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H. R. 145

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include workforce investment programs on the Internet.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include workforce investment programs on the Internet.

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 The Act may be cited as the “Online Job Training
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS ON THE**
7 **INTERNET.**

8 Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
9 (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(f) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS ON THE
2 INTERNET.—

3 “(1) GRANTS TO STATES.—The Secretary shall
4 make 1 grant of not more than \$100,000 to each
5 State to demonstrate progress in implementing
6 workforce investment programs that enable individ-
7 uals to take courses on the Internet to enhance em-
8 ployment opportunities within its workforce invest-
9 ment system under subtitle B. A State may use such
10 grant to leverage other Federal, State, local, and
11 private resources, in order to expand the participa-
12 tion of businesses, employees, and individuals in
13 such workforce investment programs.

14 “(2) GRANT TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
15 INSTITUTION.—

16 “(A) DESCRIPTION OF GRANT.—The Sec-
17 retary shall make 1 grant of not more than
18 \$1,000,000 to 1 eligible postsecondary edu-
19 cational institution to provide the services de-
20 scribed in this paragraph.

21 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-
22 ceive a grant under this subsection, a postsec-
23 ondary educational institution shall—

24 “(i) have a proven record of working
25 with State and local workforce investment

boards in developing and evaluating workforce investment programs described in paragraph (1) for statewide and local workforce investment systems under subtitle B;

“(ii) have demonstrated ability to disseminate research on best practices for implementing such workforce investment programs; and

“(iii) be a national leader in producing cutting-edge research on technology related to workforce investment systems under subtitle B.

“(C) SERVICES.—The postsecondary educational institution that receives a grant under this subsection shall use such grant—

“(i) to collaborate with, and to provide technical assistance to, States that receive grants under paragraph (1);

“(ii) to conduct and to disseminate research on best practices for implementing workforce investment programs described in paragraph (1) to such States; and

1 “(iii) to demonstrate and to share cut-
2 ting-edge technological innovations in skills
3 training with such States.”.

4 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.**

5 The authority under the amendments made by this
6 Act shall be effective only to the extent, and in such
7 amounts as, provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

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