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H. R. 4824

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a scholarship program for dislocated workers or unemployed individuals transitioning into manufacturing employment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENYART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a scholarship program for dislocated workers or unemployed individuals transitioning into manufacturing employment.

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 “Workers Opportunity
5 and Retraining Competitive Grant Program Act of 2014”
6 or the “WORC Grant Program Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANUFACTURING WORKER TRANSITION SCHOLAR-**
2 **SHIP PROGRAM.**

3 Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
4 (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(f) MANUFACTURING WORKER TRANSITION SCHOL-
7 ARSHIP PROGRAM.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish a manufacturing worker scholarship program to
10 award States competitive grants to be used to pro-
11 vide scholarships to dislocated workers or unem-
12 ployed individuals through State and local boards to
13 support worker’s endeavors to transition into manu-
14 facturing positions.

15 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—

16 “(A) WORKER ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligi-
17 ble for the scholarship program established
18 under this subsection, dislocated workers or un-
19 employed individuals shall be enrolled in a
20 qualifying manufacturing training course de-
21 signed to provide skills for employment in man-
22 ufacturing.

23 “(B) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—State or
24 local boards participating in the scholarship
25 program established under this subsection
26 shall—

1 “(i) have formal agreements or part-
2 nerships with qualifying manufacturing
3 training course providers; and

4 “(ii) have commitments from local
5 employers, community leaders, and State
6 or local economic development initiatives to
7 mentor dislocated workers or unemployed
8 individuals in order to aid their transition
9 into manufacturing industries.

10 “(3) ACTIVITIES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Activities to be car-
12 ried out under the scholarship program estab-
13 lished under this subsection shall be coordi-
14 nated by State or local boards, including trans-
15 ferring scholarship awards to qualifying manu-
16 facturing training course providers on behalf of
17 the dislocated workers or unemployed individ-
18 uals receiving scholarships.

19 “(B) STATE AND LOCAL BOARD DISCRE-
20 TION.—For purposes of scholarship awards dis-
21 tributed by a State or local board, such board
22 shall define the term ‘manufacturing’.

23 “(C) REPAYMENT UPON ELIGIBILITY VIO-
24 LATIONS.—If a dislocated worker or unem-
25 ployed individual does not complete the quali-

1 fying manufacturing training course or sub-
2 stitutes non-manufacturing courses for manu-
3 facturing courses, the amount of the awarded
4 scholarship shall be repaid to the State or local
5 board.

6 “(4) LIMITATIONS.—

7 “(A) MONETARY AWARD LIMIT.—Scholar-
8 ship funding for any dislocated worker or un-
9 employed individual may not exceed \$2,000 per
10 year.

11 “(B) ELIGIBILITY LIMIT.—Scholarship
12 funding for any dislocated worker or unem-
13 ployed individual may not exceed 2 years.

14 “(C) SCHOLARSHIP USE LIMIT.—A schol-
15 arship awarded under this subsection may only
16 be used for payment towards qualifying manu-
17 facturing training courses.

18 “(D) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES LIMIT.—A
19 scholarship awarded under this subsection may
20 not be used for supportive services.

21 “(5) QUALIFYING MANUFACTURING TRAINING
22 COURSE DEFINED.—The term ‘qualifying manufac-
23 turing training course’—

24 “(A) means any course or job training ac-
25 tivity that is offered by a postsecondary edu-

1 cational institution, area vocational education
2 school, or other eligible provider that—

3 “(i) provides knowledge and skills re-
4 lated to manufacturing in emerging indus-
5 tries or industries where there are jobs
6 available in the community, as determined
7 by a State or local board; and

8 “(ii) offers credits or other credentials
9 to enrollees for completion of the program;
10 and

11 “(B) may include internships or appren-
12 ticeships that provide credit or other credentials
13 for completion of the program.”.

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