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# S. 882

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2013

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes.

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 “Workforce Investments  
5 through Local Libraries Act” or the “WILL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 Section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
8 (29 U.S.C. 2801) is amended by adding at the end the  
9 following:

1           “(54) DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS.—The term  
2           ‘digital literacy skills’ has the meaning given the  
3           term in section 202 of the Museum and Library  
4           Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9101).”.

5 **SEC. 3. STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.**

6           Section 111(b)(1)(C)(v) of the Workforce Investment  
7           Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2821(b)(1)(C)(v)) is amended by  
8           inserting “, and heads of public libraries,” after “organi-  
9           zations”.

10 **SEC. 4. STATE PLAN.**

11           Section 112(b)(8)(A) of the Workforce Investment  
12           Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2822(b)(8)(A)) is amended—

13           (1) in clause (ix), by striking “and” at the end;

14           and

15           (2) by adding at the end the following:

16                   “(xi) employment and training activities,  
17                   and adult education and literacy activities (as  
18                   defined in section 203), provided by public li-  
19                   braries; and”.

20 **SEC. 5. LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD.**

21           Section 117(b)(2)(A)(iv) of the Workforce Invest-  
22           ment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832(b)(2)(A)(iv)) is amend-  
23           ed by striking “individuals with disabilities and” and in-  
24           serting “public libraries, individuals with disabilities,  
25           and”.

1 **SEC. 6. LOCAL PLAN.**

2 Section 118(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of  
3 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833(b)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through  
5 (10) as paragraphs (7) through (11), respectively;  
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(6) a description of how the local board will  
10 coordinate workforce investment activities carried  
11 out in the local area with employment and training  
12 activities, and adult education and literacy activities  
13 (as defined in section 203), provided by public li-  
14 braries;”.

15 **SEC. 7. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES PROVIDERS.**

16 Section 121 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
17 (29 U.S.C. 2841) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(B)—

19 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the  
20 end;

21 (B) by redesignating clause (v) as clause  
22 (vi); and

23 (C) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-  
24 lowing:

25 “(v) programs of employment and  
26 training activities, and adult education and

1           literacy activities (as defined in section  
2           203), provided by public libraries; and”;  
3           and

4           (2) in subsection (d)(2)(B)—

5           (A) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the  
6           end;

7           (B) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause  
8           (vii); and

9           (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-  
10          lowing:

11                           “(vi) a public library; and”.

12   **SEC. 8. USE OF FUNDS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**  
13                           **ACTIVITIES.**

14          Section 134(d)(3) of the Workforce Investment Act  
15   of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(d)(3)) is amended—

16           (1) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking “public,  
17          private for-profit,” and inserting “public service pro-  
18          viders, which may include public libraries, private  
19          for-profit service providers,”; and

20           (2) in subparagraph (C)(vi), by inserting “dig-  
21          ital literacy skills,” after “learning skills,”.

22   **SEC. 9. DEMONSTRATION, PILOT, MULTISERVICE, RE-**  
23                           **SEARCH, AND MULTISTATE PROJECTS.**

24          Section 171(b)(1) of the Workforce Investment Act  
25   of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(b)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
2 through (H) as subparagraphs (C) through (I), re-  
3 spectively; and

4           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-  
5 lowing:

6                   “(B) the establishment of employment re-  
7 source centers in public libraries to provide un-  
8 employed and underemployed individuals access  
9 to workforce investment activities and informa-  
10 tion related to training services (as defined in  
11 section 134(d)(4)) and employment opportuni-  
12 ties, which activities may include—

13                           “(i) resume development activities, job  
14 bank internet searches, and workshops on  
15 career information;

16                           “(ii) adult education and literacy ac-  
17 tivities (as defined in section 203); and

18                           “(iii) acquisition of database licenses  
19 to improve access to career certification ac-  
20 tivities and licensing practice tests, and to  
21 improve workforce skills;”.

22 **SEC. 10. EVALUATIONS.**

23           Section 172(a) of the Workforce Investment Act of  
24 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2917(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
4 graph (8); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(7) the effectiveness of interagency collabora-  
8 tions and agreements as described in section 196 in  
9 expanding access to and improving the quality of  
10 such programs and activities; and”.

11 **SEC. 11. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AND AGREE-**  
12 **MENTS.**

13 Subtitle E of title I of the Workforce Investment Act  
14 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2931 et seq.) is amended by adding  
15 at the end the following:

16 **“SEC. 196. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AND AGREE-**  
17 **MENTS.**

18 “(a) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Sec-  
19 retary shall collaborate with the heads of relevant Federal  
20 departments and agencies, including the Secretary of Edu-  
21 cation, the Administrator of the Small Business Adminis-  
22 tration, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the  
23 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Sec-  
24 retary of Agriculture, the Director of the Institute of Mu-  
25 seum and Library Services, the Director of the Office of

1 Management and Budget, or the designees of such heads,  
2 on initiatives, materials, or technology to support work-  
3 force development activities.

4 “(b) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary  
5 may—

6 “(1) enter into interagency agreements to pro-  
7 mote or assist with carrying out the workforce in-  
8 vestment activities of Federal agencies other than  
9 the Department of Labor, on either a reimbursable  
10 or nonreimbursable basis; and

11 “(2) use funds appropriated under this title for  
12 the costs of such promotion and assistance.”.

13 **SEC. 12. ADULT EDUCATION.**

14 Section 231(b) of the Adult Education and Family  
15 Literacy Act (20 U.S.C. 9241(b)) is amended by adding  
16 at the end the following:

17 “(4) Programs to promote digital literacy skills,  
18 as defined in section 101.”.

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