115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2353

AN ACT

To reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

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

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.
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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.

- 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. 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.
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"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

1	(B) by inserting "and programs of study"
2	after "technical education programs";
3	(2) in paragraph (3), by striking ", including
4	tech prep education"; and
5	(3) in paragraph (4), by inserting "and pro-
6	grams of study" after "technical education pro-
7	grams''.
8	SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.
9	Section 3 (20 U.S.C. 2302) is amended—
10	(1) by striking paragraphs (16), (23), (24),
11	(25), (26), and (32);
12	(2) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), (10),
13	(11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (17), (18), (19), (20),
14	(21), (22) , (27) , (28) , (29) , (30) , (31) , (33) , and
15	(34) as paragraphs (9), (10), (13), (16), (17), (19),
16	(20), (23), (25), (27), (28), (30), (32), (35), (39),
17	(40), (41), (44), (45), (46), and (47), respectively;
18	(3) in paragraph (3)—
19	(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking "5
20	different occupational fields to individuals" and
21	inserting "three different fields, especially in in-
22	demand industry sectors or occupations, that
23	are available to all students"; and
24	(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking "not
25	fewer than 5 different occupational fields" and

1	inserting "not fewer than three different occu-
2	pational fields";
3	(4) in paragraph (5)—
4	(A) in subparagraph (A)—
5	(i) in clause (i)—
6	(I) by striking "coherent and rig-
7	orous content aligned with challenging
8	academic standards" and inserting
9	"content at the secondary level
10	aligned with the challenging State
11	academic standards adopted by a
12	State under section 1111(b)(1) of the
13	Elementary and Secondary Education
14	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)),
15	and at the postsecondary level with
16	the rigorous academic content,";
17	(II) by striking "and skills" and
18	inserting "and skills,"; and
19	(III) by inserting ", including in
20	in-demand industry sectors or occupa-
21	tions" before the semicolon at the
22	end;
23	(ii) in clause (ii), by striking ", an in-
24	dustry-recognized credential, a certificate,
25	or an associate degree" and inserting "or

1	a recognized postsecondary credential,
2	which may include an industry-recognized
3	credential"; and
4	(iii) in clause (iii), by striking "and"
5	at the end;
6	(B) in subparagraph (B)—
7	(i) by inserting ", work-based, or
8	other" after "competency-based";
9	(ii) by striking "contributes to the"
10	and inserting "supports the development
11	of";
12	(iii) by striking the period at the end
13	and inserting a semicolon; and
14	(iv) by striking "general"; and
15	(C) by adding at the end the following:
16	"(C) to the extent practicable, coordinate
17	between secondary and postsecondary education
18	programs, which may include early college pro-
19	grams with articulation agreements, dual or
20	concurrent enrollment program opportunities,
21	or programs of study; and
22	"(D) may include career exploration at the
23	high school level or as early as the middle
24	grades (as such term is defined in section 8101

1	of the Elementary and Secondary Education
2	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).";
3	(5) in paragraph (7)—
4	(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "(and
5	parents, as appropriate)" and inserting "(and,
6	as appropriate, parents and out-of-school
7	youth)"; and
8	(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "fi-
9	nancial aid," and all that follows through the
10	period at the end and inserting "financial aid,
11	job training, secondary and postsecondary op-
12	tions (including baccalaureate degree pro-
13	grams), dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
14	grams, work-based learning opportunities, and
15	support services.";
16	(6) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
17	lowing:
18	"(8) Career pathways.—The term 'career
19	pathways' has the meaning given the term in section
20	3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
21	(29 U.S.C. 3102).";
22	(7) by inserting after paragraph (10) (as so re-
23	designated by paragraph (2)) the following:
24	"(11) CTE CONCENTRATOR.—The term 'CTE
25	concentrator' means—

1	"(A) at the secondary school level, a stu-
2	dent served by an eligible recipient who has—
3	"(i) completed three or more career
4	and technical education courses; or
5	"(ii) completed at least two courses in
6	a single career and technical education
7	program or program of study; or
8	"(B) at the postsecondary level, a student
9	enrolled in an eligible recipient who has—
10	"(i) earned at least 12 cumulative
11	credits within a career and technical edu-
12	cation program or program of study; or
13	"(ii) completed such a program if the
14	program encompasses fewer than 12 cred-
15	its or the equivalent in total.
16	"(12) CTE PARTICIPANT.—The term 'CTE
17	participant' means an individual who completes not
18	less than one course or earns not less than one cred-
19	it in a career and technical education program or
20	program of study of an eligible recipient.";
21	(8) by inserting after paragraph (13) (as so re-
22	designated by paragraph (2)) the following:
23	"(14) Dual or concurrent enrollment.—
24	The term 'dual or concurrent enrollment' has the
25	meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Ele-

1	mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
2	U.S.C. 7801).
3	"(15) Early college high school.—The
4	term 'early college high school' has the meaning
5	given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary
6	and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7	7801).'';
8	(9) by inserting after paragraph (17) (as so re-
9	designated by paragraph (2)) the following:
10	"(18) Eligible entity.—The term 'eligible
11	entity' means a consortium that—
12	"(A) shall include at least two of the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"(i) a local educational agency;
15	"(ii) an educational service agency;
16	"(iii) an eligible institution;
17	"(iv) an area career and technical
18	education school;
19	"(v) a State educational agency; or
20	"(vi) the Bureau of Indian Education;
21	"(B) may include a regional, State, or local
22	public or private organization, including a com-
23	munity-based organization, one or more employ-
24	ers, or a qualified intermediary; and

1	"(C) is led by an entity or partnership of
2	entities described in subparagraph (A).";
3	(10) by amending paragraph (19) (as so redes-
4	ignated by paragraph (2)) to read as follows:
5	"(19) Eligible institution.—The term 'eli-
6	gible institution' means—
7	"(A) a consortium of two or more of the
8	entities described in subparagraphs (B) through
9	(F);
10	"(B) a public or nonprofit private institu-
11	tion of higher education that offers and will use
12	funds provided under this title in support of ca-
13	reer and technical education courses that lead
14	to technical skill proficiency, an industry-recog-
15	nized credential, a certificate, or an associate
16	degree;
17	"(C) a local educational agency providing
18	education at the postsecondary level;
19	"(D) an area career and technical edu-
20	cation school providing education at the post-
21	secondary level;
22	"(E) a postsecondary educational institu-
23	tion controlled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs
24	or operated by or on behalf of any Indian tribe
25	that is eligible to contract with the Secretary of

1	the Interior for the administration of programs
2	under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
3	cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.)
4	or the Act of April 16, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 452 et
5	seq.); or
6	"(F) an educational service agency.";
7	(11) by adding after paragraph (20) (as so re-
8	designated by paragraph (2)) the following:
9	"(21) English learner.—The term 'English
10	learner' means—
11	"(A) a secondary school student who is an
12	English learner, as defined in section 8101 of
13	the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
14	of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801); or
15	"(B) an adult or an out-of-school youth
16	who has limited ability in speaking, reading,
17	writing, or understanding the English language
18	and—
19	"(i) whose native language is a lan-
20	guage other than English; or
21	"(ii) who lives in a family environment
22	in which a language other than English is
23	the dominant language.
24	"(22) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term 'evidence-
25	based' has the meaning given the term in section

1	8101(21)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
2	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(21)(A)).";
3	(12) by inserting after paragraph (23) (as so
4	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
5	"(24) In-demand industry sector or occu-
6	PATION.—The term 'in-demand industry sector or
7	occupation' has the meaning given the term in sec-
8	tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
9	Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).";
10	(13) by inserting after paragraph (25) (as so
11	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
12	"(26) Industry or sector partnership.—
13	The term 'industry or sector partnership' has the
14	meaning given the term in section 3 of the Work-
15	force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
16	3102).";
17	(14) by inserting after paragraph (28) (as so
18	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
19	"(29) Local workforce development
20	BOARD.—The term 'local workforce development
21	board' means a local workforce development board
22	established under section 107 of the Workforce In-
23	novation and Opportunity Act.";
24	(15) by inserting after paragraph (30) (as so
25	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:

1	"(31) Out-of-school youth.—The term 'out-
2	of-school youth' has the meaning given the term in
3	section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
4	tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).";
5	(16) by inserting after paragraph (32) (as so
6	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
7	"(33) Paraprofessional.—The term 'para-
8	professional' has the meaning given the term in sec-
9	tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
10	cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
11	"(34) Pay for success initiative.—The
12	term 'pay for success initiative' has the meaning
13	given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary
14	and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
15	7801), except that such term does not include an
16	initiative that—
17	"(A) reduces the special education or re-
18	lated services that a student would otherwise
19	receive under the Individuals with Disabilities
20	Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.); or
21	"(B) otherwise reduces the rights of a stu-
22	dent or the obligations of an entity under the
23	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20
24	U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of
25	1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), the Americans

1	with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101
2	et seq.), or any other law.";
3	(17) by inserting after paragraph (35) (as so
4	redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following:
5	"(36) Program of Study.—The term 'pro-
6	gram of study' means a coordinated, nonduplicative
7	sequence of secondary and postsecondary academic
8	and technical content that—
9	"(A) incorporates challenging State aca-
10	demic standards, including those adopted by a
11	State under section 1111(b)(1) of the Elemen-
12	tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
13	U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)), that—
14	"(i) address both academic and tech-
15	nical knowledge and skills, including em-
16	ployability skills; and
17	"(ii) are aligned with the needs of in-
18	dustries in the economy of the State, re-
19	gion, or local area;
20	"(B) progresses in specificity (beginning
21	with all aspects of an industry or career cluster
22	and leading to more occupational specific in-
23	struction);
24	"(C) has multiple entry and exit points
25	that incorporate credentialing; and

1	"(D) culminates in the attainment of a
2	recognized postsecondary credential.
3	"(37) Qualified intermediary.—The term
4	'qualified intermediary' means a non-profit entity
5	that demonstrates expertise to build, connect, sus-
6	tain, and measure partnerships with entities such as
7	employers, schools, community-based organizations
8	postsecondary institutions, social service organiza-
9	tions, economic development organizations, and
10	workforce systems to broker services, resources, and
11	supports to youth and the organizations and systems
12	that are designed to serve youth, including—
13	"(A) connecting employers to classrooms;
14	"(B) assisting in the design and implemen-
15	tation of career and technical education pro-
16	grams and programs of study;
17	"(C) delivering professional development;
18	"(D) connecting students to internships
19	and other work-based learning opportunities
20	and
21	"(E) developing personalized student sup-
22	ports.
23	"(38) Recognized Postsecondary Creden-
24	TIAL.—The term 'recognized postsecondary creden-
25	tial' has the meaning given the term in section 3 of

1	the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
2	U.S.C. 3102).";
3	(18) in paragraph (41) (as so redesignated by
4	paragraph (2))—
5	(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking "fos-
6	ter children" and inserting "youth who are in
7	or have aged out of the foster care system";
8	(B) in subparagraph (E), by striking
9	"and" at the end;
10	(C) in subparagraph (F), by striking "indi-
11	viduals with limited English proficiency." and
12	inserting "English learners;"; and
13	(D) by adding at the end the following:
14	"(G) homeless individuals described in sec-
15	tion 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
16	sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a); and
17	"(H) youth with a parent who—
18	"(i) is a member of the armed forces
19	(as such term is defined in section
20	101(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code);
21	and
22	"(ii) is on active duty (as such term
23	is defined in section $101(d)(1)$ of such
24	title).";

1 (19) by inserting after paragraph (41) (as so 2 redesignated by paragraph (2)) the following: 3 "(42) Specialized instructional support 4 PERSONNEL.—The term 'specialized instructional 5 support personnel' has the meaning given the term 6 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary 7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801). 8 "(43) Specialized instructional support 9 SERVICES.—The term 'specialized instructional sup-10 port services' has the meaning given the term in sec-11 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-12 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)."; 13 (20) in paragraph (45) (as so redesignated by 14 paragraph (2)) by inserting "(including paraprofes-15 sionals and specialized instructional support personnel)" after "supportive personnel"; and 16 17 (21) by adding at the end the following: 18 "(48) Universal design for learning.— 19 The term 'universal design for learning' has the 20 meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Ele-21 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 22 U.S.C. 7801). 23 "(49) WORK-BASED LEARNING.—The 24 'work-based learning' means sustained interactions 25 with industry or community professionals in real

1 workplace settings, to the extent practicable, or sim-2 ulated environments at an educational institution 3 that foster in-depth, first-hand engagement with the 4 tasks required of a given career field, that are 5 aligned to curriculum and instruction.". 6 SEC. 8. TRANSITION PROVISIONS. 7 Section 4 (20 U.S.C. 2303) is amended— 8 (1) by striking "the Secretary determines to be 9 appropriate" and inserting "are necessary"; 10 (2) by striking "Carl D. Perkins Career and 11 Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006" 12 each place it appears and inserting "Strengthening 13 Career and Technical Education for the 21st Cen-14 tury Act"; and (3) by striking "1998" and inserting "2006". 15 16 SEC. 9. PROHIBITIONS. 17 Section 8 (20 U.S.C. 2306a) is amended— 18 (1) in subsection (a), by striking "Federal Gov-19 ernment to mandate," and all that follows through 20 the period at the end and inserting "Federal Gov-21 ernment— 22 "(1) to condition or incentivize the receipt of 23 any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, or the 24 receipt of any priority or preference under such 25 grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, upon a State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligible recipient, eligible entity, or school's adoption or implementation of specific instructional content, academic standards and assessments, curricula, or program of instruction (including any condition, priority, or preference to adopt the Common Core State Standards developed under the Common Core State Standards Initiative, any other academic standards common to a significant number of States, or any assessment, instructional content, or curriculum aligned to such standards);

"(2) through grants, contracts, or other cooperative agreements, to mandate, direct, or control a State, local educational agency, eligible agency, eligible recipient, eligible entity, or school's specific instructional content, academic standards and assessments, curricula, or program of instruction (including any requirement, direction, or mandate to adopt the Common Core State Standards developed under the Common Core State Standards Initiative, any other academic standards common to a significant number of States, or any assessment, instructional content, or curriculum aligned to such standards); and

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"(3) except as required under sections 112(b),
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        211(b), and 223—
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                  "(A) to mandate, direct, or control the al-
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             location of State or local resources; or
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                  "(B) to mandate that a State or a political
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             subdivision of a State spend any funds or incur
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             any costs not paid for under this Act."; and
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             (2) by striking subsection (d) and redesignating
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        subsection (e) as subsection (d).
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   SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
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        Section 9 (20 U.S.C. 2307) is amended to read as
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   follows:
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   "SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
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        "There are to be authorized to be appropriated to
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   carry out this Act (other than sections 114 and 117)—
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             "(1) $1,133,002,074 for fiscal year 2018;
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             "(2) $1,148,618,465 for fiscal year 2019;
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             "(3) $1,164,450,099 for fiscal year 2020;
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             "(4) $1,180,499,945 for fiscal year 2021;
             "(5) $1,196,771,008 for fiscal year 2022; and
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             "(6) $1,213,266,339 for fiscal year 2023.".
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1	TITLE I—CAREER AND TECH-
2	NICAL EDUCATION ASSIST-
3	ANCE TO THE STATES
4	PART A—ALLOTMENT AND ALLOCATION
5	SEC. 110. RESERVATIONS AND STATE ALLOTMENT.
6	Paragraph (5) of section 111(a) (20 U.S.C. 2321(a))
7	is amended—
8	(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "No
9	State" and inserting "For each of fiscal years 2018,
10	2019, and 2020, no State';
11	(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
12	paragraph (C);
13	(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A), as
14	amended by paragraph (1), the following:
15	"(B) FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND EACH SUC-
16	CEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—For fiscal year 2021
17	and each of the succeeding fiscal years, no
18	State shall receive an allotment under this sec-
19	tion for a fiscal year that is less than 90 per-
20	cent of the allotment the State received under
21	this section for the preceding fiscal year."; and
22	(4) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by
23	paragraph (2), by striking "subparagraph (A)" and
24	inserting "subparagraph (A) or (B)".

1 SEC. 111. WITHIN STATE ALLOCATION.

2	Section 112 (20 U.S.C. 2322) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection (a)—
4	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "10 per-
5	cent" and inserting "15 percent";
6	(B) in paragraph (2)—
7	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
8	(I) by striking "1 percent" and
9	inserting "2 percent"; and
10	(II) by striking "State correc-
11	tional institutions and institutions"
12	and inserting "State correctional in-
13	stitutions, juvenile justice facilities
14	and educational institutions"; and
15	(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
16	"available for services" and inserting
17	"available to assist eligible recipients in
18	providing services"; and
19	(C) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking "a
20	local plan;" and inserting "local applications;"
21	and
22	(2) in subsection (c), by striking "section 135"
23	and all that follows through the end and inserting
24	"section 135—
25	"(1) in—
26	"(A) rural areas;

1	"(B) areas with high percentages of CTE
2	concentrators or CTE participants; and
3	"(C) areas with high numbers of CTE con-
4	centrators or CTE participants; and
5	"(2) in order to—
6	"(A) foster innovation through the identi-
7	fication and promotion of promising and proven
8	career and technical education programs, prac-
9	tices, and strategies, which may include prac-
10	tices and strategies that prepare individuals for
11	nontraditional fields; or
12	"(B) promote the development, implemen-
13	tation, and adoption of programs of study or
14	career pathways aligned with State-identified
15	in-demand occupations or industries.".
16	SEC. 112. ACCOUNTABILITY.
17	Section 113 (20 U.S.C. 2323) is amended—
18	(1) in subsection (a), by striking "comprised of
19	the activities" and inserting "comprising the activi-
20	ties'';
21	(2) in subsection (b)—
22	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
23	graph (B) and redesignating subparagraph (C)
24	as subparagraph (B);

1	(B) in paragraph (1)(B), as so redesig-
2	nated, by striking ", and State levels of per-
3	formance described in paragraph (3)(B) for
4	each additional indicator of performance"; and
5	(C) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
6	ing the following:
7	"(2) Indicators of Performance.—
8	"(A) Core indicators of performance
9	FOR CTE CONCENTRATORS AT THE SECONDARY
10	LEVEL.—Each eligible agency shall identify in
11	the State plan core indicators of performance
12	for CTE concentrators at the secondary level
13	that are valid and reliable, and that include, at
14	a minimum, measures of each of the following:
15	"(i) The percentage of CTE con-
16	centrators who graduate high school, as
17	measured by—
18	"(I) the four-year adjusted co-
19	hort graduation rate (defined in sec-
20	tion 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
21	ondary Education Act of 1965 (20
22	U.S.C. 7801)); and
23	"(II) at the State's discretion,
24	the extended-year adjusted cohort

1	graduation rate defined in such sec-
2	tion 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
3	"(ii) CTE concentrator attainment of
4	challenging State academic standards
5	adopted by the State under section
6	1111(b)(1) of the Elementary and Sec-
7	ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8	6311(b)(1)), and measured by the aca-
9	demic assessments described in section
10	1111(b)(2) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
11	6311(b)(2)).
12	"(iii) The percentage of CTE con-
13	centrators who, in the second quarter fol-
14	lowing the program year after exiting from
15	secondary education, are in postsecondary
16	education or advanced training, military
17	service, or unsubsidized employment.
18	"(iv) Not less than one indicator of
19	career and technical education program
20	quality that—
21	"(I) shall include, not less than
22	one of the following—
23	"(aa) the percentage of CTE
24	concentrators, as defined in sec-
25	tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating

1	from high school having attained
2	recognized postsecondary creden-
3	tials;
4	"(bb) the percentage of CTE
5	concentrators, as defined in sec-
6	tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating
7	from high school having attained
8	postsecondary credits in the rel-
9	evant career and technical edu-
10	cational program or program of
11	study earned through dual and
12	concurrent enrollment or another
13	credit transfer agreement; or
14	"(cc) the percentage of CTE
15	concentrators, as defined in sec-
16	tion 3(11)(A)(ii), graduating
17	from high school having partici-
18	pated in work-based learning;
19	and
20	"(II) may include any other
21	measure of student success in career
22	and technical education that is state-
23	wide, valid, and reliable.
24	"(v) The percentage of CTE con-
25	centrators, as defined in section

1	3(11)(A)(ii), in career and technical edu-
2	cation programs and programs of study
3	that lead to nontraditional fields.
4	"(B) Core indicators of performance
5	FOR CTE CONCENTRATORS AT THE POSTSEC-
6	ONDARY LEVEL.—Each eligible agency shall
7	identify in the State plan core indicators of per-
8	formance for CTE concentrators at the postsec-
9	ondary level that are valid and reliable, and
10	that include, at a minimum, measures of each
11	of the following:
12	"(i) The percentage of CTE con-
13	centrators, who, during the second quarter
14	after program completion, are in education
15	or training activities, advanced training, or
16	unsubsidized employment.
17	"(ii) The median earnings of CTE
18	concentrators in unsubsidized employment
19	two quarters after program completion.
20	"(iii) The percentage of CTE con-
21	centrators who receive a recognized post-
22	secondary credential during participation
23	in or within 1 year of program completion.
24	"(iv) The percentage of CTE con-
25	centrators in career and technical edu-

1	cation programs and programs of study
2	that lead to nontraditional fields.
3	"(C) ALIGNMENT OF PERFORMANCE INDI-
4	CATORS.—In developing core indicators of per-
5	formance under subparagraphs (A) and (B), an
6	eligible agency shall, to the greatest extent pos-
7	sible, align the indicators so that substantially
8	similar information gathered for other State
9	and Federal programs, or for any other pur-
10	pose, may be used to meet the requirements of
11	this section.";
12	(D) in paragraph (3)—
13	(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
14	read as follows:
15	"(A) STATE ADJUSTED LEVELS OF PER-
16	FORMANCE FOR CORE INDICATORS OF PER-
17	FORMANCE.—
18	"(i) In General.—Each eligible
19	agency, with input from eligible recipients,
20	shall establish and identify in the State
21	plan submitted under section 122, for the
22	first 2 program years covered by the State
23	plan, State levels of performance for each
24	of the core indicators of performance de-
25	scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of

1	paragraph (2) for career and technical
2	education activities authorized under this
3	title. The levels of performance established
4	under this subparagraph shall, at a min-
5	imum—
6	"(I) be expressed in a percentage
7	or numerical form, so as to be objec-
8	tive, quantifiable, and measurable;
9	and
10	"(II) be sufficiently ambitious to
11	allow for meaningful evaluation of
12	program quality.
13	"(ii) State adjusted levels of
14	PERFORMANCE FOR SUBSEQUENT
15	YEARS.—Prior to the third program year
16	covered by the State plan, each eligible
17	agency shall revise the State levels of per-
18	formance for each of the core indicators of
19	performance for the subsequent program
20	years covered by the State plan, taking
21	into account the extent to which such lev-
22	els of performance promote meaningful
23	program improvement on such indicators.
24	The State adjusted levels of performance
25	identified under this clause shall be consid-

1	ered to be the State adjusted levels of per-
2	formance for the State for such years and
3	shall be incorporated into the State plan.
4	"(iii) Reporting.—The eligible agen-
5	cy shall, for each year described in clauses
6	(i) and (iii), publicly report and widely dis-
7	seminate the State levels of performance
8	described in this subparagraph.
9	"(iv) Revisions.—If unanticipated
10	circumstances arise in a State, the eligible
11	agency may revise the State adjusted levels
12	of performance required under this sub-
13	paragraph, and submit such revised levels
14	of performance with evidence supporting
15	the revision and demonstrating public con-
16	sultation, in a manner consistent with the
17	procedure described in subsections (d) and
18	(f) of section 122.";
19	(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
20	inserting the following:
21	"(B) ACTUAL LEVELS OF PERFORM-
22	ANCE.—At the end of each program year, the
23	eligible agency shall determine actual levels of
24	performance on each of the core indicators of
25	performance and publicly report and widely dis-

1	seminate the actual levels of performance de-
2	scribed in this subparagraph."; and
3	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
4	lowing:
5	"(C) Establishment of Levels of Per-
6	FORMANCE.—An eligible agency shall establish
7	State levels of performance under subparagraph
8	(A) in a manner consistent with the procedure
9	adopted by the eligible agency under section
10	122(d)(9)."; and
11	(E) in paragraph (4)—
12	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
13	(I) in clause (i)(I), by striking
14	"consistent with the State levels of
15	performance established under para-
16	graph (3), so as" and inserting "con-
17	sistent with the form expressed in the
18	State levels, so as";
19	(II) by striking clause (i)(II) and
20	inserting the following:
21	"(II) be sufficiently ambitious to
22	allow for meaningful evaluation of
23	program quality.";
24	(III) in clause (iv)—

1	(aa) by striking "third and
2	fifth program years" and insert-
3	ing "third program year"; and
4	(bb) by striking "cor-
5	responding" before "subsequent
6	program years';
7	(IV) in clause (v)—
8	(aa) by striking "and" at
9	the end of subclause (I);
10	(bb) by redesignating sub-
11	clause (II) as subclause (III);
12	(cc) by inserting after sub-
13	clause (I) the following:
14	"(II) local economic conditions;";
15	(dd) in subclause (III), as so
16	redesignated, by striking "pro-
17	mote continuous improvement on
18	the core indicators of perform-
19	ance by the eligible recipient."
20	and inserting "advance the eligi-
21	ble recipient's accomplishments
22	of the goals set forth in the local
23	application; and"; and
24	(ee) by adding at the end
25	the following:

1	"(IV) the eligible recipient's abil-
2	ity and capacity to collect and access
3	valid, reliable, and cost effective
4	data.";
5	(V) in clause (vi), by inserting
6	"or changes occur related to improve-
7	ments in data or measurement ap-
8	proaches," after "factors described in
9	clause (v),"; and
10	(VI) by adding at the end the fol-
11	lowing:
12	"(vii) Reporting.—The eligible re-
13	cipient shall, for each year described in
14	clauses (iii) and (iv), publicly report the
15	local levels of performance described in this
16	subparagraph.";
17	(ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
18	redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
19	paragraph (B); and
20	(iii) in clause (ii)(I) of subparagraph
21	(B), as so redesignated—
22	(I) by striking "section
23	1111(h)(1)(C)(i)" and inserting "sec-
24	tion $1111(h)(1)(C)(ii)$ "; and

1	(II) by striking "section 3(29)"
2	and inserting "section 3(40)"; and
3	(3) in subsection (c)—
4	(A) in the heading, by inserting "STATE"
5	before "Report";
6	(B) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking "in-
7	formation on the levels of performance achieved
8	by the State with respect to the additional indi-
9	cators of performance, including the" and in-
10	serting "the"; and
11	(C) in paragraph (2)(A)—
12	(i) by striking "categories" and in-
13	serting "subgroups";
14	(ii) by striking "section
15	1111(h)(1)(C)(i)" and inserting "section
16	1111(h)(1)(C)(ii)"; and
17	(iii) by striking "section 3(29)" and
18	inserting "section 3(40)".
19	SEC. 113. NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
20	Section 114 (20 U.S.C. 2324) is amended—
21	(1) in subsection (a)—
22	(A) in paragraph (1)—
23	(i) by striking "The Secretary shall"
24	the first place it appears and inserting
25	"The Secretary shall, in consultation with

1	the Director of the Institute for Education
2	Sciences,"; and
3	(ii) by inserting "from eligible agen-
4	cies under section 113(c)" after "pursuant
5	to this title"; and
6	(B) by striking paragraph (3);
7	(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
8	lows:
9	"(b) Reasonable Cost.—The Secretary shall take
10	such action as may be necessary to secure at reasonable
11	cost the information required by this title. To ensure rea-
12	sonable cost, the Secretary, in consultation with the Na-
13	tional Center for Education Statistics and the Office of
14	Career, Technical, and Adult Education shall determine
15	the methodology to be used and the frequency with which
16	such information is to be collected.";
17	(3) in subsection (e)—
18	(A) in paragraph (1)—
19	(i) by striking "may" and inserting
20	"shall";
21	(ii) by striking ", directly or through
22	grants, contracts, or cooperative agree-
23	ments," and inserting "directly or through
24	grants'; and

1	(iii) by striking "and assessment";
2	and
3	(B) in paragraph (2)—
4	(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
5	", acting through the Director of the Insti-
6	tute for Education Sciences," after "de-
7	scribe how the Secretary"; and
8	(ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting
9	", in consultation with the Director of the
10	Institute for Education Sciences," after
11	"the Secretary";
12	(4) in subsection (d)—
13	(A) in paragraph (1)—
14	(i) in subparagraph (A)—
15	(I) by inserting ", acting through
16	the Director of the Institute for Edu-
17	cation Sciences," after "The Sec-
18	retary";
19	(II) by inserting "and the plan
20	developed under subsection (c)" after
21	"described in paragraph (2)"; and
22	(III) by striking "assessment"
23	each place such term appears and in-
24	serting "evaluation"; and
25	(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

1	(I) in clause (v), by striking ";
2	and" and inserting a semicolon;
3	(II) in clause (vi), by striking the
4	period at the end and inserting ",
5	which may include individuals with ex-
6	pertise in addressing inequities in ac-
7	cess to, and in opportunities for aca-
8	demic and technical skill attainment;
9	and"; and
10	(III) by adding at the end the
11	following:
12	"(vii) representatives of special popu-
13	lations.";
14	(B) in paragraph (2)—
15	(i) in the heading, by striking "AND
16	ASSESSMENT";
17	(ii) in subparagraph (A)—
18	(I) by inserting ", acting through
19	the Director of the Institute for Edu-
20	cation Sciences," after "the Sec-
21	retary";
22	(II) by striking "an independent
23	evaluation and assessment" and in-
24	serting "a series of research and eval-
25	uation initiatives for each year for

1	which funds are appropriated to carry
2	out this Act, which are aligned with
3	the plan in subsection (c)(2),";
4	(III) by striking "Carl D. Per-
5	kins Career and Technical Education
6	Improvement Act of 2006" and in-
7	serting "Strengthening Career and
8	Technical Education for the 21st Cen-
9	tury Act";
10	(IV) by striking ", contracts, and
11	cooperative agreements that are" and
12	inserting "to institutions of higher
13	education or a consortia of one or
14	more institutions of higher education
15	and one or more private nonprofit or-
16	ganizations or agencies"; and
17	(V) by adding at the end the fol-
18	lowing: "Such evaluation shall, when-
19	ever possible, use the most recent
20	data available."; and
21	(iii) by amending subparagraph (B) to
22	read as follows:
23	"(B) Contents.—The evaluation required
24	under subparagraph (A) shall include descrip-
25	tions and evaluations of—

1 "(i) the extent and success of the inte-2 gration of challenging State academic 3 standards adopted under 1111(b)(1) of the 4 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) and career 6 and technical education for students par-7 ticipating in career and technical education 8 programs, including a review of the effect 9 of such integration on the academic and technical proficiency achievement of such 10 11 students (including the number of such 12 students that receive a regular high school 13 diploma, as such term is defined under sec-14 tion 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-15 ondary Education Act of 1965 or a State-16 defined alternative diploma described in 17 section 8101(25)(A)(ii)(I)(bb) of such Act 18 (20 U.S.C. 7801(25)(A)(ii)(I)(bb)));19 "(ii) the extent to which career and 20 technical education programs and pro-21 grams of study prepare students, including 22 special populations, for subsequent employ-23

ment in high-skill, high-wage occupations

(including those in which mathematics and

computer

which may include

science.

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1	science, skills are critical), or for participa-
2	tion in postsecondary education;
3	"(iii) employer involvement in, benefit
4	from, and satisfaction with, career and
5	technical education programs and pro-
6	grams of study and career and technical
7	education students' preparation for em-
8	ployment;
9	"(iv) efforts to expand access to ca-
10	reer and technical education programs of
11	study for all students;
12	"(v) innovative approaches to work-
13	based learning programs that increase par-
14	ticipation and alignment with employment
15	in high-growth industries, including in
16	rural and low-income areas;
17	"(vi) the extent to which career and
18	technical education programs supported by
19	this Act are grounded on evidence-based
20	research;
21	"(vii) the impact of the amendments
22	to this Act made under the Strengthening
23	Career and Technical Education for the
24	21st Century Act, including comparisons,
25	where appropriate, of—

1 "(I) the use of the comprehens
2 needs assessment under sect
3 134(b);
4 "(II) the implementation of p
5 grams of study; and
6 "(III) coordination of planns
7 and program delivery with other i
8 evant laws, including the Workfo
9 Innovation and Opportunity Act (
U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and the Eleme
tary and Secondary Education Act
1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.);
"(viii) changes in career and techni
education program accountability as
scribed in section 113 and any effects
such changes on program delivery and p
gram quality; and
18 "(ix) changes in student enrollme
19 patterns."; and
20 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—
21 (I) in clause (i)—
(aa) by inserting ", in co
sultation with the Director of
Institute for Educat
Sciences," after "The Secretary

1	(bb) in subclause (I)—
2	(AA) by striking "as-
3	sessment" and inserting
4	"evaluation and summary of
5	research activities carried
6	out under this section"; and
7	(BB) by striking
8	"2010" and inserting
9	"2021"; and
10	(cc) in subclause (II)—
11	(AA) by striking "as-
12	sessment" and inserting
13	"evaluation and summary of
14	research activities carried
15	out under this section"; and
16	(BB) by striking
17	"2011" and inserting
18	"2023"; and
19	(II) by adding after clause (ii)
20	the following:
21	"(iii) Dissemination.—In addition to
22	submitting the reports required under
23	clause (i), the Secretary shall disseminate
24	the results of the evaluation widely and on
25	a timely basis in order to increase the un-

1	derstanding among State and local officials
2	and educators of the effectiveness of pro-
3	grams and activities supported under the
4	Act and of the career and technical edu-
5	cation programs that are most likely to
6	produce positive educational and employ-
7	ment outcomes."; and
8	(C) by striking paragraphs (3), (4), and
9	(5) and inserting the following:
10	"(3) Innovation.—
11	"(A) Grant Program.—To identify and
12	support evidence-based and innovative strate-
13	gies and activities to improve career and tech-
14	nical education and align workforce skills with
15	labor market needs as part of the plan devel-
16	oped under subsection (c) and the requirements
17	of this subsection, the Secretary may award
18	grants to eligible entities to—
19	"(i) create, develop, implement, or
20	take to scale evidence-based, field initiated
21	innovations, including through a pay for
22	success initiative, to improve student out-
23	comes in career and technical education;
24	and

1	"(ii) rigorously evaluate such innova-
2	tions.
3	"(B) Matching funds.—
4	"(i) Matching funds required.—
5	Except as provided under clause (ii), to re-
6	ceive a grant under this paragraph, an eli-
7	gible entity shall, through cash or in-kind
8	contributions, provide matching funds from
9	public or private sources in an amount
10	equal to at least 50 percent of the funds
11	provided under such grant.
12	"(ii) Exception.—The Secretary
13	may waive the matching fund requirement
14	under clause (i) if the eligible entity dem-
15	onstrates exceptional circumstances.
16	"(C) Application.—To receive a grant
17	under this paragraph, an eligible entity shall
18	submit to the Secretary at such a time as the
19	Secretary may require, an application that—
20	"(i) identifies and designates the
21	agency, institution, or school responsible
22	for the administration and supervision of
23	the program assisted under this paragraph;

1	"(ii) identifies the source and amount
2	of the matching funds required under sub-
3	paragraph (B)(i);
4	"(iii) describes how the eligible entity
5	will use the grant funds, including how
6	such funds will directly benefit students,
7	including special populations, served by the
8	eligible entity;
9	"(iv) describes how the program as-
10	sisted under this paragraph will be coordi-
11	nated with the activities carried out under
12	section 124 or 135;
13	"(v) describes how the program as-
14	sisted under this paragraph aligns with the
15	single plan described in subsection (c); and
16	"(vi) describes how the program as-
17	sisted under this paragraph will be evalu-
18	ated and how that evaluation may inform
19	the report described in subsection
20	(d)(2)(C).
21	"(D) Priority.—In awarding grants
22	under this paragraph, the Secretary shall give
23	priority to applications from eligible entities
24	that will predominantly serve students from
25	low-income families.

1	"(E) Geographic diversity.—
2	"(i) In General.—In awarding
3	grants under this paragraph, the Secretary
4	shall award no less than 25 percent of the
5	total available funds for any fiscal year to
6	eligible entities proposing to fund career
7	and technical education activities that
8	serve—
9	"(I) a local educational agency
10	with an urban-centric district locale
11	code of 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43, as de-
12	termined by the Secretary;
13	"(II) an institution of higher
14	education primarily serving the one or
15	more areas served by such a local edu-
16	cational agency;
17	"(III) a consortium of such local
18	educational agencies or such institu-
19	tions of higher education;
20	"(IV) a partnership between—
21	"(aa) an educational service
22	agency or a nonprofit organiza-
23	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 rede-
3	signing 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-
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9	eation 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;

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"(4) $7,838,677 for fiscal year 2021;
 1
             "(5) $7,946,719 for fiscal year 2022; and
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 3
             "(6) $8,056,251 for fiscal year 2023.".
   SEC. 114. ASSISTANCE FOR THE OUTLYING AREAS.
 5
        Section 115 (20 U.S.C. 2325) is amended—
             (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking "subject to
 6
        subsection (d)" and inserting "subject to subsection
 7
 8
        (b)";
 9
             (2) by striking subsections (b) and (c); and
             (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
10
        section (b).
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   SEC. 115. TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY CA-
13
                REER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.
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        Section 117(i) (20 U.S.C. 2327(i)) is amended to
15
   read as follows:
16
        "(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
   are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-
18
   tion—
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             "(1) $8,400,208 for fiscal year 2018;
             "(2) $8,515,989 for fiscal year 2019;
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             "(3) $8,633,367 for fiscal year 2020;
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             "(4) $8,752,362 for fiscal year 2021;
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             "(5) $8,872,998 for fiscal year 2022; and
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             "(6) $8,995,296 for fiscal year 2023.".
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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	serting "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, dual and concurrent
5	enrollment opportunities, and guidance and
6	advisement resources, available to students
7	and parents;
8	"(ii) ensure nonduplication of eligible
9	recipients' development of programs of
10	study and career pathways;
11	"(iii) determine alignment of eligible
12	recipients' programs of study to the State,
13	regional or local economy, including in-de-
14	mand fields and occupations identified by
15	the State workforce development board as
16	appropriate;
17	"(iv) provide equal access to activities
18	assisted under this Act for special popu-
19	lations;
20	"(v) coordinate with the State work-
21	force board to support the local develop-
22	ment of career pathways and articulate
23	processes by which career pathways will be
24	developed by local workforce development
25	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, which may include the develop-
8	ment of articulation agreements described
9	in section $124(b)(3)$; and
10	"(viii) improve outcomes for CTE con-
11	centrators, including those who are mem-
12	bers of special populations;
13	"(5) a description of the criteria and process
14	for how the eligible agency will approve eligible re-
15	cipients for funds under this Act, including how—
16	"(A) each eligible recipient will promote
17	academic achievement;
18	"(B) each eligible recipient will promote
19	skill attainment, including skill attainment that
20	leads to a recognized postsecondary credential;
21	and
22	"(C) each eligible recipient will ensure the
23	local needs assessment under section 134 takes
24	into consideration local economic and education

1	needs, including where appropriate, in-demand
2	industry sectors and occupations;
3	"(6) a description of how the eligible agency
4	will support the recruitment and preparation of
5	teachers, including special education teachers, fac-
6	ulty, administrators, specialized instructional sup-
7	port personnel, and paraprofessionals to provide ca-
8	reer and technical education instruction, leadership,
9	and support;
10	"(7) a description of how the eligible agency
11	will use State leadership funding to meet the re-
12	quirements of section 124(b);
13	"(8) a description of how funds received by the
14	eligible agency through the allotment made under
15	section 111 will be distributed—
16	"(A) among career and technical education
17	at the secondary level, or career and technical
18	education at the postsecondary and adult level,
19	or both, including how such distribution will
20	most effectively provide students with the skills
21	needed to succeed in the workplace; and
22	"(B) among any consortia that may be
23	formed among secondary schools and eligible in-
24	stitutions, and how funds will be distributed
25	among the members of the consortia, including

1	the rationale for such distribution and how it
2	will most effectively provide students with the
3	skills needed to succeed in the workplace;
4	"(9) a description of the procedure the eligible
5	agency will adopt for determining State adjusted lev-
6	els of performance described in section 113, which at
7	a minimum shall include—
8	"(A) consultation with stakeholders identi-
9	fied in paragraph (1);
10	"(B) opportunities for the public to com-
11	ment in person and in writing on the State ad-
12	justed levels of performance included in the
13	State plan; and
14	"(C) submission of public comment on
15	State adjusted levels of performance as part of
16	the State plan; and
17	"(10) assurances that—
18	"(A) the eligible agency will comply with
19	the requirements of this Act and the provisions
20	of the State plan, including the provision of a
21	financial audit of funds received under this Act,
22	which may be included as part of an audit of
23	other Federal or State programs;
24	"(B) none of the funds expended under
25	this Act will be used to acquire equipment (in-

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cluding computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the acquiring entity or the employees of the acquiring entity, or any affiliate of such an organization;

- "(C) the eligible agency will use the funds to promote preparation for high-skill, highwage, or in-demand occupations and nontraditional fields, as identified by the State;
- "(D) the eligible agency will use the funds provided under this Act to implement career and technical education programs and programs of study for individuals in State correctional institutions, including juvenile justice facilities; and
- "(E) the eligible agency will provide local educational agencies, area career and technical education schools, and eligible institutions in the State with technical assistance, including technical assistance on how to close gaps in student participation and performance in career and technical education programs.
- 24 "(e) Consultation.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The eligible agency shall 1 2 develop the portion of each State plan relating to the 3 amount and uses of any funds proposed to be re-4 served for adult career and technical education, 5 postsecondary career and technical education, and 6 secondary career and technical education after con-7 sultation with the— "(A) State agency responsible for super-8 9 vision of community colleges, technical insti-

- "(A) State agency responsible for supervision of community colleges, technical institutes, or other 2-year postsecondary institutions primarily engaged in providing postsecondary career and technical education;
- "(B) the State agency responsible for secondary education; and
- "(C) the State agency responsible for adult education.
- "(2) OBJECTIONS OF STATE AGENCIES.—If a State agency other than the eligible agency finds that a portion of the final State plan is objectionable, that objection shall be filed together with the State plan. The eligible agency shall respond to any objections of such State agency in the State plan submitted to the Secretary.
- 24 "(f) Plan Approval.—

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1	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ap-
2	prove a State plan not later than 120 days after its
3	submission to the Secretary unless the Secretary—
4	"(A) determines that the State plan does
5	not meet the requirements of this Act, including
6	the requirements described in section 113; and
7	"(B) meets the requirements of paragraph
8	(2) with respect to such plan.
9	"(2) DISAPPROVAL.—The Secretary shall—
10	"(A) have the authority to disapprove a
11	State plan only if the Secretary—
12	"(i) determines how the State plan
13	fails to meet the requirements of this Act
14	and
15	"(ii) provides to the eligible agency, in
16	writing, notice of such determination and
17	the supporting information and rationale
18	to substantiate such determination; and
19	"(B) not finally disapprove a State plan
20	except after making the determination and pro-
21	viding the information described in subpara-
22	graph (A), and giving the eligible agency notice
23	and an opportunity for a hearing.".
24	SEC. 122. IMPROVEMENT PLANS.
25	Section 123 (20 U.S.C. 2343) is amended—

1	(1) in subsection (a)—
2	(A) in paragraph (1)—
3	(i) by striking "percent of an agreed
4	upon" and inserting "percent of the"; and
5	(ii) by striking "appropriate agen-
6	cies," and inserting "appropriate State
7	agencies,";
8	(B) in paragraph (2)—
9	(i) by striking "purposes of this Act,"
10	and inserting "purposes of this section, in-
11	cluding after implementation of the im-
12	provement plan described in paragraph
13	(1)," and
14	(ii) by striking "work with the eligible
15	agency" and inserting "provide the eligible
16	agency technical assistance"; and
17	(C) in paragraph (3)—
18	(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
19	read as follows:
20	"(A) IN GENERAL.—If the eligible agency
21	fails to make any improvement in meeting any
22	of the State adjusted levels of performance for
23	any of the core indicators of performance iden-
24	tified under paragraph (1) during the first 2
25	vears of implementation of the improvement

1	plan required under paragraph (1), the eligible
2	agency—
3	"(i) shall develop and implement, in
4	consultation with the stakeholders de-
5	scribed in section 122(c)(1)(A), a revised
6	improvement plan (with special consider-
7	ation of performance gaps identified under
8	section $113(c)(2)(B)$) to address the rea-
9	sons for such failure; and
10	"(ii) shall continue to implement such
11	improvement plan until the eligible agency
12	meets at least 90 percent of the State ad-
13	justed level of performance for the same
14	core indicators of performance for which
15	the plan is revised.";
16	(ii) by redesignating subparagraph
17	(B) as subparagraph (C);
18	(iii) by inserting after subparagraph
19	(A), the following:
20	"(B) REVISED PERFORMANCE IMPROVE-
21	MENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary
22	shall provide technical assistance, monitoring
23	and oversight to each eligible agency with a
24	plan revised under subparagraph (A)(i) unti

1	such agency meets the requirements of subpara-
2	graph (A)(ii)."; and
3	(iv) in subparagraph (C), as redesig-
4	nated by clause (ii), by striking "sanction
5	in" and inserting "requirements of"; and
6	(D) by striking paragraph (4);
7	(2) in subsection (b)—
8	(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "the eli-
9	gible agency, appropriate agencies, individuals,
10	and organizations" and inserting "local stake-
11	holders included in section 134(d)(1)";
12	(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "shall
13	work with the eligible recipient to implement
14	improvement activities consistent with the re-
15	quirements of this Act." and inserting "shall
16	provide technical assistance to assist the eligible
17	recipient in meeting its responsibilities under
18	section 134.";
19	(C) in paragraph (4)—
20	(i) by amending subparagraph (A) to
21	read as follows:
22	"(A) IN GENERAL.—If the eligible recipi-
23	ent fails to make any improvement in meeting
24	any of the local adjusted levels of performance
25	for any of the core indicators of performance

1	identified under paragraph (2) during a number
2	of years determined by the eligible agency, the
3	eligible recipient—
4	"(i) shall revise the improvement plan
5	described in paragraph (2) to address the
6	reasons for such failure; and
7	"(ii) shall continue to implement such
8	improvement plan until such recipient
9	meets at least 90 percent of an agreed
10	upon local adjusted level of performance
11	for the same core indicators of perform-
12	ance for which the plan is revised."; and
13	(ii) in subparagraph (B)—
14	(I) in the matter preceding clause
15	(i)—
16	(aa) by striking "In deter-
17	mining whether to impose sanc-
18	tions under subparagraph (A),
19	the" and inserting "The"; and
20	(bb) by striking "waive im-
21	posing sanctions" and inserting
22	"waive the requirements of sub-
23	paragraph (A)";
24	(II) in clause (i), by striking "or"
25	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;

"(7) for faculty and teachers providing career and technical education instruction, support services, and specialized instructional support services, high-quality comprehensive professional development that is, to the extent practicable, grounded in evidence-based research (to the extent a State determines that such evidence is reasonably available) that identifies the most effective educator professional development process and is coordinated and aligned with other professional development activities carried out by the State (including under title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) and title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1021 et seq.)), including programming that—

"(A) promotes the integration of the challenging State academic standards adopted by the State under section 1111(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(1)) and relevant technical knowledge and skills;

"(B) prepares career and technical education teachers, faculty, specialized instructional support personnel, and paraprofessionals to 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; "(6) support for the development, implementa-5 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; "(9) support for the integration of employ-19 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

fields (including computer science), particularly for

- students who are members of groups underrepresented in such subject fields, such as female students, minority students, and students who are members of special populations;
 - "(11) support for career and technical student organizations, especially with respect to efforts to increase the participation of students who are members of special populations;
 - "(12) support for establishing and expanding work-based learning opportunities;
 - "(13) support for preparing, retaining, and training of career and technical education teachers, faculty, specialized instructional support personnel, and paraprofessionals, such as preservice, professional development, and leadership development programs;
 - "(14) integrating and aligning programs of study and career pathways;
 - "(15) supporting the use of career and technical education programs and programs of study aligned with State, regional, or local in-demand industry sectors or occupations identified by State or 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	ementary 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.".
12	PART C—LOCAL PROVISIONS
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13	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH-
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14 15	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
14 15 16	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended—
14 15 16 17	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL"
14 15 16 17 18	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION";
14 15 16 17 18	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION"; (2) in subsection (a)—
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION"; (2) in subsection (a)— (A) in the heading, by striking "LOCAL APPLICATION"
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION"; (2) in subsection (a)— (A) in the heading, by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION";
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	SEC. 131. LOCAL APPLICATION FOR CAREER AND TECH- NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Section 134 (20 U.S.C. 2354) is amended— (1) in the section heading by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION"; (2) in subsection (a)— (A) in the heading, by striking "LOCAL PLAN" and inserting "LOCAL APPLICATION"; (B) by striking "submit a local plan" 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 (e);
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 populations, which may include strategies to estab-3 4 lish or utilize existing flexible learning and 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, including, at a minimum— 20

"(1) representatives of career and technical education programs in a local educational agency or educational service agency, including teachers and administrators;

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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.".

SEC. 132. LOCAL USES OF FUNDS.

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(e).
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-

cused on career exploration and career aware-

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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 programs of study to support CTE participants at the 7 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;

"(B) sustainable relationships among education, business and industry, and other community stakeholders, including industry or sector partnerships in the local area, where appli-

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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-
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	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, for the first full fiscal year following the 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 redes-
16	ignated) 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. 49l–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).".
	Passed the House of Representatives June 22, 2017
	Attest:

Clerk.

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AN ACT

To reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.