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H. R. 7676

To amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to authorize States to develop directories of career and technical education programs of study and career pathways, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN (for herself, Ms. ROSS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, and Ms. CRAIG) 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 “Career-Connected
5 Learning Pathways Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE DIRECTORIES OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL**
2 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS OF STUDY AND CA-**
3 **REER PATHWAYS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 124(b) of the Carl D.
5 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
6 U.S.C. 2344(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (12)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(12) developing, publishing, and maintaining a
9 searchable public statewide directory of career and
10 technical education programs of study and career
11 pathways offered in the State that—

12 “(A) includes, for each such program of
13 study and career pathway, the information de-
14 scribed in section 134(b)(10) with respect to
15 such program of study or career pathway;

16 “(B) is searchable by—

17 “(i) the school district or political sub-
18 division of the State in which each pro-
19 gram of study or career pathway is lo-
20 cated;

21 “(ii) the industry or career cluster for
22 which each program of study or career
23 pathway provides preparation; and

24 “(iii) the credential available upon
25 completion of each program of study or ca-
26 reer pathway;

1 “(C) uses data formats that are—
2 “(i) standard;
3 “(ii) open;
4 “(iii) linked; and
5 “(iv) interoperable; and
6 “(D) is updated not less than once each
7 program year;”.

8 (b) INFORMATION SHARING.—Section 134(b) of such
9 Act (20 U.S.C. 2354(b)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the
11 end;

12 (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(10) if the eligible agency elects to carry out
16 the activities described in section 124(b)(12), for
17 each career and technical education program of
18 study and career pathway offered by the eligible re-
19 cipient—

20 “(A) the name of such program of study or
21 career pathway;

22 “(B) a description of such program of
23 study or career pathway;

1 “(C) the school district or political subdivi-
2 sion of the State in which such program of
3 study or career pathway is located;

4 “(D) the industry or career cluster for
5 which such program of study or career pathway
6 provides preparation;

7 “(E) each sequence of courses within such
8 program of study or career pathway;

9 “(F) any dual or concurrent enrollment
10 credit or recognized postsecondary credential
11 available upon completion of such program of
12 study or career pathway;

13 “(G) the postsecondary institution, local
14 workforce development board, or industry or
15 sector partnership affiliated with such program
16 of study or career pathway;

17 “(H) any work-based learning opportuni-
18 ties provided by such program of study or ca-
19 reer pathway; and

20 “(I) evidence of the alignment between
21 such program of study or career pathway and
22 the needs or projected needs of the labor mar-
23 ket.”.

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