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S. 2802

To require the Secretary of Education to disclose information about career and technical education and funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and require FAFSA applications to include a career and technical education acknowledgment.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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

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 “Student Debt Alter-
5 native and CTE Awareness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
 2 **WEBSITE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education (act-
 4 ing through the Office of Federal Student Aid) shall—

5 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of en-
 6 actment of this Act, publish on the public website of
 7 the Office of Federal Student Aid of the Department
 8 of Education information on—

9 (A) career and technical education pro-
 10 grams, including average completion time, pro-
 11 gram cost, and post-graduation employment
 12 rate;

13 (B) opportunities in each State—

14 (i) to pursue such programs; and

15 (ii) for funding to pursue such pro-
 16 grams under the Carl D. Perkins Career
 17 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
 18 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

19 (C) Workforce Pell Grants authorized
 20 under section 401(k) of the Higher Education
 21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(k)); and

22 (2) continuously update and maintain the infor-
 23 mation published under paragraph (1) to ensure
 24 that such information continues to be relevant.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “career
 26 and technical education” and “State” have the meanings

1 given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career
 2 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

3 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE ON FAFSA APPLICATION.**

4 Section 494(a)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
 5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098h(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (i)(II), by striking “and” at the
 7 end;

8 (2) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the end;

9 and

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

11 “(iii) career and technical education
 12 programs (as defined in section 3 of the
 13 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
 14 Education Act of 2006) are a viable alter-
 15 native to a 4-year degree, and include, to
 16 ensure such individuals are made aware of
 17 such programs and related career paths, at
 18 the beginning of the application—

19 “(I) a one-page summary of the
 20 most recent information provided
 21 under section 2(a)(1) of the Student
 22 Debt Alternative and CTE Awareness
 23 Act; and

24 “(II) an acknowledgment signa-
 25 ture box;”.

1 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

2 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
3 priated or otherwise made available to carry out this Act
4 or the amendments made by this Act.

