVEST-**
17 **MENT ACTIVITIES.**

18 Section 129(b)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and
19 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(b)(2)) is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, such
21 as opportunities for youth to receive individualized
22 skills development services,” after “eligible youth”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, which
24 may include providing guidance on career options in
25 high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors

1 or occupations in current or emerging professions
2 and nontraditional fields (including skilled trades)”
3 after “State”;

4 (3) in subparagraph (D)(v), by striking “and”
5 at the end;

6 (4) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
7 and inserting a semicolon; and

8 (5) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(F) raising public awareness and con-
10 ducting public service announcements about ca-
11 reer and technical education programs and com-
12 munity-based and youth services organizations,
13 including through social media campaigns, ele-
14 mentary and secondary school showcases and
15 school visits, and other endeavors focused on
16 programs that prepare students (especially stu-
17 dents in underrepresented geographic areas) for
18 high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry
19 sectors or occupations in current or emerging
20 professions and in nontraditional fields (such as
21 skilled trades); and

22 “(G) developing partnerships between edu-
23 cational institutions (including area career and
24 technical education schools and institutions of
25 higher education) and employers to create or

1 improve workforce development programs to ad-
2 dress the identified education and skill needs of
3 the workforce and the employment needs of em-
4 ployers in the regions of the State, as deter-
5 mined based on the most recent analysis con-
6 ducted under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of
7 section 102(b)(1).”.

8 **SEC. 115. USE OF FUNDS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**
9 **ACTIVITIES.**

10 (a) STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AC-
11 TIVITIES.—Section 134(a) of the Workforce Innovation
12 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(a)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (2)(B) is amended—

14 (A) in clause (v)(VI), by striking the
15 “and” after the semicolon;

16 (B) in clause (vi), by striking the period at
17 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(vii) coordinating with industry orga-
20 nizations, employers (including small and
21 mid-sized employers), training providers,
22 local boards, and institutions of higher
23 education to identify or develop assess-
24 ments that—

1 “(I) are a valid and reliable
2 method of collecting information; and

3 “(II) measure the prior knowl-
4 edge, skills, competencies, and experi-
5 ences of an individual for the purpose
6 of—

7 “(aa) awarding postsec-
8 ondary credit toward a recog-
9 nized postsecondary credential
10 aligned with in-demand industry
11 sectors and occupations in the
12 State;

13 “(bb) awarding a recognized
14 postsecondary credential that is
15 used by employers in the State
16 for recruitment, hiring, retention,
17 or advancement purposes;

18 “(cc) developing individual
19 employment plans that incor-
20 porate the prior knowledge,
21 skills, competencies, and experi-
22 ences of an individual to identify
23 skills related to an in-demand in-
24 dustry sector or occupation and
25 any upskilling needed to secure

1 employment in such sector or oc-
2 cupation; and

3 “(dd) helping individuals
4 communicate their prior knowl-
5 edge, skills, competencies, and
6 experiences to prospective em-
7 ployers through skills-based pro-
8 files or portfolios; and

9 “(viii) disseminating to local areas in-
10 formation relating to the assessments iden-
11 tified or developed pursuant to clause (vii),
12 including—

13 “(I) any recognized postsec-
14 ondary credential awarded through
15 such an assessment;

16 “(II) the industry organizations,
17 employers, training providers, and in-
18 stitutions of higher education located
19 within the State that recognize the
20 prior knowledge, skills, competencies,
21 and experiences of an individual vali-
22 dated by such assessments; and

23 “(III) how such assessments may
24 be provided to, and accessed by, indi-

1 viduals through the one-stop delivery
2 system.”.

3 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

4 (A) in clause (i), by inserting “or evidence-
5 based” after “innovative”;

6 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, or bring-
7 ing evidence-based strategies to scale,” after
8 “strategies”;

9 (C) in clause (iii)—

10 (i) by inserting “, and sharing infor-
11 mation (in transparent, linked, open, and
12 interoperable data formats) about,” after
13 “identification of”; and

14 (ii) by inserting “and the sharing of
15 information about such program in trans-
16 parent, linked, open, and interoperable
17 data formats” after “completion”;

18 (D) in clause (viii)(II)(dd), by inserting “,
19 and digital literacy,” after “literacy”;

20 (E) in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at
21 the end;

22 (F) in clause (xiv), by striking the period
23 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

1 “(xv) identifying and providing to em-
2 ployers information relating to best prac-
3 tices on the use of assessments, including
4 such assessments developed or identified by
5 the State pursuant to paragraph
6 (2)(B)(vii);

7 “(xvi) providing technical assistance
8 to employers seeking to use such assess-
9 ments for hiring, promotion, or upskilling
10 of employees;

11 “(xvii) supporting employers in the
12 State seeking to implement a practice of
13 hiring individuals based on their prior
14 knowledge, skills, competencies, and expe-
15 riences as an alternative to relying on post-
16 secondary degree requirements in the hir-
17 ing process;

18 “(xviii) conducting surveys of employ-
19 ers within the State, including employers
20 in emerging sectors, to identify in-demand
21 skills; and

22 “(xix) developing partnerships be-
23 tween educational institutions (including
24 area career and technical education schools
25 and institutions of higher education) and

1 employers to create or improve workforce
2 development programs to address the iden-
3 tified education and skill needs of the
4 workforce and the employment needs of
5 employers in the regions of the State, as
6 determined based on the most recent anal-
7 ysis conducted under subparagraphs (B)
8 and (C) of section 102(b)(1).”.

9 (b) REQUIRED LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
10 ACTIVITIES.—Section 134(c) of the Workforce Innovation
11 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (2)(A)—

13 (A) by inserting “, shall, to the extent
14 practicable, be evidence-based” after “system”;

15 (B) by amending clause (iii) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(iii) initial assessment of skill levels
18 (including literacy, numeracy, and English
19 language proficiency), aptitudes, abilities
20 (including skills gaps), and supportive
21 service needs, and a determination (consid-
22 ering factors including prior work experi-
23 ence, military service, life experience, or
24 education history, and in-demand industry
25 sectors and occupations in the local area)

1 of whether such an individual would ben-
2 efit from an assessment identified by the
3 State pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(B)(vii)
4 to measure the individual’s prior knowl-
5 edge, skills, competencies, and experiences
6 to accelerate the individual in obtaining
7 employment that leads to economic self-
8 sufficiency or career advancement;”;
9 (C) in clause (vi)—
10 (i) by inserting “and, to the extent
11 practicable, real-time” after “accurate”;
12 (ii) in subclause (II)—
13 (I) by inserting “and credentials”
14 after “skills”; and
15 (II) by striking “and” at the end;
16 (iii) by redesignating subclause (III)
17 as subclause (IV);
18 (iv) by inserting after subclause (II)
19 the following:
20 “(III) information on education
21 and skills development programs that
22 are available for attaining needed
23 skills and credentials for the jobs de-
24 scribed in subclause (I), including in-
25 formation on the—

1 “(aa) most accelerated path-
2 ways to such skills and creden-
3 tials (including information on
4 career pathway programs in the
5 local area); and

6 “(bb) quality of such pro-
7 grams, consistent with the per-
8 formance information provided
9 under clause (vii); and”; and

10 (v) in subclause (IV), as so redesign-
11 nated—

12 (I) by inserting “, which may in-
13 clude information on resources to sup-
14 port entrepreneurship,” after “de-
15 mand”; and

16 (II) by striking “and” at the end;
17 and

18 (D) in clause (xii), by striking “and” at
19 the end;

20 (E) in clause (xiii), by striking the period
21 and inserting a semicolon; and

22 (F) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(xiv) provision of information on em-
24 ployers in the local areas that are offering
25 employer-sponsored skills development or

1 on-the-job training programs that may be
2 reimbursed through an employer-directed
3 skills account established under section
4 134(c)(3)(I) and the performance informa-
5 tion available on such programs; and

6 “(xv) provision of assistance, in co-
7 ordination with employers in the local
8 areas that are offering employer-sponsored
9 skills development or on-the-job training,
10 in establishing employer-sponsored skills
11 development agreements or on-the-job
12 training agreements.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (3)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (i) in clause (i)—

16 (I) by inserting “or (iii)” after
17 “clause (ii)”; and

18 (II) in subclause (II), by insert-
19 ing “, or to jobs that may be per-
20 formed remotely” after “relocate”;

21 (ii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
22 clause (iv); and

23 (iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
24 following:

1 “(iii) PARTICIPANTS SELECTED FOR
2 ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OR EMPLOYER-
3 SPONSORED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.—A
4 one-stop operator or one-stop partner shall
5 not be required to conduct an interview,
6 evaluation, or assessment of a participant
7 under clause (i) if such participant is se-
8 lected by an employer under section
9 134(e)(3)(I)(i) to receive on-the-job train-
10 ing or employer-sponsored skills develop-
11 ment, and the applicable conditions under
12 such section are met for such individual to
13 receive such services.”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “evi-
15 dence-based, to the extent practicable, may be
16 delivered both in-person or virtually, and may
17 be” after “shall”;

18 (C) in subparagraph (D)—

19 (i) by inserting “shall, to the extent
20 practicable, be evidence-based and” after
21 “services”;

22 (ii) in clause (x), by striking “and” at
23 the end;

24 (iii) in clause (xi), by striking the pe-
25 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(xii) employer-sponsored skills devel-
4 opment programs conducted with a com-
5 mitment by an employer to employ an indi-
6 vidual upon successful completion of such
7 a program.”;

8 (D) in subparagraph (F)—

9 (i) by redesignating clauses (iv) and
10 (v) as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively;

11 (ii) by inserting after clause (iii), the
12 following:

13 “(iv) EMPLOYER-DIRECTED SKILLS
14 ACCOUNTS.—In a case in which an indi-
15 vidual is selected by an employer under
16 section 134(c)(3)(I)(i) to receive on-the-job
17 training or employer-sponsored skills devel-
18 opment, and the applicable conditions
19 under such section are met for such indi-
20 vidual to receive such services, the one-stop
21 operator involved shall arrange for pay-
22 ment for such services through an em-
23 ployer-directed skills account in accordance
24 with section 134(c)(3)(I)(ii).”; and

1 (iii) in clause (v), as redesignated by
2 subparagraph (A), by inserting “or em-
3 ployer-directed skills accounts” after “indi-
4 vidual training accounts”;
5 (E) in subparagraph (G)—

6 (i) in clause (i), by striking “clause
7 (ii)” and inserting “clauses (ii) and (iii)”;

8 (ii) in clause (iii), by inserting “or
9 that may be performed remotely” after
10 “relocate”;

11 (iii) by redesignating clause (iv) as
12 clause (vi);

13 (iv) by inserting after clause (iii) the
14 following:

15 “(iv) AUTHORIZED COSTS.—An indi-
16 vidual training account may provide, in the
17 case of a provider that charges tuition for
18 a program, the cost of such tuition and
19 nontuition items (including books, supplies,
20 uniforms, tools, graduation fees, or licens-
21 ing or certification exam fees).

22 “(v) EMPLOYER-DIRECTED SKILLS AC-
23 COUNTS.—Services authorized under this
24 paragraph may be provided pursuant to an
25 employer-directed skills account in lieu of

1 an individual training account if such serv-
2 ices are employer-sponsored skills develop-
3 ment or on-the-job training and the appli-
4 cable conditions under section
5 134(e)(3)(I)(i) are met for an individual to
6 receive such services.”; and

7 (v) in clause (vi), as so redesignated,
8 by inserting “, employer-directed skills ac-
9 counts,” after “individual training ac-
10 counts”; and

11 (F) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(I) EMPLOYER-DIRECTED SKILLS AC-
13 COUNTS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An individual
15 shall receive on-the-job training or em-
16 ployer-sponsored skills development
17 through the use of an employer-directed
18 skills account, if each of the following con-
19 ditions are met:

20 “(I) An employer selects the indi-
21 vidual, who is not an employee of such
22 employer, for on-the-job training or
23 employer-sponsored skills develop-
24 ment.

1 “(II)(aa) In the case of an indi-
2 vidual selected under subclause (I) to
3 receive on-the-job training, an on-the-
4 job training agreement that meets the
5 requirements of clause (iii) is estab-
6 lished and signed by the individual
7 and the employer; or

8 “(bb) in the case of an individual
9 selected under subclause (I) to receive
10 employer-sponsored skills develop-
11 ment, an employer-sponsored skills de-
12 velopment agreement that meets the
13 requirements of clause (iv) is estab-
14 lished and signed by the individual
15 and the employer.

16 “(III) The employer submits to
17 the local one-stop operator each of the
18 following:

19 “(aa) A certification that
20 the individual requires an on-the-
21 job training or employer-spon-
22 sored skills development program
23 to obtain employment with the
24 employer, and has the skills and

1 qualifications to successfully par-
2 ticipate in such a program.

3 “(bb) A certification that
4 the employer will submit the nec-
5 essary performance information
6 to the one-stop operator in ac-
7 cordance with section 122(h).

8 “(cc) The on-the-job train-
9 ing agreement or the employ-
10 sponsored skills development
11 agreement described in subclause
12 (II), as applicable.

13 “(IV) The one-stop operator in-
14 volved reviews and approves each cer-
15 tification and agreement received
16 under subclause (III).

17 “(ii) PAYMENT TO EMPLOYERS.—The
18 one-stop operator involved in on-the-job
19 training or employer-sponsored skills devel-
20 opment under clause (i) shall arrange for
21 the appropriate payment of such services
22 through an employer-directed skills ac-
23 count as follows:

24 “(I) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.—
25 For on-the-job training, the one-stop

1 operator involved shall reimburse the
2 employer from funds in the employer-
3 directed skills account in accordance
4 to the reimbursement requirements of
5 section 3(45)(B) and after receipt of
6 documentation of the wages earned by
7 the individual during such training.

8 “(II) EMPLOYER-SPONSORED
9 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.—For em-
10 ployer-sponsored skills development
11 services, the one-stop operator in-
12 volved shall reimburse the employer
13 from funds in the employer-directed
14 skills account for the Federal share of
15 the costs of the program after receipt
16 of documentation from the employer
17 of payment of such costs.

18 “(iii) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AGREE-
19 MENT.—An on-the-job training agreement
20 under clause (i) shall—

21 “(I) establish—

22 “(aa) the length of the on-
23 the-job training;

24 “(bb) the hourly wage rate
25 of the individual;

1 “(cc) the skills necessary for
2 the job and the individual’s cur-
3 rent skill level as of the date of
4 the agreement; and

5 “(dd) the skills to be learned
6 during the on-the-job training;
7 and

8 “(II) include an assurance that
9 the employer will provide the one-stop
10 operator involved with documentation
11 of the wages earned by the individual
12 while engaged in such on-the-job
13 training for the purpose of reimburse-
14 ment to the employer.

15 “(iv) EMPLOYER-SPONSORED SKILLS
16 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.—An em-
17 ployer-sponsored skills development agree-
18 ment referred to in clause (i) shall estab-
19 lish—

20 “(I) the provider of the employer-
21 sponsored skills development program;

22 “(II) the length of such program;

23 “(III) the skills to be learned
24 during such program;

1 “(IV) a commitment by the em-
2 ployer to employ the individual upon
3 successful completion of the program;

4 “(V) the cost of the program;
5 and

6 “(VI) the amount of such cost
7 that will be paid by the employer (the
8 non-Federal share), which shall be not
9 less than the amount specified in sec-
10 tion 3(19)(C).”.

11 (3) PERMISSIBLE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND
12 TRAINING ACTIVITIES.—Section 134(d) of the Work-
13 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
14 3174(d)) is amended—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

16 (i) in clause (iii)—

17 (I) by striking “not more than 10
18 percent of the total”; and

19 (II) by inserting “reserved under
20 section 128(a) or” after “funds”;

21 (ii) in clause (vii)—

22 (I) in subclause (II), by striking
23 “and” at the end;

24 (II) in subclause (III), by insert-
25 ing “and” at the end; and

1 (III) by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(IV) to strengthen, through pro-
4 fessional development activities, the
5 knowledge and capacity of staff to use
6 the latest digital technologies, tools,
7 and evidence-based strategies to de-
8 liver services for jobseekers, workers,
9 and employers;”;

10 (iii) in clause (xi), by striking the
11 “and” after the semicolon;

12 (iv) in clause (xii), by striking the pe-
13 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;
14 and

15 (v) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(xiii) assessments for individuals
17 upon initial assessment of skills (pursuant
18 to subsection (c)(2)(A)(iii)) or completion
19 of training services or other learning expe-
20 riences;

21 “(xiv) providing technical assistance
22 or other support to employers seeking to
23 use such assessments for hiring, pro-
24 motion, or upskilling of employees;

1 “(xv) entering into an agreement with
2 a third-party, nongovernmental entity, to
3 study which occupations are in high de-
4 mand in the local area or State;

5 “(xvi) assessments for individuals
6 upon initial assessment of skills (pursuant
7 to subsection (c)(2)(A)(iii)) or completion
8 of training services or other learning expe-
9 riences;

10 “(xvii) providing technical assistance
11 or other support to employers seeking to
12 use such assessments for hiring, pro-
13 motion, or upskilling of employees; and

14 “(xviii) the development of partner-
15 ships between educational institutions (in-
16 cluding area career and technical education
17 schools and institutions of higher edu-
18 cation) and employers to create or improve
19 workforce development programs to ad-
20 dress the identified education and skill
21 needs of the workforce and the employ-
22 ment needs of employers in the region, as
23 determined based on the most recent anal-
24 ysis conducted by the local board under
25 section 107(d)(2).”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (4)(A)—

2 (i) in clause (i), by striking “20” and
3 inserting “30”;

4 (ii) by redesignating clauses (ii) and
5 (iii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;
6 and

7 (iii) by inserting after clause (i) the
8 following:

9 “(ii) INCREASE IN RESERVATION OF
10 FUNDS.—The local board may increase
11 such reservation of funds in clause (i) by—

12 “(I) substituting ‘40 percent’ for
13 ‘30 percent’, if the amounts provided
14 by such increase are used to expand
15 work-based learning opportunities; or

16 “(II) substituting ‘50 percent’ for
17 ‘30 percent’, if the local area is expe-
18 riencing an unemployment rate at or
19 below 3 percent.”.

20 (4) RELATED CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
22 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) is amended—

23 (A) in section 134(c)(3)(H)(i) (20 U.S.C.
24 3174(c)(3)(H)(i)), by striking “section 3(44)”
25 and by inserting “section 3(45)”; and

1 (B) in section 211(e)(3) (20 U.S.C.
2 3291(e)(3)), by striking “section 3(45)” and in-
3 serting “section 3(46)”.

4 **SEC. 116. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 Section 136 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
6 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3181) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking
8 “\$820,430,000 for fiscal year 2015, \$883,800,000
9 for fiscal year 2016, \$902,139,000 for fiscal year
10 2017, \$922,148,000 for fiscal year 2018,
11 \$943,828,000 for fiscal year 2019, and
12 \$963,837,000 for fiscal year 2020” and inserting
13 “\$1,075,553,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
14 through 2028”;

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking
16 “\$766,080,000 for fiscal year 2015, \$825,252,000
17 for fiscal year 2016, \$842,376,000 for fiscal year
18 2017, \$861,060,000 for fiscal year 2018,
19 \$881,303,000 for fiscal year 2019, and
20 \$899,987,000 for fiscal year 2020” and inserting
21 “\$899,987,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
22 2028”; and

23 (3) in subsection (c), by striking
24 “\$1,222,457,000 for fiscal year 2015,
25 \$1,316,880,000 for fiscal year 2016,

1 \$1,344,205,000 for fiscal year 2017,
2 \$1,374,019,000 for fiscal year 2018,
3 \$1,406,322,000 for fiscal year 2019, and
4 \$1,436,137,000 for fiscal year 2020” and inserting
5 “\$1,436,137,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
6 through 2028”.

7 “(6) TARGETED FUNDING FOR SKILLS DEVEL-
8 OPMENT.—The local board shall reserve and use not
9 less than 70 percent of the funds allocated to the
10 local area involved under section 133(b) to provide
11 services described in section 134(c)(3)(F)(iii) and
12 section 122(h).”.

13 **Subtitle C—Job Corps**

14 **SEC. 121. JOB CORPS CENTERS.**

15 Section 147(a)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and
16 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3197(a)(3)) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
18 through (K) as subparagraphs (F) through (L), re-
19 spectively; and

20 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(E) A statement of current campus poli-
23 cies regarding procedures and facilities for stu-
24 dents and others to report criminal actions or
25 other emergencies occurring on campus and

1 policies concerning the institution's response to
2 such reports.

3 “(F) A statement of current policies con-
4 cerning security and access to campus facilities,
5 including campus residences, and security con-
6 siderations used in the maintenance of campus
7 facilities.

8 “(G) A statement of current policies con-
9 cerning law enforcement, including—

10 “(i) the working relationship of cam-
11 pus security personnel with State and local
12 law enforcement agencies, including wheth-
13 er the center has agreements with such
14 agencies, such as written memoranda of
15 understanding, for the investigation of al-
16 leged criminal offenses; and

17 “(ii) policies which encourage accurate
18 and prompt reporting of all crimes to the
19 appropriate law enforcement agencies.

20 “(H) A description of the type and fre-
21 quency of programs designed to inform students
22 and employees about campus security proce-
23 dures and practices and to encourage students
24 and employees to be responsible for their own
25 security and the security of others.”.

1 **SEC. 122. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**

2 Section 148(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and
3 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(a)(1)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “IN GENERAL.—Each Job Corps
5 center shall provide enrollees” and inserting “IN
6 GENERAL.—Each Job Corps center shall—

7 “(A) provide enrollees”;

8 (2) by striking “literacy.” and inserting “lit-
9 eracy;”;

10 (3) by striking “Each Job Corps center” and
11 all that follows through “section 134(c)(2)(A).” and
12 inserting the following:

13 “(B) provide enrollees assigned to the cen-
14 ter with access to career services described in
15 clauses (i) through (xi) of section 134(c)(2)(A);
16 and”; and

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

18 “(C) implement productive activities for
19 enrollees to participate in, such as tutoring or
20 other skills development opportunities, outside
21 of regular class times and work hours, in order
22 to increase supervision of enrollees and reduce
23 behavioral infractions.”.

1 **SEC. 123. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.**

2 Section 152(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
3 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3202(b)) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 “(3) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish level 1 and level 2 infractions and shall require
7 Directors of Job Corps Centers to report—

8 “(A) level 1 infractions—

9 “(i) within 6 hours of the center being
10 made aware of an active student or on-
11 duty staff death; and

12 “(ii) within 24 hours of the center
13 being made aware of other significant inci-
14 dents; and

15 “(B) level 2 infractions quarterly, which
16 shall include the number and type of such in-
17 fractions that occurred during such time period.

18 “(4) LEVEL 1 INFRACTIONS.—Level 1 infrac-
19 tions described in paragraph (3) shall consist of sig-
20 nificant infractions and level 2 incidents described in
21 paragraph (3) shall consist of minor infractions.”.

22 **SEC. 124. ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

23 Section 155 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
24 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3205) is amended—

25 (1) by striking “The Secretary may establish”
26 and inserting the following:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish”;

2 and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(b) ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE ENROLLEE
5 SAFETY AND OUTCOMES.—Not later than 6 months fol-
6 lowing enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
7 tunity Act of 2022, the Secretary shall establish an advi-
8 sory committee to provide recommendations on evidence-
9 based research, as applicable, regarding effective strate-
10 gies to improve enrollee outcomes, safety, and security,
11 and conditions for enrollee learning.”.

12 **SEC. 125. EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS AND TECHNICAL AS-**
13 **SISTANCE.**

14 Section 156(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
15 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3206(a)) is amended by striking
16 the first sentence and inserting the following: “The Sec-
17 retary may carry out experimental, research, or dem-
18 onstration projects relating to carrying out the Job Corps
19 program, including the activities authorized under section
20 156A.”.

21 **SEC. 126. JOB CORPS SCHOLARS ACTIVITIES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title I of the Work-
23 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3191 et
24 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 156 the fol-
25 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 156A. JOB CORPS SCHOLARS ACTIVITIES.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue grants,
3 on a competitive basis, to eligible entities on an annual
4 basis to carry out this section.

5 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity—

6 “(1) shall use grant amounts received under
7 this section to—

8 “(A) pay for the tuition and fees of Job
9 Corps Scholars students (as described in sub-
10 section (d)) who are accepted into a covered
11 program;

12 “(B) provide Job Corps Scholars students
13 who have successfully completed a covered pro-
14 gram and who are not yet employed, with up to
15 12 months of employment counseling and place-
16 ment services; and

17 “(C) shall enroll Job Corps Scholars stu-
18 dents in cohorts of approximately 40 students,
19 with up to 2 cohorts permitted for each eligible
20 entity each year;

21 “(2) may use grant amounts received under this
22 section to—

23 “(A) support the covered program, includ-
24 ing—

25 “(i) hiring up to two personal and ca-
26 reer counselors and up to two employment

1 counselors to provide career counseling
2 services for Job Corps Scholars students at
3 such entity; and

4 “(ii) purchasing covered materials and
5 education-related resources; and

6 “(B) enroll more than 40 Job Corps Schol-
7 ars students per cohort, but must maintain a
8 ratio of 1 counselor for every 20 students en-
9 rolled for each cohort, except that no grant
10 funds may be used to cover the costs of any
11 student over 40 per cohort; and

12 “(3) may not use—

13 “(A) grant amounts received under this
14 section to provide the staff of such eligible enti-
15 ty with education, professional development,
16 counseling of any type, or to subsidize the edu-
17 cation or personal counseling of non-Job Corps
18 Scholars students; and

19 “(B) more than 2 percent of grant
20 amounts received under this section for the ad-
21 ministrative expenses of carrying out this sec-
22 tion.

23 “(c) COVERED PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A covered program under
2 this section provides to Job Corps Scholars stu-
3 dents—

4 “(A) a 12-month technical education com-
5 ponent; and

6 “(B) up to 12 months of employment
7 counseling and placement services.

8 “(2) DURATION.—A Job Corps Scholars stu-
9 dent may not participate in a covered program for
10 a period that exceeds a total of 24 months.

11 “(3) COMPLETION OF COVERED PROGRAM.—A
12 Jobs Corps Scholars student successfully completes
13 the technical education component of the program if
14 such student—

15 “(A) earns a recognized postsecondary cre-
16 dential and academic credit, if academic credit
17 is incorporated into such credential; and

18 “(B) completes such program within a pe-
19 riod of 12 months.

20 “(4) EXTENSION.—A Jobs Corps Scholars stu-
21 dent may take longer than 12 months to complete
22 the technical education component of the program if
23 such student needs additional time to complete the
24 required developmental education coursework.

1 “(5) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
2 TIAL.—An eligible entity shall not be required to
3 create a recognized postsecondary credential or mod-
4 ify such credential to receive a grant under this sec-
5 tion

6 “(d) JOB CORPS SCHOLARS STUDENT.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible as a Job
8 Corps Scholars student under this section, an indi-
9 vidual shall—

10 “(A) be a Job Corps-eligible youth between
11 the age of 16 and 24 who satisfies the admis-
12 sion standards of the eligible entity receiving a
13 grant under this section;

14 “(B) abide by all applicable student codes
15 of conduct of such entity; and

16 “(C) be subject to the disciplinary policies
17 of such entity.

18 “(2) WITHDRAWAL, DISMISSAL, OR OTHER TER-
19 MINATION.—A Job Corps Scholars student’s with-
20 drawal, dismissal, or other termination of enrollment
21 in the eligible entity will result in the student’s ter-
22 mination from the Job Corps Scholars activities.

23 “(3) JOB CORPS STANDARDS AND PROCE-
24 DURES.—The Job Corps standards and procedures

1 described in section 145 shall not apply to Job
2 Corps Scholars students.

3 “(e) REPORTS.—

4 “(1) REPORTS FROM ENTITIES.—Each eligible
5 entity awarded a grant under this section shall sub-
6 mit an annual report to the Secretary that includes
7 the following:

8 “(A) The number of Job Corps Scholars
9 students served through the grant.

10 “(B) The number and percentage of such
11 students who—

12 “(i) successfully completed the covered
13 program;

14 “(ii) withdrew from such program;
15 and

16 “(iii) obtained—

17 “(I) employment or career coun-
18 seling services following successful
19 completion of such program; and

20 “(II) unsubsidized employment
21 upon successful program completion.

22 “(C) The percentage of program partici-
23 pants who are in unsubsidized employment dur-
24 ing the second and fourth quarters after exit
25 from such program.

1 “(D) The median earnings of program par-
2 ticipants who are in unsubsidized employment
3 during the second quarter after exit from such
4 program.

5 “(2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
7 submit to Congress an annual report on the
8 outcomes and effectiveness of the program, in-
9 cluding the information described under the re-
10 ports required under paragraph (1).

11 “(B) PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—The Sec-
12 retary shall make each report required under
13 subparagraph (A) publicly available.

14 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) COVERED MATERIALS AND EDUCATION-RE-
16 LATED RESOURCES.—The term ‘covered materials
17 and education-related resources’ means the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(A) Laboratory and workshop fees associ-
20 ated with the career and technical education
21 program.

22 “(B) Learning activities.

23 “(C) Classroom equipment, supplies, and
24 materials (including books and school supplies)
25 for each Job Corps Scholars student.

1 “(D) Student activity fees.

2 “(E) Parking decals and associated fees.

3 “(F) Transportation costs to and from
4 home for the duration of participation in the
5 covered program.

6 “(G) Meal or food vouchers for the dura-
7 tion of participation in the covered program.

8 “(H) Any other costs included in the pro-
9 gram’s cost of attendance, such as those de-
10 scribed in section 472 of the Higher Education
11 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

12 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
13 tity’ means an institution of higher education (given
14 the meaning of such term in section 102(a) of the
15 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 1002(a))—

17 “(A) that operates a covered program; but

18 “(B) does not include an institution out-
19 side the United States.

20 “(3) TUITION AND FEES.—The term ‘tuition
21 and fees’ means the cost associated with taking each
22 course.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 in section 1(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-

1 tunity Act is amended by inserting after the item relating
2 to section 156 the following:

“156A. Job Corps Scholars activities.”.

3 **SEC. 127. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 Section 162 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
5 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3212) is amended by striking “to
6 carry out this subtitle—” and all that follows through
7 “2020.” and inserting “to carry out this subtitle for each
8 of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

9 **Subtitle D—National Programs**

10 **SEC. 131. EVALUATIONS AND RESEARCH.**

11 Section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
12 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3224) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in paragraph (4)—

15 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (K)
16 as subparagraph (L); and

17 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
18 (J) the following:

19 “(K) STUDY ON ENTREPRENEURIAL
20 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—The Sec-
21 retary shall, through a grant or contract, con-
22 duct a three-year study on entrepreneurial skills
23 development programs, which shall—

24 “(i) include a review of—

1 “(I) successful practices for de-
2 veloping individuals’ entrepreneurial
3 skills;

4 “(II) evidence-based and other
5 best practices for entrepreneurial
6 skills development programs;

7 “(III) qualifications needed for
8 skills development providers to suc-
9 cessfully develop individuals’ entrepre-
10 neurial skills;

11 “(IV) strategies for engaging em-
12 ployers and other private sector part-
13 ners in entrepreneurial skills develop-
14 ment programs;

15 “(V) evidence-based and other
16 best practices for mentoring potential
17 entrepreneurs;

18 “(VI) entrepreneurial skills devel-
19 opment program outcomes that cor-
20 relate with entrepreneurial success;

21 “(VII) how entrepreneurial skills
22 development programs successfully
23 measure participants’ progress;

24 “(VIII) the extent to which en-
25 trepreneurial skills development pro-

1 grams lead to industry recognized cre-
2 dentials;

3 “(IX) the impact, including the
4 economic impact, of entrepreneurial
5 skills development programs on states
6 and communities;

7 “(X) the extent to which entre-
8 preneurial skills development pro-
9 grams lead to increases in business
10 development and job creation in states
11 and communities;

12 “(XI) how entrepreneurial skills
13 development programs identify poten-
14 tial program participants’ readiness
15 for the program; and

16 “(XII) average earnings of par-
17 ticipants who complete an entrepre-
18 neurial skills development program
19 three years after completion of such
20 program; and

21 “(ii) result in recommendations for
22 States and local communities to expand ac-
23 cess to entrepreneurial skills development
24 programs.”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting
2 “which shall include individuals pursuing entre-
3 preneurship,” after “particular service popu-
4 lations,”; and

5 (2) in subsection (c), by striking the third sen-
6 tence and inserting the following: “Such projects
7 may include demonstration and pilot projects relat-
8 ing to promoting self-employment, promoting entre-
9 preneurship, promoting job creation (especially for
10 in-demand occupations), averting dislocations, assist-
11 ing dislocated farmers, assisting dislocated fisher-
12 men, developing career pathways and encouraging
13 advancements, and promoting public works.”

14 **SEC. 132. YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM.**

15 Section 171 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
16 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph
18 (10) and redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as
19 paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;

20 (2) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraph (2)(A)(i), by striking
22 “and registered apprenticeship” and inserting
23 “and apprenticeship”;

24 (B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

1 (i) in clause (iii), by striking “out reg-
2 istered apprenticeship programs” and in-
3 serting “out apprenticeship programs”;

4 (ii) in clause (xiii), by striking “estab-
5 lished registered apprenticeship” and in-
6 serting “established apprenticeship”

7 (3) in subsection (i), by striking “to carry out
8 this section” and all that follows through “2020.”
9 and inserting “to carry out this section \$99,034,000
10 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

11 **SEC. 133. JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS REENTRY PRO-**
12 **GRAM START-UP GRANTS.**

13 Subtitle D of title I of the Workforce Innovation and
14 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221 et seq.) is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating section 172 as section 173;

16 and

17 (2) by inserting after section 171 the following:

18 **“SEC. 172. JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS REENTRY PRO-**
19 **GRAM START-UP GRANTS.**

20 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to—

21 “(1) prompt innovation and improvement in the
22 reentry of justice-involved individuals into the work-
23 force so that successful initiatives can be continued
24 and replicated; and

1 “(2) allow for the dissemination of information
2 regarding best practices in preparing justice-involved
3 individuals for sustained participation in the work-
4 force.

5 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 “(1) APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES.—The
7 term ‘apprenticeship opportunities’ includes reg-
8 istered apprenticeship, industry-recognized appren-
9 ticeship, preapprenticeship programs, and other
10 worker-based learning opportunities.

11 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
12 tity’ means—

13 “(A) a private nonprofit organization
14 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986, including a faith-based organiza-
16 tion;

17 “(B) a local workforce development board;

18 “(C) a State or local government; or

19 “(D) an Indian or Native American entity
20 eligible for grants under section 166.

21 “(3) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘eligi-
22 ble participant’ means an individual—

23 “(A) who has been convicted as a juvenile
24 or an adult and imprisoned under Federal or
25 State law; or

1 “(B) who has not been released from pris-
2 on or jail for more than 2 years before the date
3 on which the individual begins participation.

4 “(c) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the activi-
6 ties under this section, the Secretary shall, on a
7 competitive basis, award grants for a period of not
8 more than 5 years to eligible entities to enable such
9 entities to provide job training, job placement serv-
10 ices, and mentoring.

11 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants, the Sec-
12 retary shall give priority to eligible entities that—

13 “(A) establish partnerships with business
14 or educational institutions to provide a program
15 of study leading to postsecondary credentials in
16 in-demand occupations; or

17 “(B) provide customized training that is
18 designed to meet the specific requirements of
19 an employer (including a group of employers)
20 and is conducted with a commitment by the em-
21 ployer to employ an individual upon successful
22 completion of the training.

23 “(3) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—The Secretary may
24 award, for not longer than a period of 5 years, one
25 or more additional grants to an eligible entity that

1 received a grant under this section if the eligible en-
2 tity—

3 “(A) demonstrates success in helping eligi-
4 ble participants reenter the workforce according
5 to the performance indicators under subsection
6 (g)(1); and

7 “(B) provides an assurance that the entity
8 will provide a non-Federal contribution, includ-
9 ing cash and in-kind donations, in an amount
10 not less than 100 percent of the total funds
11 awarded under the additional grant.

12 “(d) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
13 under this section, an eligible entity shall submit an appli-
14 cation to the Secretary, which shall include the following:

15 “(1) A detailed description of the program in-
16 cluding the core services they will provide, how the
17 eligible entity will recruit and select eligible partici-
18 pants for the program, how many participants they
19 plan on serving each year, and the length of partici-
20 pation in the program.

21 “(2) A description of evidence-based or prom-
22 ising practices the eligible entity will use in the ad-
23 ministration of the program.

24 “(3) A description of partnerships with local
25 businesses to provide apprenticeship opportunities,

1 work-based learning, and job placement and recruit-
2 ment (if applicable).

3 “(4) An assurance that the eligible entity will
4 coordinate activities with workforce development pro-
5 grams and other services provided under this title,
6 including utilizing the one-stop delivery system of
7 the local workforce development areas to provide ap-
8 propriate services and recruit eligible individuals to
9 ensure the maximum number of eligible individuals
10 will have the opportunity to participate in the pro-
11 gram.

12 “(5) An assurance that the eligible entity will
13 provide a 50-percent match, as described in sub-
14 section (e).

15 “(6) A plan to coordinate with other programs
16 and entities, including those that may be provided
17 by such other programs and entities, to provide sub-
18 stance abuse treatment services, mental health treat-
19 ment services, housing services, and transportation
20 services.

21 “(7) An assurance that the eligible entity will
22 provide the data necessary for the indicators of per-
23 formance in subsection (g).

24 “(8) A plan to continue the program with non-
25 Federal funds after the grant period.

1 “(e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—In order to receive
2 a grant from the Secretary under this section, each eligible
3 entity shall provide a non-Federal contribution, including
4 cash and in-kind donations, in an amount not less than
5 25 percent of the total funds awarded.

6 “(f) USE OF FUNDS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under
8 this section may be used to—

9 “(A) provide workforce development and
10 job placement services to eligible participants,
11 including occupational skills education, on-the-
12 job training, apprenticeship opportunities, work
13 experience, job referrals, basic skills remedi-
14 ation, educational services, work readiness ac-
15 tivities, and post-placement support, in coordi-
16 nation with the one-stop partners and one-stop
17 operators that provide services at any center
18 operated under a one-stop deliver system estab-
19 lished under section 121;

20 “(B) mentor eligible participants, including
21 the provision of support, guidance, and assist-
22 ance in the community and the workplace to
23 address the challenges faced by justice-involved
24 individuals;

1 “(C) provide outreach to State or Federal
2 correctional facilities to increase awareness,
3 identify and recruit eligible participants, provide
4 screening and assessment of eligible partici-
5 pants and align educational offerings with exist-
6 ing services available to individuals who are
7 presently incarcerated;

8 “(D) coordinate with employers to develop
9 customized training programs and agreements
10 around the hiring of eligible participants; or

11 “(E) carrying out the activities described
12 in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D) with re-
13 spect to eligible participants who will be re-
14 leased from prison or jail within 90 days.

15 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—

16 “(A) CERTAIN SERVICES EXCLUDED.—
17 Funds provided under this section may not be
18 used to provide substance abuse treatment serv-
19 ices, mental health treatment services, or hous-
20 ing services, except that such a grant may be
21 used to coordinate with other programs and en-
22 tities to provide substance abuse treatment
23 services, mental health treatment services, or
24 housing services to eligible participants.

1 “(B) ADMINISTRATIVE COST LIMIT.—A
2 grantee may not use more than 10 percent of
3 the funds received under a grant for adminis-
4 trative costs, including for the purpose of col-
5 lecting information for purposes of subsection
6 (g)(1).

7 “(C) LIMIT ON AMOUNT PAID AS STIPENDS
8 TO PARTICIPANTS.—A grantee may not use
9 more than 15 percent of the funds received
10 under such grant to provide stipends to pro-
11 gram participants while completing an edu-
12 cational or skill development program.

13 “(g) PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNT-
14 ABILITY.—

15 “(1) INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE.—Each eli-
16 gible entity receiving a grant under this section shall
17 report each year to the Secretary on the following
18 indicators of performance described in section
19 116(b)(2)(A):

20 “(A) The percentage of program partici-
21 pants who are in unsubsidized employment dur-
22 ing the second quarter after exit from the pro-
23 gram, as described in clause (i)(I) of such sec-
24 tion or, in case of program participants who are
25 youth, the percentage of program participants

1 who are in education or training activities, or in
2 unsubsidized employment during the second
3 quarter after exit from the program, as de-
4 scribed in clause (ii)(I) of such section.

5 “(B) The percentage of program partici-
6 pants who are in unsubsidized employment dur-
7 ing the fourth quarter after exit from the pro-
8 gram, as described in clause (i)(II) of such sec-
9 tion or, in case of program participants who are
10 youth, the percentage of program participants
11 who are in education or training activities, or in
12 unsubsidized employment during the fourth
13 quarter after exit from the program, as de-
14 scribed in clause (ii)(II) of such section.

15 “(C) The median earnings of program par-
16 ticipants who are in unsubsidized employment
17 during the second quarter after exit from the
18 program, as described in clause (i)(III) of such
19 section.

20 “(D) The percentage of program partici-
21 pants who obtain a recognized postsecondary
22 credential, or a secondary school diploma or its
23 recognized equivalent, during participation in or
24 within one year after exit from the program, as
25 described in clause (i)(IV) of such section.

1 “(E) The percentage of program partici-
2 pants who, during a program year, are in an
3 education or training program that leads to a
4 recognized postsecondary credential or employ-
5 ment and who are achieving measurable skill
6 gains toward such a credential or employment,
7 as described in clause (i)(V) of such section.

8 “(F) The indicators of effectiveness in
9 serving employers established pursuant to
10 clause (iv) of such section, as described in
11 clause (i)(VI) of such section.

12 “(2) INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—Not later
13 than five years after the date of enactment of this
14 section and from amounts made available under sec-
15 tion 173(d), the Secretary shall provide for and re-
16 port to Congress on an independent evaluation of
17 the grant program established under this section
18 that includes an assessment of the effectiveness of
19 the grant program and the effectiveness of individual
20 grantees included in the evaluation in reducing re-
21 cidivism and assisting individuals in—

22 “(A) earning credentials;

23 “(B) finding and maintaining employment;

24 and

25 “(C) increasing their earnings.

1 “(3) REPORT.—The Secretary shall release an
2 annual report on—

3 “(A) the number of individuals who par-
4 ticipated in programs assisted under this sec-
5 tion;

6 “(B) the percentage of individuals partici-
7 pating in a program assisted under this section
8 that successfully completed the program; and

9 “(C) the performance of grantees as meas-
10 ured by the performance indicators set forth in
11 paragraph (1).

12 “(4) DISSEMINATING BEST PRACTICES.—Using
13 the findings of the independent evaluation under
14 paragraph (2) the Secretary shall disseminate infor-
15 mation to State and local government, local work-
16 force development boards, and relevant stakeholders
17 regarding best practices in providing workforce de-
18 velopment opportunities for justice-involved individ-
19 uals and reducing recidivism.

20 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
21 tion shall be construed to authorize any new appropria-
22 tions to carry out the purpose of this section.”.

23 **SEC. 134. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Section 173 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
25 tunity Act, as so redesignated, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “of such sec-
2 tion)” and all that follows through “2020.” and in-
3 serting “of such section) \$57,000,000 for each of
4 fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”;

5 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “carry out sec-
6 tion 167” and all that follows though “2020.” and
7 inserting “carry out section 167 \$96,211,000 for
8 each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”;

9 (3) in subsection (c) by striking “carry out sec-
10 tion 168” and all that follows though “2020.” and
11 inserting “carry out section 168 \$3,524,000 for each
12 of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”; and

13 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “carry out
14 section 169” and all that follows though “2020.”
15 and inserting “carry out section 169 \$106,906,000
16 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

17 **Subtitle E—Administration**

18 **SEC. 137. SECRETARIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES**

19 **AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

20 Section 189(i)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and
21 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3249(i)(3)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (C) by striking “90” and
23 inserting “60”; and

1 (2) in subparagraph (D) by inserting “, and
2 make a determination not later than 30 days after
3 such waiver is submitted” after “appropriate”.

4 **TITLE II—ADULT EDUCATION** 5 **AND LITERACY**

6 **SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 206 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
8 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3275) is amended by striking
9 “\$577,667,000” and all that follows through “2020” and
10 inserting “\$704,167,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
11 through 2028”.

12 **SEC. 202. STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.**

13 Subparagraph (M) of section 223(a)(2) of the Work-
14 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
15 3303(a)(2)) is amended by striking the period at the end
16 and inserting “, which may include—

17 “(i) providing guidance on career options
18 in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry
19 sectors or occupations in current or emerging
20 professions (which may include skilled trades);
21 and

22 “(ii) raising public awareness and con-
23 ducting public service announcements about ca-
24 reer and technical education programs and com-
25 munity-based organizations, including through

1 social media campaigns and other endeavors fo-
2 cused on programs that prepare students for
3 high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry
4 sectors or occupations in current or emerging
5 professions (which may include skilled
6 trades).”.

7 **SEC. 203. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR ELIGIBLE PRO-**
8 **VIDER.**

9 Section 231(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
10 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3321(a)) is amended by insert-
11 ing “, in a timely manner,” after “award”.

12 **TITLE III—GENERAL**
13 **PROVISIONS**

14 **SEC. 301. EXECUTIVE AGENCY REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL**
15 **LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

16 Subtitle A of title V of the Workforce Innovation and
17 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3341 et seq.) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating section 506 as section 507;

19 and

20 (2) by inserting after section 505 the following:

21 **“SEC. 506. EXECUTIVE AGENCY REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL**
22 **LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
24 date of enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
25 portunity Act of 2022, and every 2 years thereafter, the

1 Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of
2 Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of
3 Defense, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of En-
4 ergy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
5 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Housing
6 and Urban Development, the Secretary of the Interior, the
7 Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, and
8 the Secretary of Treasury, shall—

9 “(1) review any authority, regulation, or policy
10 of, or Federal law that—

11 “(A) imposes an occupational licensing re-
12 quirement with respect to any position (includ-
13 ing any position of a contractor or subcon-
14 tractor thereof) at the Executive agency; or

15 “(B) is causing a State, local, or tribal
16 government to adopt an occupational licensing
17 requirement for public and private sector posi-
18 tions within the State or area encompassing the
19 jurisdiction of the local or tribal government;

20 “(2) identify any changes to such an authority,
21 regulation, policy, or law that would result in no re-
22 quirement or the least restrictive alternative to an
23 occupation licensing requirement with respect to any
24 such position while maintaining protection for con-

1 sumers and other individuals from significant and
2 demonstrable harm to their health and safety; and

3 “(3) submit to the Director of the Office of
4 Management and Budget, the Assistant to the Presi-
5 dent for Domestic Policy, and the Assistant to the
6 President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
7 a report that identifies such changes.

8 “(b) REPORT TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.—Not
9 later than 30 days after receiving the report under sub-
10 section (a)(3), the Director of the Office of Management
11 and Budget shall—

12 “(1) submit to the President and to Congress
13 such report; and

14 “(2) publish such report in the Federal Reg-
15 ister.

16 “(c) OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE DEFINED.—In this
17 section, the term ‘occupational license’ means a license,
18 registration, or certification without which an individual
19 lacks the legal permission of a State, local, or tribal gov-
20 ernment to perform certain defined services for compensa-
21 tion.”.

1 **TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
2 **WAGNER-PEYSER ACT**

3 **SEC. 401. WORKFORCE AND LABOR MARKET INFORMATION**
4 **SYSTEM.**

5 (a) EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES.—Section 3(a)
6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49b(a)) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following: “States may use a
8 merit staffing model or a contract staffing model at State
9 public employment service offices.”

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
11 15(g) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49l–2(g)) is
12 amended by striking “\$60,153,000 for” and all that fol-
13 lows through “year 2020.” and inserting “\$70,667,000
14 for each of the fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

15 **TITLE V—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
16 **REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

17 **SEC. 501. COMPETITIVE INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT.**

18 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 7(5) of the Rehabilitation
19 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 705(5)) is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

21 (A) by striking “not including” and insert-
22 ing “including social and interpersonal inter-
23 actions with colleagues, vendors, customers, su-
24 periors, or other such persons who the employee

1 may come into contact with during the work
2 day and across workplace settings, other than”;

3 (B) by inserting “, except that such inter-
4 actions shall not be considered solely at the
5 work unit level” before the semicolon at the
6 end; and

7 (C) by striking “and” at the end;

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

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(D) for which an individual may have
12 been paid—

13 “(i) by a contractor—

14 “(I) of the Federal Government
15 under a contract with the Federal
16 Government for which priority was
17 given to the contractor on the basis of
18 the bid of the contractor involving
19 supporting employment for individuals
20 with disabilities; or

21 “(II) of a State government
22 under a contract with the State gov-
23 ernment for which priority was given
24 to the contractor on the basis of the
25 bid of the contractor involving sup-

1 porting employment for individuals
2 with disabilities;

3 “(ii) by a subcontractor at any tier of
4 a contractor—

5 “(I) of the Federal Government
6 under a subcontract for which priority
7 was given to the subcontractor on the
8 basis of the bid of the subcontractor
9 involving supporting employment for
10 individuals with disabilities; or

11 “(II) of a State government
12 under a subcontract for which priority
13 was given to the subcontractor on the
14 basis of the bid of the subcontractor
15 involving supporting employment for
16 individuals with disabilities; or

17 “(iii) under a contract mandating di-
18 rect labor-hour ratio of individuals with
19 disabilities.”.

20 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
21 amendments made by subsection (a) shall be construed to
22 reduce the number of jobs available for referral by a State
23 agency or other entity.

24 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
25 gress that jobs meeting the definition in section 7(5)(B)

1 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 705(5)(B)),
2 as amended in subsection (a), and which derive from Fed-
3 eral or State contracts managed by community rehabilita-
4 tion programs for the purposes of supporting employment
5 for people with disabilities, shall be eligible to be consid-
6 ered—

- 7 (1) part of the competitive labor market; and
- 8 (2) an employment outcome for State vocational
9 rehabilitation purposes.

10 **SEC. 502. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.—Sec-
12 tion 100(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29
13 U.S.C. 720(b)(1)) is amended—

- 14 (1) by striking “\$3,302,053,000” and inserting
15 “\$3,719,121,000”; and
- 16 (2) by striking “2015 through 2020” and in-
17 serting “2023 through 2028”.

18 (b) CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—Section 112(h)
19 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 732(h)) is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “(h) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry
22 out the provisions of this section \$14,098,000 for each of
23 fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

1 (c) RESEARCH AND TRAINING.—Section 201 of the
2 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 761) is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this title \$122,143,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
7 through 2028.”.

8 (d) TRAINING.—Section 302(i) of the Rehabilitation
9 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 772(i)) is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
13 \$39,540,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

14 (e) DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.—
15 Section 303(e) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29
16 U.S.C. 773(e)) is amended to read as follows:

17 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
18 purpose of carrying out this section there are authorized
19 to be appropriated \$6,809,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2023 through 2028.”.

21 (f) NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY.—Section
22 405 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 785)
23 is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 405. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this title \$3,743,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through
4 2028.”.

5 (g) ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BAR-
6 RIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD.—Section 502(j) of the Reha-
7 bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 792(j)) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 “(j) There are authorized to be appropriated for the
10 purpose of carrying out the duties and functions of the
11 Access Board under this section \$9,750,000 for each of
12 fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

13 (h) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY OF INDIVIDUAL
14 RIGHTS.—Section 509(l) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
15 (29 U.S.C. 794e(l)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 \$20,735,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2028.”.

19 (i) SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT.—Section 610 of the
20 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 795o) is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 610. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
24 this title \$32,363,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
25 through 2028.”.

1 (j) INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES.—Section 714
2 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796e–3) is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 714. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this part \$26,877,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
7 through 2028.”.

8 (k) CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.—Section
9 727 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796f–
10 6) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 727. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this part \$91,992,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
14 through 2028.”.

15 (l) INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR OLDER IN-
16 DIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND.—Section 753 of the Reha-
17 bilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 7696l) is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 **“SEC. 753. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
21 this chapter \$39,141,000 for each of fiscal years 2023
22 through 2028.”.

