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To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to require one-stop delivery systems under such Act to offer services through Internet websites and to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop standards and best practices for such websites.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California (for himself and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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 “Widening Internet
5 Readiness for Employment Development Act” or the
6 “WIRED Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONLINE PROVISION OF ONE-STOP SERVICES.**

2 (a) ONLINE PROVISION OF ONE-STOP SERVICES.—

3 Section 134(c)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act of
4 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(c)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and”;

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

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

9 “(C) to the extent that each of the pro-
10 grams, services, and activities described in
11 paragraph (1) can be made accessible through
12 an Internet website, shall make such services
13 accessible on such a website that—

14 “(i) is unique to the particular one-
15 stop delivery system; and

16 “(ii) meets the standards and incor-
17 porates the best practices established by
18 the Secretary pursuant section 121(g).”.

19 (b) STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE
20 PROVISION OF SERVICES BY ONE-STOP DELIVERY SYS-
21 TEMS.—Section 121 of the Workforce Investment Act of
22 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2841) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following:

24 “(g) STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR ONLINE
25 PROVISION OF SERVICES.—After soliciting public com-
26 ments and consulting with and receiving input from rel-

1 evant parties, including State workforce investment
2 boards, the Secretary shall establish and maintain stand-
3 ards and best practices for Internet websites maintained
4 by one-stop delivery systems as required by section
5 134(c)(2)(C), and for the provision of services through
6 such websites. Such standards and best practices shall in-
7 clude—

8 “(1) a requirement for a user-friendly, up-to-
9 date website available to all dislocated workers;

10 “(2) a requirement that the website promi-
11 nently display the address and hours of operation of
12 all physical one-stop centers in the local area, and a
13 description of services provided in and events held at
14 each such center;

15 “(3) best practices for providing, through the
16 website, services such as resume assistance, cover
17 letter review, job searching, interview preparations,
18 and online employment-related practice tests,
19 through videos, video-conferencing, or other means;

20 “(4) best practices for assuring a secure net-
21 work and the protection of any personal information;

22 “(5) best practices for incorporating social
23 media and networking capabilities into the website;
24 and

1 “(6) best practices for making such websites ac-
2 cessible by mobile devices to the extent practicable.”.

3 (c) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Labor shall estab-
4 lish the initial standards and best practices required by
5 section 121(g) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
6 (as added by subsection (b)) not later than 1 year after
7 the date of enactment of this Act.

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