

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2353
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Career
3 and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act”.

4 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. References.
- Sec. 4. Effective date.
- Sec. 5. Table of contents of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.
- Sec. 6. Purpose.
- Sec. 7. Definitions.
- Sec. 8. Transition provisions.
- Sec. 9. Prohibitions.
- Sec. 10. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE I—CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE TO
THE STATES**

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- Sec. 110. Reservations and State allotment.
- Sec. 111. Within State allocation.
- Sec. 112. Accountability.
- Sec. 113. National activities.
- Sec. 114. Assistance for the outlying areas.
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Sec. 301. State responsibilities.

1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
3 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
4 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
5 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
6 section or other provision of the Carl D. Perkins Career
7 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301
8 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
11 shall take effect beginning on July 1, 2018.

12 **SEC. 5. TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE CARL D. PERKINS CA-**
13 **REER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF**
14 **2006.**

15 Section 1(b) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents
17 for this Act is as follows:

“Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

“Sec. 2. Purpose.

“Sec. 3. Definitions.

“Sec. 4. Transition provisions.

“Sec. 5. Privacy.

- “Sec. 6. Limitation.
- “Sec. 7. Special rule.
- “Sec. 8. Prohibitions.
- “Sec. 9. Authorization of appropriations.

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“PART A—ALLOTMENT AND ALLOCATION

- “Sec. 111. Reservations and State allotment.
- “Sec. 112. Within State allocation.
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- “Sec. 114. National activities.
- “Sec. 115. Assistance for the outlying areas.
- “Sec. 116. Native American programs.
- “Sec. 117. Tribally controlled postsecondary career and technical institutions.

“PART B—STATE PROVISIONS

- “Sec. 121. State administration.
- “Sec. 122. State plan.
- “Sec. 123. Improvement plans.
- “Sec. 124. State leadership activities.

“PART C—LOCAL PROVISIONS

- “Sec. 131. Distribution of funds to secondary education programs.
- “Sec. 132. Distribution of funds for postsecondary education programs.
- “Sec. 133. Special rules for career and technical education.
- “Sec. 134. Local application for career and technical education programs.
- “Sec. 135. Local uses of funds.

“TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“PART A—FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- “Sec. 211. Fiscal requirements.
- “Sec. 212. Authority to make payments.
- “Sec. 213. Construction.
- “Sec. 214. Voluntary selection and participation.
- “Sec. 215. Limitation for certain students.
- “Sec. 216. Federal laws guaranteeing civil rights.
- “Sec. 217. Participation of private school personnel and children.
- “Sec. 218. Limitation on Federal regulations.
- “Sec. 219. Study on programs of study aligned to high-skill, high-wage occupations.

“PART B—STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- “Sec. 221. Joint funding.
- “Sec. 222. Prohibition on use of funds to induce out-of-State relocation of businesses.
- “Sec. 223. State administrative costs.
- “Sec. 224. Student assistance and other Federal programs.”.

1 **SEC. 6. PURPOSE.**

2 Section 2 (20 U.S.C. 2301) is amended—

3 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

4 (A) by striking “academic and career and
5 technical skills” and inserting “academic knowl-
6 edge and technical and employability skills”;
7 and

8 (B) by inserting “and programs of study”
9 after “technical education programs”;

10 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “, including
11 tech prep education”; and

12 (3) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and pro-
13 grams of study” after “technical education pro-
14 grams”.

15 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

16 Section 3 (20 U.S.C. 2302) is amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraphs (16), (23), (24),
18 (25), (26), and (32);

19 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), (10),
20 (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (20),
21 (21), (22), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), (33), and
22 (34) as paragraphs (9), (10), (13), (16), (17), (19),
23 (20), (23), (25), (27), (28), (30), (32), (35), (39),
24 (40), (41), (44), (45), (46), and (47), respectively;

25 (3) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “5
2 different occupational fields to individuals” and
3 inserting “three different fields, especially in in-
4 demand industry sectors or occupations, that
5 are available to all students”; and

6 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “not
7 fewer than 5 different occupational fields” and
8 inserting “not fewer than three different occu-
9 pational fields”;

10 (4) in paragraph (5)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) in clause (i)—

13 (I) by striking “coherent and rig-
14 orous content aligned with challenging
15 academic standards” and inserting
16 “content at the secondary level
17 aligned with the challenging State
18 academic standards adopted by a
19 State under section 1111(b)(1) of the
20 Elementary and Secondary Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)),
22 and at the postsecondary level with
23 the rigorous academic content,”;

24 (II) by striking “and skills” and
25 inserting “and skills,”; and

1 (III) by inserting “, including in
2 in-demand industry sectors or occupa-
3 tions” before the semicolon at the
4 end;

5 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking “, an in-
6 dustry-recognized credential, a certificate,
7 or an associate degree” and inserting “or
8 a recognized postsecondary credential,
9 which may include an industry-recognized
10 credential”; and

11 (iii) in clause (iii), by striking “and”
12 at the end;

13 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

14 (i) by inserting “, work-based, or
15 other” after “competency-based”;

16 (ii) by striking “contributes to the”
17 and inserting “supports the development
18 of”;

19 (iii) by striking the period at the end
20 and inserting a semicolon; and

21 (iv) by striking “general”; and

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

23 “(C) to the extent practicable, coordinate
24 between secondary and postsecondary education
25 programs, which may include early college pro-

1 grams with articulation agreements, dual or
2 concurrent enrollment program opportunities,
3 or programs of study; and

4 “(D) may include career exploration at the
5 high school level or as early as the middle
6 grades (as such term is defined in section 8101
7 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
8 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).”;

9 (5) in paragraph (7)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(and
11 parents, as appropriate)” and inserting “(and,
12 as appropriate, parents and out-of-school
13 youth)”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “fi-
15 nancial aid,” and all that follows through the
16 period at the end and inserting “financial aid,
17 job training, secondary and postsecondary op-
18 tions (including baccalaureate degree pro-
19 grams), dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
20 grams, work-based learning opportunities, and
21 support services.”;

22 (6) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
23 lowing:

24 “(8) CAREER PATHWAYS.—The term ‘career
25 pathways’ has the meaning given the term in section

1 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
2 (29 U.S.C. 3102).”;

3 (7) by inserting after paragraph (10) (as so re-
4 designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

5 “(11) CTE CONCENTRATOR.—The term ‘CTE
6 concentrator’ means—

7 “(A) at the secondary school level, a stu-
8 dent served by an eligible recipient who has—

9 “(i) completed three or more career
10 and technical education courses; or

11 “(ii) completed at least two courses in
12 a single career and technical education
13 program or program of study; or

14 “(B) at the postsecondary level, a student
15 enrolled in an eligible recipient who has—

16 “(i) earned at least 12 cumulative
17 credits within a career and technical edu-
18 cation program or program of study; or

19 “(ii) completed such a program if the
20 program encompasses fewer than 12 cred-
21 its or the equivalent in total.

22 “(12) CTE PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘CTE
23 participant’ means an individual who completes not
24 less than one course or earns not less than one cred-

1 it in a career and technical education program or
2 program of study of an eligible recipient.”;

3 (8) by inserting after paragraph (13) (as so re-
4 designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

5 “(14) DUAL OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT.—
6 The term ‘dual or concurrent enrollment’ has the
7 meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Ele-
8 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 7801).

10 “(15) EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL.—The
11 term ‘early college high school’ has the meaning
12 given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary
13 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
14 7801).”;

15 (9) by inserting after paragraph (17) (as so re-
16 designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

17 “(18) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible
18 entity’ means a consortium that—

19 “(A) shall include at least two of the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(i) a local educational agency;

22 “(ii) an educational service agency;

23 “(iii) an eligible institution;

24 “(iv) an area career and technical
25 education school;

1 “(v) a State educational agency; or

2 “(vi) the Bureau of Indian Education;

3 “(B) may include a regional, State, or local
4 public or private organization, including a com-
5 munity-based organization, one or more employ-
6 ers, or a qualified intermediary; and

7 “(C) is led by an entity or partnership of
8 entities described in subparagraph (A).”;

9 (10) by amending paragraph (19) (as so reded-
10 igned by paragraph (2)) to read as follows:

11 “(19) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eli-
12 gible institution’ means—

13 “(A) a consortium of two or more of the
14 entities described in subparagraphs (B) through
15 (F);

16 “(B) a public or nonprofit private institu-
17 tion of higher education that offers and will use
18 funds provided under this title in support of ca-
19 reer and technical education courses that lead
20 to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recog-
21 nized credential, a certificate, or an associate
22 degree;

23 “(C) a local educational agency providing
24 education at the postsecondary level;

1 “(D) an area career and technical edu-
2 cation school providing education at the post-
3 secondary level;

4 “(E) a postsecondary educational institu-
5 tion controlled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
6 or operated by or on behalf of any Indian tribe
7 that is eligible to contract with the Secretary of
8 the Interior for the administration of programs
9 under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
10 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)
11 or the Act of April 16, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 452 et
12 seq.); or

13 “(F) an educational service agency.”;

14 (11) by adding after paragraph (20) (as so re-
15 designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

16 “(21) ENGLISH LEARNER.—The term ‘English
17 learner’ means—

18 “(A) a secondary school student who is an
19 English learner, as defined in section 8101 of
20 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
21 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801); or

22 “(B) an adult or an out-of-school youth
23 who has limited ability in speaking, reading,
24 writing, or understanding the English language
25 and—

1 “(i) whose native language is a lan-
2 guage other than English; or

3 “(ii) who lives in a family environment
4 in which a language other than English is
5 the dominant language.

6 “(22) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term ‘evidence-
7 based’ has the meaning given the term in section
8 8101(21)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(21)(A)).”;

10 (12) by inserting after paragraph (23) (as so
11 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

12 “(24) IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY SECTOR OR OCCU-
13 PATION.—The term ‘in-demand industry sector or
14 occupation’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
15 tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
16 Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).”;

17 (13) by inserting after paragraph (25) (as so
18 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

19 “(26) INDUSTRY OR SECTOR PARTNERSHIP.—
20 The term ‘industry or sector partnership’ has the
21 meaning given the term in section 3 of the Work-
22 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
23 3102).”;

24 (14) by inserting after paragraph (28) (as so
25 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

1 “(29) LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
2 BOARD.—The term ‘local workforce development
3 board’ means a local workforce development board
4 established under section 107 of the Workforce In-
5 novation and Opportunity Act.”;

6 (15) by inserting after paragraph (30) (as so
7 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

8 “(31) OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH.—The term ‘out-
9 of-school youth’ has the meaning given the term in
10 section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
11 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).”;

12 (16) by inserting after paragraph (32) (as so
13 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

14 “(33) PARAPROFESSIONAL.—The term ‘para-
15 professional’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
16 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

18 “(34) PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE.—The
19 term ‘pay for success initiative’ has the meaning
20 given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary
21 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 7801), except that such term does not include an
23 initiative that—

24 “(A) reduces the special education or re-
25 lated services that a student would otherwise

1 receive under the Individuals with Disabilities
2 Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.); or

3 “(B) otherwise reduces the rights of a stu-
4 dent or the obligations of an entity under the
5 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20
6 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of
7 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), the Americans
8 with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101
9 et seq.), or any other law.”;

10 (17) by inserting after paragraph (35) (as so
11 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

12 “(36) PROGRAM OF STUDY.—The term ‘pro-
13 gram of study’ means a coordinated, nonduplicative
14 sequence of secondary and postsecondary academic
15 and technical content that—

16 “(A) incorporates challenging State aca-
17 demic standards, including those adopted by a
18 State under section 1111(b)(1) of the Elemen-
19 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)), that—

21 “(i) address both academic and tech-
22 nical knowledge and skills, including em-
23 ployability skills; and

1 “(ii) are aligned with the needs of in-
2 dustries in the economy of the State, re-
3 gion, or local area;

4 “(B) progresses in specificity (beginning
5 with all aspects of an industry or career cluster
6 and leading to more occupational specific in-
7 struction);

8 “(C) has multiple entry and exit points
9 that incorporate credentialing; and

10 “(D) culminates in the attainment of a
11 recognized postsecondary credential.

12 “(37) QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY.—The term
13 ‘qualified intermediary’ means a non-profit entity
14 that demonstrates expertise to build, connect, sus-
15 tain, and measure partnerships with entities such as
16 employers, schools, community-based organizations,
17 postsecondary institutions, social service organiza-
18 tions, economic development organizations, and
19 workforce systems to broker services, resources, and
20 supports to youth and the organizations and systems
21 that are designed to serve youth, including—

22 “(A) connecting employers to classrooms;

23 “(B) assisting in the design and implemen-
24 tation of career and technical education pro-
25 grams and programs of study;

1 “(C) delivering professional development;

2 “(D) connecting students to internships

3 and other work-based learning opportunities;

4 and

5 “(E) developing personalized student sup-

6 ports.

7 “(38) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-

8 TIAL.—The term ‘recognized postsecondary creden-

9 tial’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of

10 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29

11 U.S.C. 3102).”;

12 (18) in paragraph (41) (as so redesignated by

13 paragraph (2))—

14 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “fos-

15 ter children” and inserting “youth who are in

16 or have aged out of the foster care system”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking

18 “and” at the end;

19 (C) in subparagraph (F), by striking “indi-

20 viduals with limited English proficiency.” and

21 inserting “English learners;”; and

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

23 “(G) homeless individuals described in sec-

24 tion 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-

25 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a); and

1 “(H) youth with a parent who—

2 “(i) is a member of the armed forces
3 (as such term is defined in section
4 101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code);
5 and

6 “(ii) is on active duty (as such term
7 is defined in section 101(d)(1) of such
8 title).”;

9 (19) by inserting after paragraph (41) (as so
10 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

11 “(42) SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
12 PERSONNEL.—The term ‘specialized instructional
13 support personnel’ has the meaning given the term
14 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary
15 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

16 “(43) SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
17 SERVICES.—The term ‘specialized instructional sup-
18 port services’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
19 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).”;

21 (20) in paragraph (45) (as so redesignated by
22 paragraph (2)) by inserting “(including paraprofes-
23 sionals and specialized instructional support per-
24 sonnel)” after “supportive personnel”; and

25 (21) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(48) UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING.—
2 The term ‘universal design for learning’ has the
3 meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Ele-
4 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
5 U.S.C. 7801).

6 “(49) WORK-BASED LEARNING.—The term
7 ‘work-based learning’ means sustained interactions
8 with industry or community professionals in real
9 workplace settings, to the extent practicable, or sim-
10 ulated environments at an educational institution
11 that foster in-depth, first-hand engagement with the
12 tasks required of a given career field, that are
13 aligned to curriculum and instruction.”.

14 **SEC. 8. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

15 Section 4 (20 U.S.C. 2303) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “the Secretary determines to be
17 appropriate” and inserting “are necessary”;

18 (2) by striking “Carl D. Perkins Career and
19 Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006”
20 each place it appears and inserting “Strengthening
21 Career and Technical Education for the 21st Cen-
22 tury Act”; and

23 (3) by striking “1998” and inserting “2006”.

24 **SEC. 9. PROHIBITIONS.**

25 Section 8 (20 U.S.C. 2306a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Federal Gov-
2 ernment to mandate,” and all that follows through
3 the period at the end and inserting “Federal Gov-
4 ernment—

5 “(1) to condition or incentivize the receipt of
6 any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, or the
7 receipt of any priority or preference under such
8 grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, upon a
9 State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligi-
10 ble recipient, eligible entity, or school’s adoption or
11 implementation of specific instructional content, aca-
12 demic standards and assessments, curricula, or pro-
13 gram of instruction (including any condition, pri-
14 ority, or preference to adopt the Common Core State
15 Standards developed under the Common Core State
16 Standards Initiative, any other academic standards
17 common to a significant number of States, or any
18 assessment, instructional content, or curriculum
19 aligned to such standards);

20 “(2) through grants, contracts, or other cooper-
21 ative agreements, to mandate, direct, or control a
22 State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligi-
23 ble recipient, eligible entity, or school’s specific in-
24 structional content, academic standards and assess-
25 ments, curricula, or program of instruction (includ-

1 ing any requirement, direction, or mandate to adopt
2 the Common Core State Standards developed under
3 the Common Core State Standards Initiative, any
4 other academic standards common to a significant
5 number of States, or any assessment, instructional
6 content, or curriculum aligned to such standards);
7 and

8 “(3) except as required under sections 112(b),
9 211(b), and 223—

10 “(A) to mandate, direct, or control the al-
11 location of State or local resources; or

12 “(B) to mandate that a State or a political
13 subdivision of a State spend any funds or incur
14 any costs not paid for under this Act.”; and

15 (2) by striking subsection (d) and redesignating
16 subsection (e) as subsection (d).

17 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 Section 9 (20 U.S.C. 2307) is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **“SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 “There are to be authorized to be appropriated to
22 carry out this Act (other than sections 114 and 117)—

23 “(1) \$1,133,002,074 for fiscal year 2018;

24 “(2) \$1,148,618,465 for fiscal year 2019;

25 “(3) \$1,164,450,099 for fiscal year 2020;

- 1 “(4) \$1,180,499,945 for fiscal year 2021;
2 “(5) \$1,196,771,008 for fiscal year 2022; and
3 “(6) \$1,213,266,339 for fiscal year 2023.”.

4 **TITLE I—CAREER AND TECH-**
5 **NICAL EDUCATION ASSIST-**
6 **ANCE TO THE STATES**

7 **PART A—ALLOTMENT AND ALLOCATION**

8 **SEC. 110. RESERVATIONS AND STATE ALLOTMENT.**

9 Paragraph (5) of section 111(a) (20 U.S.C. 2321(a))
10 is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “No
12 State” and inserting “For each of fiscal years 2018,
13 2019, and 2020, no State”;

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
15 paragraph (C);

16 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A), as
17 amended by paragraph (1), the following:

18 “(B) FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND EACH SUC-
19 CEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—For fiscal year 2021
20 and each of the succeeding fiscal years, no
21 State shall receive an allotment under this sec-
22 tion for a fiscal year that is less than 90 per-
23 cent of the allotment the State received under
24 this section for the preceding fiscal year.”; and

1 (4) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by
2 paragraph (2), by striking “subparagraph (A)” and
3 inserting “subparagraph (A) or (B)”.

4 **SEC. 111. WITHIN STATE ALLOCATION.**

5 Section 112 (20 U.S.C. 2322) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “10 per-
8 cent” and inserting “15 percent”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

11 (I) by striking “1 percent” and
12 inserting “2 percent”; and

13 (II) by striking “State correc-
14 tional institutions and institutions”
15 and inserting “State correctional in-
16 stitutions, juvenile justice facilities,
17 and educational institutions”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
19 “available for services” and inserting
20 “available to assist eligible recipients in
21 providing services”; and

22 (C) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “a
23 local plan;” and inserting “local applications;”;
24 and

1 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “section 135”
2 and all that follows through the end and inserting
3 “section 135—
4 “(1) in—
5 “(A) rural areas;
6 “(B) areas with high percentages of CTE
7 concentrators or CTE participants; and
8 “(C) areas with high numbers of CTE con-
9 centrators or CTE participants; and
10 “(2) in order to—
11 “(A) foster innovation through the identi-
12 fication and promotion of promising and proven
13 career and technical education programs, prac-
14 tices, and strategies, which may include prac-
15 tices and strategies that prepare individuals for
16 nontraditional fields; or
17 “(B) promote the development, implemen-
18 tation, and adoption of programs of study or
19 career pathways aligned with State-identified
20 in-demand occupations or industries.”.

21 **SEC. 112. ACCOUNTABILITY.**

22 Section 113 (20 U.S.C. 2323) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “comprised of
24 the activities” and inserting “comprising the activi-
25 ties”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
3 graph (B) and redesignating subparagraph (C)
4 as subparagraph (B);

5 (B) in paragraph (1)(B), as so redesign-
6 dated, by striking “, and State levels of per-
7 formance described in paragraph (3)(B) for
8 each additional indicator of performance”; and

9 (C) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(2) INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE.—

12 “(A) CORE INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE
13 FOR CTE CONCENTRATORS AT THE SECONDARY
14 LEVEL.—Each eligible agency shall identify in
15 the State plan core indicators of performance
16 for CTE concentrators at the secondary level
17 that are valid and reliable, and that include, at
18 a minimum, measures of each of the following:

19 “(i) The percentage of CTE con-
20 centrators who graduate high school, as
21 measured by—

22 “(I) the four-year adjusted co-
23 hort graduation rate (defined in sec-
24 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-

1 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20
2 U.S.C. 7801)); and

3 “(II) at the State’s discretion,
4 the extended-year adjusted cohort
5 graduation rate defined in such sec-
6 tion 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

7 “(ii) CTE concentrator attainment of
8 challenging State academic standards
9 adopted by the State under section
10 1111(b)(1) of the Elementary and Sec-
11 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
12 6311(b)(1)), and measured by the aca-
13 demic assessments described in section
14 1111(b)(2) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
15 6311(b)(2)).

16 “(iii) The percentage of CTE con-
17 centrators who, in the second quarter fol-
18 lowing the program year after exiting from
19 secondary education, are in postsecondary
20 education or advanced training, military
21 service, or unsubsidized employment.

22 “(iv) Not less than one indicator of
23 career and technical education program
24 quality that—

1 “(I) shall include, not less than
2 one of the following—

3 “(aa) the percentage of CTE
4 concentrators, as defined in sec-
5 tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating
6 from high school having attained
7 recognized postsecondary creden-
8 tials;

9 “(bb) the percentage of CTE
10 concentrators, as defined in sec-
11 tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating
12 from high school having attained
13 postsecondary credits in the rel-
14 evant career and technical edu-
15 cational program or program of
16 study earned through dual and
17 concurrent enrollment or another
18 credit transfer agreement; or

19 “(cc) the percentage of CTE
20 concentrators, as defined in sec-
21 tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating
22 from high school having partici-
23 pated in work-based learning;
24 and

1 “(II) may include any other
2 measure of student success in career
3 and technical education that is state-
4 wide, valid, and reliable.

5 “(v) The percentage of CTE con-
6 centrators, as defined in section
7 3(11)(A)(ii), in career and technical edu-
8 cation programs and programs of study
9 that lead to nontraditional fields.

10 “(B) CORE INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE
11 FOR CTE CONCENTRATORS AT THE POSTSEC-
12 ONDARY LEVEL.—Each eligible agency shall
13 identify in the State plan core indicators of per-
14 formance for CTE concentrators at the postsec-
15 ondary level that are valid and reliable, and
16 that include, at a minimum, measures of each
17 of the following:

18 “(i) The percentage of CTE con-
19 centrators, who, during the second quarter
20 after program completion, are in education
21 or training activities, advanced training, or
22 unsubsidized employment.

23 “(ii) The median earnings of CTE
24 concentrators in unsubsidized employment
25 two quarters after program completion.

1 “(iii) The percentage of CTE con-
2 centrators who receive a recognized post-
3 secondary credential during participation
4 in or within 1 year of program completion.

5 “(iv) The percentage of CTE con-
6 centrators in career and technical edu-
7 cation programs and programs of study
8 that lead to nontraditional fields.

9 “(C) ALIGNMENT OF PERFORMANCE INDI-
10 CATORS.—In developing core indicators of per-
11 formance under subparagraphs (A) and (B), an
12 eligible agency shall, to the greatest extent pos-
13 sible, align the indicators so that substantially
14 similar information gathered for other State
15 and Federal programs, or for any other pur-
16 pose, may be used to meet the requirements of
17 this section.”;

18 (D) in paragraph (3)—

19 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(A) STATE ADJUSTED LEVELS OF PER-
22 FORMANCE FOR CORE INDICATORS OF PER-
23 FORMANCE.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible
25 agency, with input from eligible recipients,

1 shall establish and identify in the State
2 plan submitted under section 122, for the
3 first 2 program years covered by the State
4 plan, State levels of performance for each
5 of the core indicators of performance de-
6 scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
7 paragraph (2) for career and technical
8 education activities authorized under this
9 title. The levels of performance established
10 under this subparagraph shall, at a min-
11 imum—

12 “(I) be expressed in a percentage
13 or numerical form, so as to be objec-
14 tive, quantifiable, and measurable;
15 and

16 “(II) be sufficiently ambitious to
17 allow for meaningful evaluation of
18 program quality.

19 “(ii) STATE ADJUSTED LEVELS OF
20 PERFORMANCE FOR SUBSEQUENT
21 YEARS.—Prior to the third program year
22 covered by the State plan, each eligible
23 agency shall revise the State levels of per-
24 formance for each of the core indicators of
25 performance for the subsequent program

1 years covered by the State plan, taking
2 into account the extent to which such lev-
3 els of performance promote meaningful
4 program improvement on such indicators.
5 The State adjusted levels of performance
6 identified under this clause shall be consid-
7 ered to be the State adjusted levels of per-
8 formance for the State for such years and
9 shall be incorporated into the State plan.

10 “(iii) REPORTING.—The eligible agen-
11 cy shall, for each year described in clauses
12 (i) and (iii), publicly report and widely dis-
13 seminate the State levels of performance
14 described in this subparagraph.

15 “(iv) REVISIONS.—If unanticipated
16 circumstances arise in a State, the eligible
17 agency may revise the State adjusted levels
18 of performance required under this sub-
19 paragraph, and submit such revised levels
20 of performance with evidence supporting
21 the revision and demonstrating public con-
22 sultation, in a manner consistent with the
23 procedure described in subsections (d) and
24 (f) of section 122.”;

1 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(B) ACTUAL LEVELS OF PERFORM-
4 ANCE.—At the end of each program year, the
5 eligible agency shall determine actual levels of
6 performance on each of the core indicators of
7 performance and publicly report and widely dis-
8 seminate the actual levels of performance de-
9 scribed in this subparagraph.”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(C) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEVELS OF PER-
13 FORMANCE.—An eligible agency shall establish
14 State levels of performance under subparagraph
15 (A) in a manner consistent with the procedure
16 adopted by the eligible agency under section
17 122(d)(9).”; and

18 (E) in paragraph (4)—

19 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (I) in clause (i)(I), by striking
21 “consistent with the State levels of
22 performance established under para-
23 graph (3), so as” and inserting “con-
24 sistent with the form expressed in the
25 State levels, so as”;

1 (II) by striking clause (i)(II) and
2 inserting the following:

3 “(II) be sufficiently ambitious to
4 allow for meaningful evaluation of
5 program quality.”;

6 (III) in clause (iv)—

7 (aa) by striking “third and
8 fifth program years” and insert-
9 ing “third program year”; and

10 (bb) by striking “cor-
11 responding” before “subsequent
12 program years”;

13 (IV) in clause (v)—

14 (aa) by striking “and” at
15 the end of subclause (I);

16 (bb) by redesignating sub-
17 clause (II) as subclause (III);

18 (cc) by inserting after sub-
19 clause (I) the following:

20 “(II) local economic conditions;”;

21 (dd) in subclause (III), as so
22 redesignated, by striking “pro-
23 mote continuous improvement on
24 the core indicators of perform-
25 ance by the eligible recipient.”

1 and inserting “advance the eligi-
2 ble recipient’s accomplishments
3 of the goals set forth in the local
4 application; and”;

5 (ee) by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(IV) the eligible recipient’s abil-
8 ity and capacity to collect and access
9 valid, reliable, and cost effective
10 data.”;

11 (V) in clause (vi), by inserting
12 “or changes occur related to improve-
13 ments in data or measurement ap-
14 proaches,” after “factors described in
15 clause (v),”; and

16 (VI) by adding at the end the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(vii) REPORTING.—The eligible re-
19 cipient shall, for each year described in
20 clauses (iii) and (iv), publicly report the
21 local levels of performance described in this
22 subparagraph.”;

23 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
24 redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
25 paragraph (B); and

1 (iii) in clause (ii)(I) of subparagraph
2 (B), as so redesignated—

3 (I) by striking “section
4 1111(h)(1)(C)(i)” and inserting “sec-
5 tion 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii)”;

6 (II) by striking “section 3(29)”
7 and inserting “section 3(40)”;

8 (3) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the heading, by inserting “STATE”
10 before “REPORT”;

11 (B) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “in-
12 formation on the levels of performance achieved
13 by the State with respect to the additional indi-
14 cators of performance, including the” and in-
15 serting “the”;

16 (C) in paragraph (2)(A)—

17 (i) by striking “categories” and in-
18 serting “subgroups”;

19 (ii) by striking “section
20 1111(h)(1)(C)(i)” and inserting “section
21 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii)”;

22 (iii) by striking “section 3(29)” and
23 inserting “section 3(40)”.

24 **SEC. 113. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

25 Section 114 (20 U.S.C. 2324) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) by striking “The Secretary shall”
4 the first place it appears and inserting
5 “The Secretary shall, in consultation with
6 the Director of the Institute for Education
7 Sciences,”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “from eligible agen-
9 cies under section 113(c)” after “pursuant
10 to this title”; and

11 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

12 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(b) REASONABLE COST.—The Secretary shall take
15 such action as may be necessary to secure at reasonable
16 cost the information required by this title. To ensure rea-
17 sonable cost, the Secretary, in consultation with the Na-
18 tional Center for Education Statistics and the Office of
19 Career, Technical, and Adult Education shall determine
20 the methodology to be used and the frequency with which
21 such information is to be collected.”;

22 (3) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) by striking “may” and inserting
25 “shall”;

1 (ii) by striking “, directly or through
2 grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
3 ments,” and inserting “directly or through
4 grants”; and

5 (iii) by striking “and assessment”;
6 and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
9 “, acting through the Director of the Insti-
10 tute for Education Sciences,” after “de-
11 scribe how the Secretary”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
13 “, in consultation with the Director of the
14 Institute for Education Sciences,” after
15 “the Secretary”;

16 (4) in subsection (d)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (I) by inserting “, acting through
20 the Director of the Institute for Edu-
21 cation Sciences,” after “The Sec-
22 retary”;

23 (II) by inserting “and the plan
24 developed under subsection (c)” after
25 “described in paragraph (2)”; and

1 (III) by striking “assessment”
2 each place such term appears and in-
3 serting “evaluation”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

5 (I) in clause (v), by striking “;
6 and” and inserting a semicolon;

7 (II) in clause (vi), by striking the
8 period at the end and inserting “,
9 which may include individuals with ex-
10 pertise in addressing inequities in ac-
11 cess to, and in opportunities for aca-
12 demic and technical skill attainment;
13 and”;

14 (III) by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(vii) representatives of special popu-
17 lations.”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2)—

19 (i) in the heading, by striking “AND
20 ASSESSMENT”;

21 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

22 (I) by inserting “, acting through
23 the Director of the Institute for Edu-
24 cation Sciences,” after “the Sec-
25 retary”;

1 (II) by striking “an independent
2 evaluation and assessment” and in-
3 sserting “a series of research and eval-
4 uation initiatives for each year for
5 which funds are appropriated to carry
6 out this Act, which are aligned with
7 the plan in subsection (e)(2),”;

8 (III) by striking “Carl D. Per-
9 kins Career and Technical Education
10 Improvement Act of 2006” and in-
11 sserting “Strengthening Career and
12 Technical Education for the 21st Cen-
13 tury Act”;

14 (IV) by striking “, contracts, and
15 cooperative agreements that are” and
16 inserting “to institutions of higher
17 education or a consortia of one or
18 more institutions of higher education
19 and one or more private nonprofit or-
20 ganizations or agencies”; and

21 (V) by adding at the end the fol-
22 lowing: “Such evaluation shall, when-
23 ever possible, use the most recent
24 data available.”; and

1 (iii) by amending subparagraph (B) to
2 read as follows:

3 “(B) CONTENTS.—The evaluation required
4 under subparagraph (A) shall include descrip-
5 tions and evaluations of—

6 “(i) the extent and success of the inte-
7 gration of challenging State academic
8 standards adopted under 1111(b)(1) of the
9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act
10 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) and career
11 and technical education for students par-
12 ticipating in career and technical education
13 programs, including a review of the effect
14 of such integration on the academic and
15 technical proficiency achievement of such
16 students (including the number of such
17 students that receive a regular high school
18 diploma, as such term is defined under sec-
19 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
20 ondary Education Act of 1965 or a State-
21 defined alternative diploma described in
22 section 8101(25)(A)(ii)(I)(bb) of such Act
23 (20 U.S.C. 7801(25)(A)(ii)(I)(bb)));

24 “(ii) the extent to which career and
25 technical education programs and pro-

1 grams of study prepare students, including
2 special populations, for subsequent employ-
3 ment in high-skill, high-wage occupations
4 (including those in which mathematics and
5 science, which may include computer
6 science, skills are critical), or for participa-
7 tion in postsecondary education;

8 “(iii) employer involvement in, benefit
9 from, and satisfaction with, career and
10 technical education programs and pro-
11 grams of study and career and technical
12 education students’ preparation for em-
13 ployment;

14 “(iv) efforts to expand access to ca-
15 reer and technical education programs of
16 study for all students;

17 “(v) innovative approaches to work-
18 based learning programs that increase par-
19 ticipation and alignment with employment
20 in high-growth industries, including in
21 rural and low-income areas;

22 “(vi) the extent to which career and
23 technical education programs supported by
24 this Act are grounded on evidence-based
25 research;

1 “(vii) the impact of the amendments
2 to this Act made under the Strengthening
3 Career and Technical Education for the
4 21st Century Act, including comparisons,
5 where appropriate, of—

6 “(I) the use of the comprehensive
7 needs assessment under section
8 134(b);

9 “(II) the implementation of pro-
10 grams of study; and

11 “(III) coordination of planning
12 and program delivery with other rel-
13 evant laws, including the Workforce
14 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
15 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and the Elemen-
16 tary and Secondary Education Act of
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.);

18 “(viii) changes in career and technical
19 education program accountability as de-
20 scribed in section 113 and any effects of
21 such changes on program delivery and pro-
22 gram quality; and

23 “(ix) changes in student enrollment
24 patterns.”; and

25 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—

1 (I) in clause (i)—

2 (aa) by inserting “, in con-
3 sultation with the Director of the
4 Institute for Education
5 Sciences,” after “The Secretary”;

6 (bb) in subclause (I)—

7 (AA) by striking “as-
8 sessment” and inserting
9 “evaluation and summary of
10 research activities carried
11 out under this section”; and

12 (BB) by striking
13 “2010” and inserting
14 “2021”; and

15 (cc) in subclause (II)—

16 (AA) by striking “as-
17 sessment” and inserting
18 “evaluation and summary of
19 research activities carried
20 out under this section”; and

21 (BB) by striking
22 “2011” and inserting
23 “2023”; and

24 (II) by adding after clause (ii)

25 the following:

1 “(iii) DISSEMINATION.—In addition to
2 submitting the reports required under
3 clause (i), the Secretary shall disseminate
4 the results of the evaluation widely and on
5 a timely basis in order to increase the un-
6 derstanding among State and local officials
7 and educators of the effectiveness of pro-
8 grams and activities supported under the
9 Act and of the career and technical edu-
10 cation programs that are most likely to
11 produce positive educational and employ-
12 ment outcomes.”; and

13 (C) by striking paragraphs (3), (4), and
14 (5) and inserting the following:

15 “(3) INNOVATION.—

16 “(A) GRANT PROGRAM.—To identify and
17 support evidence-based and innovative strate-
18 gies and activities to improve career and tech-
19 nical education and align workforce skills with
20 labor market needs as part of the plan devel-
21 oped under subsection (c) and the requirements
22 of this subsection, the Secretary may award
23 grants to eligible entities to—

24 “(i) create, develop, implement, or
25 take to scale evidence-based, field initiated

1 innovations, including through a pay for
2 success initiative, to improve student out-
3 comes in career and technical education;
4 and

5 “(ii) rigorously evaluate such innova-
6 tions.

7 “(B) MATCHING FUNDS.—

8 “(i) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—
9 Except as provided under clause (ii), to re-
10 ceive a grant under this paragraph, an eli-
11 gible entity shall, through cash or in-kind
12 contributions, provide matching funds from
13 public or private sources in an amount
14 equal to at least 50 percent of the funds
15 provided under such grant.

16 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary
17 may waive the matching fund requirement
18 under clause (i) if the eligible entity dem-
19 onstrates exceptional circumstances.

20 “(C) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant
21 under this paragraph, an eligible entity shall
22 submit to the Secretary at such a time as the
23 Secretary may require, an application that—

24 “(i) identifies and designates the
25 agency, institution, or school responsible

1 for the administration and supervision of
2 the program assisted under this paragraph;

3 “(ii) identifies the source and amount
4 of the matching funds required under sub-
5 paragraph (B)(i);

6 “(iii) describes how the eligible entity
7 will use the grant funds, including how
8 such funds will directly benefit students,
9 including special populations, served by the
10 eligible entity;

11 “(iv) describes how the program as-
12 sisted under this paragraph will be coordi-
13 nated with the activities carried out under
14 section 124 or 135;

15 “(v) describes how the program as-
16 sisted under this paragraph aligns with the
17 single plan described in subsection (c); and

18 “(vi) describes how the program as-
19 sisted under this paragraph will be evalu-
20 ated and how that evaluation may inform
21 the report described in subsection
22 (d)(2)(C).

23 “(D) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants
24 under this paragraph, the Secretary shall give
25 priority to applications from eligible entities

1 that will predominantly serve students from
2 low-income families.

3 “(E) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In awarding
5 grants under this paragraph, the Secretary
6 shall award no less than 25 percent of the
7 total available funds for any fiscal year to
8 eligible entities proposing to fund career
9 and technical education activities that
10 serve—

11 “(I) a local educational agency
12 with an urban-centric district locale
13 code of 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43, as de-
14 termined by the Secretary;

15 “(II) an institution of higher
16 education primarily serving the one or
17 more areas served by such a local edu-
18 cational agency;

19 “(III) a consortium of such local
20 educational agencies or such institu-
21 tions of higher education;

22 “(IV) a partnership between—

23 “(aa) an educational service
24 agency or a nonprofit organiza-
25 tion; and

1 “(bb) such a local edu-
2 cational agency or such an insti-
3 tution of higher education; or

4 “(V) a partnership between—

5 “(aa) a grant recipient de-
6 scribed in subclause (I) or (II);
7 and

8 “(bb) a State educational
9 agency.

10 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding
11 clause (i), the Secretary shall reduce the
12 amount of funds made available under
13 such clause if the Secretary does not re-
14 ceive a sufficient number of applications of
15 sufficient quality.

16 “(F) USES OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity
17 that is awarded a grant under this paragraph
18 shall use the grant funds, in a manner con-
19 sistent with subparagraph (A)(i), to—

20 “(i) improve career and technical edu-
21 cation outcomes of students served by eligi-
22 ble entities under this title;

23 “(ii) improve career and technical
24 education teacher effectiveness;

1 “(iii) improve the transition of stu-
2 dents from secondary education to postsec-
3 ondary education or employment;

4 “(iv) improve the incorporation of
5 comprehensive work-based learning into ca-
6 reer and technical education;

7 “(v) increase the effective use of tech-
8 nology within career and technical edu-
9 cation programs;

10 “(vi) support new models for inte-
11 grating academic content and career and
12 technical education content in such pro-
13 grams;

14 “(vii) support the development and
15 enhancement of innovative delivery models
16 for career and technical education;

17 “(viii) work with industry to design
18 and implement courses or programs of
19 study aligned to labor market needs in new
20 or emerging fields;

21 “(ix) integrate science, technology, en-
22 gineering, and mathematics fields, includ-
23 ing computer science education, with ca-
24 reer and technical education;

1 “(x) support innovative approaches to
2 career and technical education by re-
3 designing the high school experience for stu-
4 dents, which may include evidence-based
5 transitional support strategies for students
6 who have not met postsecondary education
7 eligibility requirements;

8 “(xi) improve CTE concentrator em-
9 ployment outcomes in nontraditional fields;
10 or

11 “(xii) support the use of career and
12 technical education programs and pro-
13 grams of study in a coordinated strategy to
14 address identified employer needs and
15 workforce shortages, such as shortages in
16 the early childhood, elementary school, and
17 secondary school education workforce.

18 “(G) EVALUATION.—Each eligible entity
19 receiving a grant under this paragraph shall
20 provide for an independent evaluation of the ac-
21 tivities carried out using such grant and submit
22 to the Secretary an annual report that in-
23 cludes—

24 “(i) a description of how funds re-
25 ceived under this paragraph were used;

1 “(ii) the performance of the eligible
2 entity with respect to, at a minimum, the
3 performance indicators described under
4 section 113, as applicable, and
5 disaggregated by—

6 “(I) subgroups of students de-
7 scribed in section 1111(c)(2)(B) of
8 the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 6311(c)(2)(B));

11 “(II) special populations; and

12 “(III) as appropriate, each career
13 and technical education program and
14 program of study; and

15 “(iii) a quantitative analysis of the ef-
16 fectiveness of the project carried out under
17 this paragraph.”; and

18 (5) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
19 following:

20 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
22 tion—

23 “(1) \$7,523,285 for fiscal year 2018;

24 “(2) \$7,626,980 for fiscal year 2019;

25 “(3) \$7,732,104 for fiscal year 2020;

1 “(4) \$7,838,677 for fiscal year 2021;
2 “(5) \$7,946,719 for fiscal year 2022; and
3 “(6) \$8,056,251 for fiscal year 2023.”.

4 **SEC. 114. ASSISTANCE FOR THE OUTLYING AREAS.**

5 Section 115 (20 U.S.C. 2325) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “subject to
7 subsection (d)” and inserting “subject to subsection
8 (b)”;
9 (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c); and
10 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
11 section (b).

12 **SEC. 115. TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY CA-**
13 **REER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.**

14 Section 117(i) (20 U.S.C. 2327(i)) is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
18 tion—

19 “(1) \$8,400,208 for fiscal year 2018;
20 “(2) \$8,515,989 for fiscal year 2019;
21 “(3) \$8,633,367 for fiscal year 2020;
22 “(4) \$8,752,362 for fiscal year 2021;
23 “(5) \$8,872,998 for fiscal year 2022; and
24 “(6) \$8,995,296 for fiscal year 2023.”.

1 **SEC. 116. OCCUPATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMA-**
2 **TION.**

3 Section 118 (20 U.S.C. 2328) is repealed.

4 **PART B—STATE PROVISIONS**

5 **SEC. 121. STATE PLAN.**

6 Section 122 (20 U.S.C. 2342) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1)—

9 (i) by striking “6-year period” and in-
10 sserting “4-year period”; and

11 (ii) by striking “Carl D. Perkins Ca-
12 reer and Technical Education Improve-
13 ment Act of 2006” and inserting
14 “Strengthening Career and Technical Edu-
15 cation for the 21st Century Act”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “6-
17 year period” and inserting “4-year period”; and

18 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “(includ-
19 ing charter school” and all that follows through
20 “and community organizations)” and inserting
21 “(including teachers, faculty, specialized in-
22 structional support personnel, paraprofes-
23 sionals, school leaders, authorized public char-
24 tering agencies, and charter school leaders, con-
25 sistent with State law, employers, labor organi-

1 zations, parents, students, and community orga-
2 nizations)”; and

3 (2) by amending subsections (b), (c), (d), and
4 (e) to read as follows:

5 “(b) OPTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF STATE PLAN.—

6 “(1) COMBINED PLAN.—The eligible agency
7 may submit a combined plan that meets the require-
8 ments of this section and the requirements of section
9 103 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
10 Act (29 U.S.C. 3113), unless the eligible agency
11 opts to submit a single plan under paragraph (2)
12 and informs the Secretary of such decision.

13 “(2) SINGLE PLAN.—If the eligible agency
14 elects not to submit a combined plan as described in
15 paragraph (1), such eligible agency shall submit a
16 single State plan.

17 “(c) PLAN DEVELOPMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The eligible agency shall—

19 “(A) develop the State plan in consultation
20 with—

21 “(i) representatives of secondary and
22 postsecondary career and technical edu-
23 cation programs, including eligible recipi-
24 ents and representatives of 2-year Minor-
25 ity-Serving Institutions and Historically

1 Black Colleges and Universities in States
2 where such institutions are in existence,
3 and charter school representatives in
4 States where such schools are in existence,
5 which shall include teachers, faculty, school
6 leaders, specialized instructional support
7 personnel (including guidance counselors),
8 and paraprofessionals;

9 “(ii) interested community representa-
10 tives, including parents and students;

11 “(iii) the State workforce development
12 board described in section 101 of the
13 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
14 (29 U.S.C. 3111);

15 “(iv) representatives of special popu-
16 lations;

17 “(v) representatives of business and
18 industry (including representatives of small
19 business), which shall include representa-
20 tives of industry and sector partnerships in
21 the State, as appropriate, and representa-
22 tives of labor organizations in the State;

23 “(vi) representatives of agencies serv-
24 ing out-of-school youth, homeless children
25 and youth, and at-risk youth; and

1 “(vii) representatives of Indian tribes
2 located in the State; and

3 “(B) consult the Governor of the State,
4 and the heads of other State agencies with au-
5 thority for career and technical education pro-
6 grams that are not the eligible agency, with re-
7 spect to the development of the State plan.

8 “(2) ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES.—The eligi-
9 ble agency shall develop effective activities and pro-
10 cedures, including access to information needed to
11 use such procedures, to allow the individuals and en-
12 tities described in paragraph (1) to participate in
13 State and local decisions that relate to development
14 of the State plan.

15 “(d) PLAN CONTENTS.—The State plan shall in-
16 clude—

17 “(1) a summary of State-supported workforce
18 development activities (including education and
19 training) in the State, including the degree to which
20 the State’s career and technical education programs
21 and programs of study are aligned with such activi-
22 ties;

23 “(2) the State’s strategic vision and set of goals
24 for preparing an educated and skilled workforce (in-
25 cluding special populations) and for meeting the

1 skilled workforce needs of employers, including in-
2 demand industry sectors and occupations as identi-
3 fied by the State, and how the State’s career and
4 technical education programs will help to meet these
5 goals;

6 “(3) a summary of the strategic planning ele-
7 ments of the unified State plan required under sec-
8 tion 102(b)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
9 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112(b)(1)), including the
10 elements related to system alignment under section
11 102(b)(2)(B) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
12 3112(b)(2)(B));

13 “(4) a description of the career and technical
14 education programs or programs of study that will
15 be supported, developed, or improved, including de-
16 scriptions of—

17 “(A) the programs of study to be devel-
18 oped at the State level and made available for
19 adoption by eligible recipients;

20 “(B) the process and criteria to be used
21 for approving locally developed programs of
22 study or career pathways, including how such
23 programs address State workforce development
24 and education needs; and

25 “(C) how the eligible agency will—

1 “(i) make information on approved
2 programs of study and career pathways,
3 including career exploration, work-based
4 learning opportunities, guidance and ad-
5 visement resources, available to students
6 and parents;

7 “(ii) ensure nonduplication of eligible
8 recipients’ development of programs of
9 study and career pathways;

10 “(iii) determine alignment of eligible
11 recipients’ programs of study to the State,
12 regional or local economy, including in-de-
13 mand fields and occupations identified by
14 the State workforce development board as
15 appropriate;

16 “(iv) provide equal access to activities
17 assisted under this Act for special popu-
18 lations;

19 “(v) coordinate with the State work-
20 force board to support the local develop-
21 ment of career pathways and articulate
22 processes by which career pathways will be
23 developed by local workforce development
24 boards;

1 “(vi) use State, regional, or local labor
2 market data to align career and technical
3 education with State labor market needs;

4 “(vii) support effective and meaning-
5 ful collaboration between secondary
6 schools, postsecondary institutions, and
7 employers; and

8 “(viii) improve outcomes for CTE con-
9 centrators, including those who are mem-
10 bers of special populations;

11 “(5) a description of the criteria and process
12 for how the eligible agency will approve eligible re-
13 cipients for funds under this Act, including how—

14 “(A) each eligible recipient will promote
15 academic achievement;

16 “(B) each eligible recipient will promote
17 skill attainment, including skill attainment that
18 leads to a recognized postsecondary credential;
19 and

20 “(C) each eligible recipient will ensure the
21 local needs assessment under section 134 takes
22 into consideration local economic and education
23 needs, including where appropriate, in-demand
24 industry sectors and occupations;

1 “(6) a description of how the eligible agency
2 will support the recruitment and preparation of
3 teachers, including special education teachers, fac-
4 ulty, administrators, specialized instructional sup-
5 port personnel, and paraprofessionals to provide ca-
6 reer and technical education instruction, leadership,
7 and support;

8 “(7) a description of how the eligible agency
9 will use State leadership funding to meet the re-
10 quirements of section 124(b);

11 “(8) a description of how funds received by the
12 eligible agency through the allotment made under
13 section 111 will be distributed—

14 “(A) among career and technical education
15 at the secondary level, or career and technical
16 education at the postsecondary and adult level,
17 or both, including how such distribution will
18 most effectively provide students with the skills
19 needed to succeed in the workplace; and

20 “(B) among any consortia that may be
21 formed among secondary schools and eligible in-
22 stitutions, and how funds will be distributed
23 among the members of the consortia, including
24 the rationale for such distribution and how it

1 will most effectively provide students with the
2 skills needed to succeed in the workplace;

3 “(9) a description of the procedure the eligible
4 agency will adopt for determining State adjusted lev-
5 els of performance described in section 113, which at
6 a minimum shall include—

7 “(A) consultation with stakeholders identi-
8 fied in paragraph (1);

9 “(B) opportunities for the public to com-
10 ment in person and in writing on the State ad-
11 justed levels of performance included in the
12 State plan; and

13 “(C) submission of public comment on
14 State adjusted levels of performance as part of
15 the State plan; and

16 “(10) assurances that—

17 “(A) the eligible agency will comply with
18 the requirements of this Act and the provisions
19 of the State plan, including the provision of a
20 financial audit of funds received under this Act,
21 which may be included as part of an audit of
22 other Federal or State programs;

23 “(B) none of the funds expended under
24 this Act will be used to acquire equipment (in-
25 cluding computer software) in any instance in

1 which such acquisition results in a direct finan-
2 cial benefit to any organization representing the
3 interests of the acquiring entity or the employ-
4 ees of the acquiring entity, or any affiliate of
5 such an organization;

6 “(C) the eligible agency will use the funds
7 to promote preparation for high-skill, high-
8 wage, or in-demand occupations and nontradi-
9 tional fields, as identified by the State;

10 “(D) the eligible agency will use the funds
11 provided under this Act to implement career
12 and technical education programs and programs
13 of study for individuals in State correctional in-
14 stitutions, including juvenile justice facilities;
15 and

16 “(E) the eligible agency will provide local
17 educational agencies, area career and technical
18 education schools, and eligible institutions in
19 the State with technical assistance, including
20 technical assistance on how to close gaps in stu-
21 dent participation and performance in career
22 and technical education programs.

23 “(e) CONSULTATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The eligible agency shall
25 develop the portion of each State plan relating to the

1 amount and uses of any funds proposed to be re-
2 served for adult career and technical education,
3 postsecondary career and technical education, and
4 secondary career and technical education after con-
5 sultation with the—

6 “(A) State agency responsible for super-
7 vision of community colleges, technical insti-
8 tutes, or other 2-year postsecondary institutions
9 primarily engaged in providing postsecondary
10 career and technical education;

11 “(B) the State agency responsible for sec-
12 ondary education; and

13 “(C) the State agency responsible for adult
14 education.

15 “(2) OBJECTIONS OF STATE AGENCIES.—If a
16 State agency other than the eligible agency finds
17 that a portion of the final State plan is objection-
18 able, that objection shall be filed together with the
19 State plan. The eligible agency shall respond to any
20 objections of such State agency in the State plan
21 submitted to the Secretary.

22 “(f) PLAN APPROVAL.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ap-
24 prove a State plan not later than 120 days after its
25 submission to the Secretary unless the Secretary—

1 “(A) determines that the State plan does
2 not meet the requirements of this Act, including
3 the requirements described in section 113; and

4 “(B) meets the requirements of paragraph
5 (2) with respect to such plan.

6 “(2) DISAPPROVAL.—The Secretary shall—

7 “(A) have the authority to disapprove a
8 State plan only if the Secretary—

9 “(i) determines how the State plan
10 fails to meet the requirements of this Act;
11 and

12 “(ii) provides to the eligible agency, in
13 writing, notice of such determination and
14 the supporting information and rationale
15 to substantiate such determination; and

16 “(B) not finally disapprove a State plan,
17 except after making the determination and pro-
18 viding the information described in subpara-
19 graph (A), and giving the eligible agency notice
20 and an opportunity for a hearing.”.

21 **SEC. 122. IMPROVEMENT PLANS.**

22 Section 123 (20 U.S.C. 2343) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) by striking “percent of an agreed
2 upon” and inserting “percent of the”; and

3 (ii) by striking “appropriate agen-
4 cies,” and inserting “appropriate State
5 agencies,”;

6 (B) in paragraph (2)—

7 (i) by striking “purposes of this Act,”
8 and inserting “purposes of this section, in-
9 cluding after implementation of the im-
10 provement plan described in paragraph
11 (1),” and

12 (ii) by striking “work with the eligible
13 agency” and inserting “provide the eligible
14 agency technical assistance”; and

15 (C) in paragraph (3)—

16 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
17 read as follows:

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the eligible agency
19 fails to make any improvement in meeting any
20 of the State adjusted levels of performance for
21 any of the core indicators of performance iden-
22 tified under paragraph (1) during the first 2
23 years of implementation of the improvement
24 plan required under paragraph (1), the eligible
25 agency—

1 “(i) shall develop and implement, in
2 consultation with the stakeholders de-
3 scribed in subsection 122(c)(1)(A), a re-
4 vised improvement plan (with special con-
5 sideration of performance gaps identified
6 under section 113(c)(2)(B)) to address the
7 reasons for such failure; and

8 “(ii) shall continue to implement such
9 improvement plan until the eligible agency
10 meets at least 90 percent of the State ad-
11 justed level of performance for the same
12 core indicators of performance for which
13 the plan is revised.”;

14 (ii) by redesignating subparagraph
15 (B) as subparagraph (C);

16 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph
17 (A), the following:

18 “(B) REVISED PERFORMANCE IMPROVE-
19 MENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary
20 shall provide technical assistance, monitoring,
21 and oversight to each eligible agency with a
22 plan revised under subparagraph (A)(i) until
23 such agency meets the requirements of subpara-
24 graph (A)(ii).”;

1 (iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by clause (ii), by striking “sanction
2 in” and inserting “requirements of”; and
3 (D) by striking paragraph (4);

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “the eligible agency, appropriate agencies, individuals,
6 and organizations” and inserting “local stakeholders included in section 134(d)(1)”;
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9 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “shall work with the eligible recipient to implement
10 improvement activities consistent with the requirements of this Act.” and inserting “shall
11 provide technical assistance to assist the eligible recipient in meeting its responsibilities under
12 section 134.”;
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15 (C) in paragraph (4)—

16 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:
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18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the eligible recipient fails to make any improvement in meeting
19 any of the local adjusted levels of performance for any of the core indicators of performance
20 identified under paragraph (2) during a number
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1 of years determined by the eligible agency, the
2 eligible recipient—

3 “(i) shall revise the improvement plan
4 described in paragraph (2) to address the
5 reasons for such failure; and

6 “(ii) shall continue to implement such
7 improvement plan until such recipient
8 meets at least 90 percent of an agreed
9 upon local adjusted level of performance
10 for the same core indicators of perform-
11 ance for which the plan is revised.”; and

12 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (I) in the matter preceding clause

14 (i)—

15 (aa) by striking “In deter-
16 mining whether to impose sanc-
17 tions under subparagraph (A),
18 the” and inserting “The”; and

19 (bb) by striking “waive im-
20 posing sanctions” and inserting
21 “waive the requirements of sub-
22 paragraph (A)”;

23 (II) in clause (i), by striking “or”

24 at the end;

1 (III) in clause (ii), by striking
2 the period at the end and inserting “;
3 or”; and

4 (IV) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(iii) in response to a public request
7 from an eligible recipient consistent with
8 clauses (i) and (ii).”; and

9 (D) by striking paragraph (5); and
10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(c) PLAN DEVELOPMENT.—Except for consultation
12 described in subsection (b)(2), the State and local im-
13 provement plans, and the elements of such plans, required
14 under this section shall be developed solely by the eligible
15 agency or the eligible recipient, respectively.”.

16 **SEC. 123. STATE LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.**

17 Section 124 (20 U.S.C. 2344) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “shall conduct
19 State leadership activities.” and inserting “shall—

20 “(1) conduct State leadership activities directly;
21 and

22 “(2) report on the effectiveness of such use of
23 funds in achieving the goals described in section
24 122(d)(2) and the State adjusted levels of perform-
25 ance described in section 113(b)(3)(A).”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4)

3 and inserting the following:

4 “(1) developing statewide programs of study,
5 which may include standards, curriculum, and
6 course development, and career exploration, guid-
7 ance, and advisement activities and resources;

8 “(2) approving locally developed programs of
9 study that meet the requirements established in sec-
10 tion 122(d)(4)(B);

11 “(3) establishing statewide articulation agree-
12 ments aligned to approved programs of study;

13 “(4) establishing statewide partnerships among
14 local educational agencies, institutions of higher edu-
15 cation, and employers, including small businesses, to
16 develop and implement programs of study aligned to
17 State and local economic and education needs, in-
18 cluding as appropriate, in-demand industry sectors
19 and occupations;” and

20 (B) by striking paragraphs (6) through (9)

21 and inserting the following:

22 “(6) support services for individuals in State in-
23 stitutions, such as State correctional institutions, in-
24 cluding juvenile justice facilities, and educational in-
25 stitutions that serve individuals with disabilities;

1 “(7) for faculty and teachers providing career
2 and technical education instruction, support services,
3 and specialized instructional support services, high-
4 quality comprehensive professional development that
5 is, to the extent practicable, grounded in evidence-
6 based research (to the extent a State determines
7 that such evidence is reasonably available) that iden-
8 tifies the most effective educator professional devel-
9 opment process and is coordinated and aligned with
10 other professional development activities carried out
11 by the State (including under title II of the Elemen-
12 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) and title II of the Higher Edu-
14 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021 et seq.)), in-
15 cluding programming that—

16 “(A) promotes the integration of the chal-
17 lenging State academic standards adopted by
18 the State under section 1111(b)(1) of the Ele-
19 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
20 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) and relevant technical
21 knowledge and skills;

22 “(B) prepares career and technical edu-
23 cation teachers, faculty, specialized instructional
24 support personnel, and paraprofessionals to
25 provide appropriate accommodations for stu-

1 dents who are members of special populations,
2 including through the use of principles of uni-
3 versal design for learning; and

4 “(C) increases understanding of industry
5 standards, as appropriate, for faculty providing
6 career and technical education instruction; and

7 “(8) technical assistance for eligible recipi-
8 ents.”; and

9 (3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraphs (1)
10 through (17) and inserting the following:

11 “(1) awarding incentive grants to eligible recipi-
12 ents—

13 “(A) for exemplary performance in car-
14 rying out programs under this Act, which
15 awards shall be based on—

16 “(i) eligible recipients exceeding the
17 local adjusted level of performance estab-
18 lished under section 113(b)(4)(A) in a
19 manner that reflects sustained or signifi-
20 cant improvement;

21 “(ii) eligible recipients effectively de-
22 veloping connections between secondary
23 education and postsecondary education and
24 training;

1 “(iii) the integration of academic and
2 technical standards;

3 “(iv) eligible recipients’ progress in
4 closing achievement gaps among sub-
5 populations who participate in programs of
6 study; or

7 “(v) other factors relating to the per-
8 formance of eligible recipients under this
9 Act as the eligible agency determines are
10 appropriate; or

11 “(B) if an eligible recipient elects to use
12 funds as permitted under section 135(c);

13 “(2) providing support for the adoption and in-
14 tegration of recognized postsecondary credentials or
15 for consultation and coordination with other State
16 agencies for the identification, consolidation, or
17 elimination of licenses or certifications which pose an
18 unnecessary barrier to entry for aspiring workers
19 and provide limited consumer protection;

20 “(3) the creation, implementation, and support
21 of pay-for-success initiatives leading to recognized
22 postsecondary credentials;

23 “(4) support for career and technical education
24 programs for adults and out-of-school youth concur-

1 rent with their completion of their secondary school
2 education in a school or other educational setting;

3 “(5) the creation, evaluation, and support of
4 competency-based curricula;

5 “(6) support for the development, implementa-
6 tion, and expansion of programs of study or career
7 pathways in areas declared to be in a state of emer-
8 gency under section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford
9 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
10 U.S.C. 5191);

11 “(7) providing support for dual or concurrent
12 enrollment programs, such as early college high
13 schools;

14 “(8) improvement of career guidance and aca-
15 demic counseling programs that assist students in
16 making informed academic and career and technical
17 education decisions, including academic and financial
18 aid counseling;

19 “(9) support for the integration of employ-
20 ability skills into career and technical education pro-
21 grams and programs of study;

22 “(10) support for programs and activities that
23 increase access, student engagement, and success in
24 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
25 fields (including computer science), particularly for

1 students who are members of groups underrep-
2 resented in such subject fields, such as female stu-
3 dents, minority students, and students who are
4 members of special populations;

5 “(11) support for career and technical student
6 organizations, especially with respect to efforts to in-
7 crease the participation of students who are mem-
8 bers of special populations;

9 “(12) support for establishing and expanding
10 work-based learning opportunities;

11 “(13) support for preparing, retaining, and
12 training of career and technical education teachers,
13 faculty, specialized instructional support personnel,
14 and paraprofessionals, such as preservice, profes-
15 sional development, and leadership development pro-
16 grams;

17 “(14) integrating and aligning programs of
18 study and career pathways;

19 “(15) supporting the use of career and tech-
20 nical education programs and programs of study
21 aligned with State, regional, or local in-demand in-
22 dustry sectors or occupations identified by State or
23 local workforce development boards;

1 “(16) making all forms of instructional content
2 widely available, which may include use of open edu-
3 cational resources;

4 “(17) support for the integration of arts and
5 design skills, when appropriate, into career and tech-
6 nical education programs and programs of study;
7 and

8 “(18) support for accelerated learning programs
9 (described in section 4104(b)(3)(A)(i)(IV) of the El-
10 elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
11 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(A)(i)(IV)) when any such pro-
12 gram is part of a program of study.”.

13 **PART C—LOCAL PROVISIONS**

14 **SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH-** 15 **NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

16 Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended—

17 (1) in the section heading by striking “**LOCAL**
18 **PLAN**” and inserting “**LOCAL APPLICATION**”;

19 (2) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) in the heading, by striking “**LOCAL**
21 **PLAN**” and inserting “**LOCAL APPLICATION**”;

22 (B) by striking “submit a local plan” and
23 inserting “submit a local application”; and

24 (C) by striking “Such local plan” and in-
25 serting “Such local application”; and

1 (3) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) CONTENTS.—The eligible agency shall deter-
4 mine the requirements for local applications, except that
5 each local application shall contain—

6 “(1) a description of the results of the com-
7 prehensive needs assessment conducted under sub-
8 section (c);

9 “(2) information on the programs of study ap-
10 proved by a State under section 124(b)(2) supported
11 by the eligible recipient with funds under this part,
12 including—

13 “(A) how the results of the comprehensive
14 needs assessment described in subsection (c) in-
15 formed the selection of the specific career and
16 technical education programs and activities se-
17 lected to be funded; and

18 “(B) a description of any new programs of
19 study the eligible recipient will develop and sub-
20 mit to the State for approval;

21 “(3) a description of how the eligible recipient
22 will provide—

23 “(A) career exploration and career develop-
24 ment coursework, activities, or services;

25 “(B) career information; and

1 “(C) an organized system of career guid-
2 ance and academic counseling to students be-
3 fore enrolling and while participating in a ca-
4 reer and technical education program; and

5 “(4) a description of how the eligible recipient
6 will—

7 “(A) provide activities to prepare special
8 populations for high-skill, high-wage, or in-de-
9 mand occupations that will lead to self-suffi-
10 ciency; and

11 “(B) prepare CTE participants for non-
12 traditional fields.

13 “(c) COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive fi-
15 nancial assistance under this part, an eligible recipi-
16 ent shall—

17 “(A) conduct a comprehensive local needs
18 assessment related to career and technical edu-
19 cation; and

20 “(B) not less than once every 2 years, up-
21 date such comprehensive local needs assess-
22 ment.

23 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The comprehensive
24 local needs assessment described under paragraph
25 (1) shall include—

1 “(A) an evaluation of the performance of
2 the students served by the eligible recipient
3 with respect to State and local adjusted levels
4 of performance established pursuant to section
5 113, including an evaluation of performance for
6 special populations;

7 “(B) a description of how career and tech-
8 nical education programs offered by the eligible
9 recipient are—

10 “(i) sufficient in size, scope, and qual-
11 ity to meet the needs of all students served
12 by the eligible recipient; and

13 “(ii)(I) aligned to State, regional, or
14 local in-demand industry sectors or occupa-
15 tions identified by the State or local work-
16 force development board, including career
17 pathways, where appropriate; or

18 “(II) designed to meet local education
19 or economic needs not identified by State
20 or local workforce development boards;

21 “(C) an evaluation of progress toward the
22 implementation of career and technical edu-
23 cation programs and programs of study;

24 “(D) an evaluation of strategies needed to
25 overcome barriers that result in lowering rates

1 of access to, or lowering success in, career and
2 technical education programs for special popu-
3 lations, which may include strategies to estab-
4 lish or utilize existing flexible learning and
5 manufacturing facilities, such as makerspaces;

6 “(E) a description of how the eligible re-
7 cipient will improve recruitment, retention, and
8 training of career and technical education
9 teachers, faculty, specialized instructional sup-
10 port personnel, paraprofessionals, and career,
11 academic, and guidance counselors, including
12 individuals in groups underrepresented in such
13 professions; and

14 “(F) a description of how the eligible re-
15 cipient will support the transition to teaching
16 from business and industry.

17 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the comprehen-
18 sive needs assessment under subsection (c), an eligible re-
19 cipient shall involve a diverse body of stakeholders, includ-
20 ing, at a minimum—

21 “(1) representatives of career and technical
22 education programs in a local educational agency or
23 educational service agency, including teachers and
24 administrators;

1 “(2) representatives of career and technical
2 education programs at postsecondary educational in-
3 stitutions, including faculty and administrators;

4 “(3) representatives of State or local workforce
5 development boards and a range of local or regional
6 businesses or industries;

7 “(4) parents and students;

8 “(5) representatives of special populations; and

9 “(6) representatives of local agencies serving
10 out-of-school youth, homeless children and youth,
11 and at-risk youth (as defined in section 1432 of the
12 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
13 (20 U.S.C. 6472)).

14 “(e) CONTINUED CONSULTATION.—An eligible re-
15 cipient receiving financial assistance under this part shall
16 consult with the entities described in subsection (d) on an
17 ongoing basis to—

18 “(1) provide input on annual updates to the
19 comprehensive needs assessment required under sub-
20 section (c);

21 “(2) ensure programs of study are—

22 “(A) responsive to community employment
23 needs;

24 “(B) aligned with employment priorities in
25 the State, regional, or local economy identified

1 by employers and the entities described in sub-
2 section (d), which may include in-demand in-
3 dustry sectors or occupations identified by the
4 local workforce development board;

5 “(C) informed by labor market informa-
6 tion, including information provided under sec-
7 tion 15(e)(2)(C) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29
8 U.S.C. 491–2(e)(2)(C));

9 “(D) designed to meet current, inter-
10 mediate, or long-term labor market projections;
11 and

12 “(E) allow employer input, including input
13 from industry or sector partnerships in the local
14 area, where applicable, into the development
15 and implementation of programs of study to en-
16 sure programs align with skills required by local
17 employment opportunities, including activities
18 such as the identification of relevant standards,
19 curriculum, industry-recognized credentials, and
20 current technology and equipment;

21 “(3) identify and encourage opportunities for
22 work-based learning; and

23 “(4) ensure funding under this part is used in
24 a coordinated manner with other local resources.”.

1 **SEC. 132. LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.**

2 Section 135 (20 U.S.C. 2355) is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **“SEC. 135. LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.**

5 “(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Each eligible recipient
6 that receives funds under this part shall use such funds
7 to develop, coordinate, implement, or improve career and
8 technical education programs to meet the needs identified
9 in the comprehensive needs assessment described in sec-
10 tion 134(c).

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR USES OF FUNDS.—Funds
12 made available to eligible recipients under this part shall
13 be used to support career and technical education pro-
14 grams that are of sufficient size, scope, and quality to be
15 effective and—

16 “(1) provide career exploration and career de-
17 velopment activities through an organized, system-
18 atic framework designed to aid students, before en-
19 rolling and while participating in a career and tech-
20 nical education program, in making informed plans
21 and decisions about future education and career op-
22 portunities and programs of study, which may in-
23 clude—

24 “(A) introductory courses or activities fo-
25 cused on career exploration and career aware-
26 ness;

- 1 “(B) readily available career and labor
2 market information, including information on—
3 “(i) occupational supply and demand;
4 “(ii) educational requirements;
5 “(iii) other information on careers
6 aligned to State or local economic prior-
7 ities; and
8 “(iv) employment sectors;
9 “(C) programs and activities related to the
10 development of student graduation and career
11 plans;
12 “(D) career guidance and academic coun-
13 selors that provide information on postsec-
14 ondary education and career options; or
15 “(E) any other activity that advances
16 knowledge of career opportunities and assists
17 students in making informed decisions about
18 future education and employment goals;
19 “(2) provide professional development for teach-
20 ers, principals, school leaders, administrators, fac-
21 ulty, and career and guidance counselors with re-
22 spect to content and pedagogy that—
23 “(A) supports individualized academic and
24 career and technical education instructional ap-
25 proaches, including the integration of academic

1 and career and technical education standards
2 and curriculum;

3 “(B) ensures labor market information is
4 used to inform the programs, guidance, and ad-
5 visement offered to students;

6 “(C) provides educators with opportunities
7 to advance knowledge, skills, and understanding
8 of all aspects of an industry, including the lat-
9 est workplace equipment, technologies, stand-
10 ards, and credentials;

11 “(D) supports administrators in managing
12 career and technical education programs in the
13 schools, institutions, or local educational agen-
14 cies of such administrators;

15 “(E) supports the implementation of strat-
16 egies to improve student achievement and close
17 gaps in student participation and performance
18 in career and technical education programs; and

19 “(F) provides educators with opportunities
20 to advance knowledge, skills, and understanding
21 in pedagogical practices, including, to the extent
22 the eligible recipient determines that such evi-
23 dence is reasonably available, evidence-based
24 pedagogical practices;

1 “(3) provide career and technical education stu-
2 dents, including special populations, with the skills
3 necessary to pursue high-skill, high-wage occupa-
4 tions;

5 “(4) support integration of academic skills into
6 career and technical education programs and pro-
7 grams of study to support CTE participants at the
8 secondary school level in meeting the challenging
9 State academic standards adopted under section
10 1111(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
11 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) by the
12 State in which the eligible recipient is located;

13 “(5) plan and carry out elements that support
14 the implementation of career and technical education
15 programs and programs of study and student
16 achievement of the local adjusted levels of perform-
17 ance established under section 113, which may in-
18 clude—

19 “(A) curriculum aligned with the require-
20 ments for a program of study;

21 “(B) sustainable relationships among edu-
22 cation, business and industry, and other com-
23 munity stakeholders, including industry or sec-
24 tor partnerships in the local area, where appli-
25 cable, that are designed to facilitate the process

1 of continuously updating and aligning programs
2 of study with skills in demand in the State, re-
3 gional, or local economy;

4 “(C) dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
5 grams, including early college high schools, and
6 the development or implementation of articula-
7 tion agreements;

8 “(D) appropriate equipment, technology,
9 and instructional materials (including support
10 for library resources) aligned with business and
11 industry needs, including machinery, testing
12 equipment, tools, implements, hardware and
13 software, and other new and emerging instruc-
14 tional materials;

15 “(E) a continuum of work-based learning
16 opportunities;

17 “(F) industry-recognized certification
18 exams or other assessments leading toward in-
19 dustry-recognized postsecondary credentials;

20 “(G) efforts to recruit and retain career
21 and technical education program administrators
22 and educators;

23 “(H) where applicable, coordination with
24 other education and workforce development pro-
25 grams and initiatives, including career path-

1 ways and sector partnerships developed under
2 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
3 (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and other Federal
4 laws and initiatives that provide students with
5 transition-related services, including the Indi-
6 viduals with Disabilities Education Act (20
7 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

8 “(I) expanding opportunities for students
9 to participate in distance career and technical
10 education and blended-learning programs;

11 “(J) expanding opportunities for students
12 to participate in competency-based education
13 programs;

14 “(K) improving career guidance and aca-
15 demic counseling programs that assist students
16 in making informed academic and career and
17 technical education decisions, including aca-
18 demic and financial aid counseling;

19 “(L) supporting the integration of employ-
20 ability skills into career and technical education
21 programs and programs of study;

22 “(M) supporting programs and activities
23 that increase access, student engagement, and
24 success in science, technology, engineering, and
25 mathematics fields (including computer science)

1 for students who are members of groups under-
2 represented in such subject fields;

3 “(N) providing career and technical edu-
4 cation, in a school or other educational setting,
5 for adults or a school-aged individual who has
6 dropped out of a secondary school to complete
7 secondary school education or upgrade technical
8 skills;

9 “(O) career and technical student organi-
10 zations, including student preparation for and
11 participation in technical skills competitions
12 aligned with career and technical education pro-
13 gram standards and curriculum;

14 “(P) making all forms of instructional con-
15 tent widely available, which may include use of
16 open educational resources;

17 “(Q) supporting the integration of arts and
18 design skills, when appropriate, into career and
19 technical education programs and programs of
20 study;

21 “(R) where appropriate, expanding oppor-
22 tunities for CTE concentrators to participate in
23 accelerated learning programs (described in sec-
24 tion 4104(b)(3)(A)(i)(IV) of the Elementary
25 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 7114(b)(3)(A)(i)(IV)) as part of a pro-
2 gram of study; and

3 “(S) other activities to improve career and
4 technical education programs; and

5 “(6) develop and implement evaluations of the
6 activities carried out with funds under this part, in-
7 cluding evaluations necessary to complete the com-
8 prehensive needs assessment required under section
9 134(c) and the local report required under section
10 113(b)(4)(C).

11 “(c) POOLING FUNDS.—An eligible recipient may
12 pool a portion of funds received under this Act with a por-
13 tion of funds received under this Act available to not less
14 than one other eligible recipient to support implementation
15 of programs of study through the activities described in
16 subsection (b)(2).

17 “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Each eligible recipi-
18 ent receiving funds under this part shall not use more than
19 5 percent of such funds for costs associated with the ad-
20 ministration of activities under this section.”

21 **TITLE II—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

22 **SEC. 201. FEDERAL AND STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROVI-** 23 **SIONS.**

24 The Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) is amended—

25 (1) in section 311(b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
3 read as follows:

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
5 subparagraph (B), (C), or (D), in order for a
6 State to receive its full allotment of funds under
7 this Act for any fiscal year, the Secretary must
8 find that the State’s fiscal effort per student, or
9 the aggregate expenditures of such State, with
10 respect to career and technical education for
11 the preceding fiscal year was not less than the
12 fiscal effort per student, or the aggregate ex-
13 penditures of such State, for the second pre-
14 ceding fiscal year.”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
16 “shall exclude capital expenditures, special
17 1-time project costs, and the cost of pilot
18 programs.” and inserting “shall, at the re-
19 quest of the State, exclude competitive or
20 incentive-based programs established by
21 the State, capital expenditures, special one-
22 time project costs, and the cost of pilot
23 programs.”; and

24 (iii) by adding after subparagraph
25 (C), the following new subparagraph:

1 “(D) ESTABLISHING THE STATE BASE-
2 LINE.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
4 subparagraph (A), the State may—

5 “(I) continue to use the State’s
6 fiscal effort per student, or aggregate
7 expenditures of such State, with re-
8 spect to career and technical edu-
9 cation, as was in effect on the day be-
10 fore the date of enactment of the
11 Strengthening Career and Technical
12 Education for the 21st Century Act;
13 or

14 “(II) establish a new level of fis-
15 cal effort per student, or aggregate
16 expenditures of such State, with re-
17 spect to career and technical edu-
18 cation, which is not less than 90 per-
19 cent of the State’s fiscal effort per
20 student, or the aggregate expenditures
21 of such State, with respect to career
22 and technical education for the pre-
23 ceding fiscal year.

24 “(ii) AMOUNT.—The amount of the
25 new level described in clause (i)(II) shall

1 be the State’s fiscal effort per student, or
2 aggregate expenditures of such State, with
3 respect to career and technical education,
4 for the first full fiscal year following the
5 enactment of the Strengthening Career
6 and Technical Education for the 21st Cen-
7 tury Act.”; and

8 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(2) FAILURE TO MEET.—The Secretary shall
11 reduce the amount of a State’s allotment of funds
12 under this Act for any fiscal year in the exact pro-
13 portion by which the State fails to meet the require-
14 ment of paragraph (1) by falling below the State’s
15 fiscal effort per student or the State’s aggregate ex-
16 penditures (using the measure most favorable to the
17 State), if the State failed to meet such requirement
18 (as determined using the measure most favorable to
19 the State) for 1 or more of the 5 immediately pre-
20 ceding fiscal years.

21 “(3) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive para-
22 graph (2) due to exceptional or uncontrollable cir-
23 cumstances affecting the ability of the State to meet
24 the requirement of paragraph (1).”;

25 (2) in section 317(b)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “may, upon written re-
2 quest, use funds made available under this Act
3 to” and inserting “may use funds made avail-
4 able under this Act to”; and

5 (B) by striking “who reside in the geo-
6 graphical area served by” and inserting “lo-
7 cated in or near the geographical area served
8 by”;

9 (3) by striking title II and redesignating title
10 III as title II;

11 (4) by redesignating sections 311 through 318
12 as sections 211 through 218, respectively;

13 (5) by redesignating sections 321 through 324
14 as sections 221 through 224, respectively; and

15 (6) by inserting after section 218 (as so redес-
16 igned) the following:

17 **“SEC. 219. STUDY ON PROGRAMS OF STUDY ALIGNED TO**
18 **HIGH-SKILL, HIGH-WAGE OCCUPATIONS.**

19 “(a) SCOPE OF STUDY.—The Comptroller General of
20 the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate—

21 “(1) the strategies, components, policies, and
22 practices used by eligible agencies or eligible recipi-
23 ents receiving funding under this Act to successfully
24 assist—

1 “(A) all students in pursuing and com-
2 pleting programs of study aligned to high-skill,
3 high-wage occupations; and

4 “(B) any specific subgroup of students
5 identified in section 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii) of the El-
6 ementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
7 (20 U.S.C. 6311(h)(1)(C)(ii)) in pursuing and
8 completing programs of study aligned to high-
9 skill, high-wage occupations in fields in which
10 such subgroup is underrepresented; and

11 “(2) any challenges associated with replication
12 of such strategies, components, policies, and prac-
13 tices.

14 “(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the study con-
15 ducted under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of
16 the United States shall consult with a geographically di-
17 verse (including urban, suburban, and rural) representa-
18 tion of—

19 “(1) students and parents;

20 “(2) eligible agencies and eligible recipients;

21 “(3) teachers, faculty, specialized instructional
22 support personnel, and paraprofessionals, including
23 those with expertise in preparing CTE students for
24 nontraditional fields;

25 “(4) special populations; and

1 “(5) representatives of business and industry.

2 “(c) SUBMISSION.—Upon completion, the Comp-
3 troller General of the United States shall submit the study
4 conducted under subsection (a) to the Committee on Edu-
5 cation and the Workforce of the House of Representatives
6 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
7 Pensions of the Senate.”.

8 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**
9 **THE WAGNER-PEYSER ACT**

10 **SEC. 301. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.**

11 Section 15(e)(2) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29
12 U.S.C. 491–2(e)(2)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
14 the following:

15 “(B) consult with eligible agencies (defined
16 in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and
17 Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.
18 2302)), State educational agencies, and local
19 educational agencies concerning the provision of
20 workforce and labor market information in
21 order to—

22 “(i) meet the needs of secondary
23 school and postsecondary school students
24 who seek such information; and

1 “(ii) annually inform the development
2 and implementation of programs of study
3 defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins
4 Career and Technical Education Act of
5 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302), and career path-
6 ways;”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (3) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
12 lowing new subparagraph:

13 “(I) provide, on an annual and timely basis
14 to each eligible agency (defined in section 3 of
15 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-
16 cation Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302)), the data
17 and information described in subparagraphs (A)
18 and (B) of subsection (a)(1).”.

