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H. R. 5295

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to raise public awareness for skilled trade programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Access to Career Coun-
5 seling for Every Secondary Student Act” or the “ACCESS
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CAREER COUNSELING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**
2 **FOR SKILLED TRADE PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES.—Section 129(b)(2) of
4 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
5 3164(b)(2)) is amended by redesignating subparagraphs
6 (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively,
7 and inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

8 “(D) carrying out public awareness cam-
9 paigns and public service announcements, in-
10 cluding social media campaigns and other forms
11 of media, about career and technical education
12 programs and programs provided by commu-
13 nity-based organizations that prepare eligible
14 youth for high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand
15 industry sectors or occupations in current or
16 emerging professions (including skilled
17 trades);”;

18 (b) LOCAL ELEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-
19 tion 129(c)(2)(M) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
20 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(c)(2)(M)) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 “(M) services and opportunities that pro-
23 vide labor market and employment information
24 about high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand in-
25 dustry sectors or occupations in current or
26 emerging professions (including skilled trades)

1 available in the local area, such as career
2 awareness, career counseling, and career explo-
3 ration services; and”.

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