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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOEKSTRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Maximizing the Use
5 of Federal Funds for Job Training Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO CONSOLIDATE OR TRANSFER CER-**
2 **TAIN FUNDS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY AVAILABLE.**—A State with an unem-
4 ployment rate that is equal to or greater than 125 percent
5 of the national unemployment rate is authorized to con-
6 solidate or transfer, without limitation, any funds made
7 available to such State under the programs described in
8 subsection (b).

9 (b) **DESIGNATED PROGRAMS.**—Subsection (a) applies
10 to—

11 (1) any formula grant program carried out
12 under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
13 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.); and

14 (2) any funds made available to the State under
15 part II of subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of
16 the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2295 et seq.).

17 (c) **DURATION.**—The authority provided by sub-
18 section (a) shall remain in effect for a period of 2 years
19 for a State or until the date on the State’s unemployment
20 rate is less than 125 percent of the national unemploy-
21 ment rate, whichever occurs later.

22 (d) **NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT RATE DEFINED.**—In
23 this section, the term “national employment rate” means
24 the most recent rate of unemployment announced each
25 month by Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department
26 of Labor based upon data from the current populations

- 1 survey of households conducted for the Bureau by the Bu-
- 2 reau of the Census of the Department of Commerce.

