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To allow the Secretary of Transportation to provide grants to retrain transportation workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. BARTON, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. ELLISON, and Mr. CAPUANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Work-
5 force Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION WORKER RETRAINING GRANT**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-

1 portation may make grants under this section to institu-
2 tions of higher education, a consortium of such institu-
3 tions to establish curriculum for a transportation worker
4 retraining program, or trade associations and other non-
5 governmental stakeholders.

6 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of each
7 grant recipient or consortium of recipients shall include
8 developing a curriculum to establish a transportation
9 worker retraining program aimed at training and pre-
10 paring workers who have been separated from their jobs
11 for a period determined by the Secretary or have received
12 notice of impending job loss as a result of being replaced
13 by automated driving systems of SAE (Society of Auto-
14 motive Engineers) level 4 or higher. Individuals who apply
15 and are accepted to a transportation worker retraining
16 program shall pursue a degree or certification through the
17 developed coursework or curriculum. Grant recipients may
18 use funds for studies, pilot programs, as well as testing
19 new roles for current jobs, including mechanical work, di-
20 agnostic, and fleet operations management.

21 (c) GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary
22 shall select recipients of grants under this subsection on
23 the basis of the following criteria:

1 (1) The demonstrated research and extension
2 resources available to a grant recipient for carrying
3 out this section.

4 (2) The capability of a grant recipient to de-
5 velop curriculum in the training or retraining of in-
6 dividuals described in subsection (b) as a result of
7 driverless vehicles.

8 (3) A grant recipient shall have an established
9 transportation program or programs with expertise
10 in solving transportation problems through research,
11 training, education, and technology and sharing such
12 information with other programs.

13 (4) The demonstrated commitment of the re-
14 cipient to carry out a transportation workforce de-
15 velopment program through degree-granting pro-
16 grams or programs that provide other industry-rec-
17 ognized credentials.

18 (d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of a grant
19 under this section shall be a dollar for dollar match of
20 the costs of establishing and administering the retraining
21 program and related activities carried out by the grant
22 recipient or consortium of grant recipients.

23 (e) TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall submit to
24 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of

1 the House of Representatives a report describing the over-
2 all review process under paragraph (3) that includes—

3 (1) specific criteria of evaluation used in the re-
4 view;

5 (2) descriptions of the review process; and

6 (3) explanations of why recipients were selected.

7 (f) TRACKING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—Not
8 later than 1 year after grant awards are made under this
9 section, the Secretary shall implement a reporting or
10 tracking mechanism to determine—

11 (1) from which sectors of industry are displaced
12 transportation workers coming from;

13 (2) what skills and professions are participants
14 being retrained for;

15 (3) how many workers have used the program;
16 and

17 (4) relevant demographic information.

18 (g) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
19 LEARNING.—For purposes of this Act the term “institu-
20 tion of higher education” has the same meaning given the
21 term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
22 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

23 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
25 appropriated \$25,000,000 to be used in fiscal years

1 2020, 2021, and 2022 to carry out this section.
2 Each recipient may receive a one-time grant in an
3 amount determined by the Secretary of Transpor-
4 tation.

5 (2) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF
6 AMOUNTS.—Amounts made available to the Sec-
7 retary to carry out this section shall remain avail-
8 able for obligation by the Secretary for a period of
9 3 years after the last day of the fiscal year for which
10 the amounts are authorized.

11 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.**

12 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall conduct a study
14 and report to Congress regarding the impact of driverless
15 vehicle adoption—

16 (1) on the Nation’s workforce;

17 (2) on the trucking, freight movement, and per-
18 sonal transportation industries;

19 (3) on lost wages;

20 (4) on job loss, including the economic impact
21 on each region of the United States; and

22 (5) on the creation of new jobs and how such
23 transportation sector jobs would change.

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