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# S. 5448

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fast Track Healthcare  
5 Apprenticeships Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. HEALTH CARE APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATION.**

2 The Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as  
3 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter  
4 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 4 as section 6; and

6 (2) by inserting after section 3 the following:

7 **“SEC. 4. HEALTH CARE APPRENTICESHIP REGISTRATION.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In administering this Act, the  
9 Secretary of Labor shall establish a national apprentice-  
10 ship system that provides, with respect to any application  
11 submitted seeking to register a program in the health care  
12 field as an apprenticeship program under this Act, that—

13 “(1) a decision shall be provided to the appli-  
14 cant on the application not later than 45 days after  
15 receipt of the application; and

16 “(2) if a decision is not made within the 45  
17 days after receipt, a written explanation for the  
18 delay and an estimated timeline for a determination  
19 (that is not more than 90 days after the date of  
20 such written explanation) shall be provided to the  
21 applicant.

22 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) HEALTH CARE FIELD.—The term ‘health  
24 care field’ means the following occupations:

25 “(A) Healthcare practitioners and tech-  
26 nical occupations, as described in the Bureau of

1 Labor Statistics Standard Occupational Classi-  
 2 fication System (or any corresponding occupa-  
 3 tion in any corresponding System).

4 “(B) Healthcare support occupations, as  
 5 described in such System (or any corresponding  
 6 occupation in any corresponding System).

7 “(2) NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.—  
 8 The term ‘national apprenticeship system’ means the  
 9 system established by the Secretary of Labor to  
 10 carry out the activities authorized and directed to be  
 11 carried out under section 1.”.

12 **SEC. 3. DIGITIZATION OF APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT**  
 13 **FORMS.**

14 The Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as  
 15 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter  
 16 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), as amended by section 2, is  
 17 further amended by inserting after section 4 (as added  
 18 by section 2) the following:

19 **“SEC. 5. DIGITIZATION OF APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT**  
 20 **FORMS.**

21 “In administering this Act, the Secretary of Labor  
 22 shall establish a national apprenticeship system (as such  
 23 term is defined in section 4) that provides that any ap-  
 24 prenticeship agreement form for such system (including

- 1 any employer agreement form or any disability disclosure
- 2 form) shall be digitized.”.

