

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 922

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to define the term evidence-based.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2025

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

A BILL

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to define the term evidence-based.

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. EVIDENCE-BASED DEFINITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Workforce Inno-
5 vation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(72) EVIDENCE-BASED.—The term ‘evidence-
8 based’, when used with respect to an activity, serv-
9 ice, strategy, or intervention, or content of materials,

means an activity, service, strategy, or intervention,
or content of materials that—

“(A) demonstrates a statistically significant effect on improving participant outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on—

“(i) strong evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study;

“(ii) moderate evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study; or

“(iii) promising evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias; or

“(B)(i) demonstrates a rationale based on high-quality research findings or positive evaluation that such activity, service, strategy, intervention, or content is likely to improve student outcomes or other relevant outcomes; and

“(ii) includes ongoing efforts to examine the effects of such activity, service, strategy, intervention, or content.”.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRO-

GRAMS.—Section 102(b)(1) of the Workforce Innovation

1 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112(b)(1)) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “the ex-
4 tent to which such activities are evidence-based,”
5 after “of such activities,”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (3) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
9 and inserting “; and”; and

10 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(F) a description of any strategies the
13 State will use to prioritize the funding of evi-
14 dence-based programs through the funds re-
15 served as described in section 128(a) and avail-
16 able for statewide workforce development activi-
17 ties.”.

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