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1ST SESSION

S. 899

To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in order to focus on career readiness, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2015

Ms. BALDWIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Afterschool and Work-
5 force Readiness Act”.

1 **TITLE I—PREPARING, TRAINING,**
 2 **AND RECRUITING HIGH-**
 3 **QUALITY TEACHERS AND**
 4 **PRINCIPALS**

5 **SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.**

6 Section 2102 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
 7 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6602) is amended by add-
 8 ing at the end the following:

9 “(7) **WORKFORCE CRITICAL SUBJECT.**—The
 10 term ‘workforce critical subject’ means an academic
 11 or career and technical education subject, such as—

12 “(A) any subject found in the science,
 13 technology, engineering, and mathematics
 14 fields; or

15 “(B) any other subject that has been iden-
 16 tified by the State educational agency, in con-
 17 sultation with the State workforce development
 18 board established under section 101 of the
 19 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
 20 U.S.C. 3111), as being critical to the State’s
 21 current and emerging workforce needs.”.

22 **SEC. 102. STATE APPLICATIONS.**

23 Section 2112(b) of the Elementary and Secondary
 24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6612(b)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
 2 (12), as paragraphs (7) through (13), respectively;
 3 and

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

6 “(6) A description of all subjects identified by
 7 the State as workforce critical subjects.”.

8 **TITLE II—21ST CENTURY COM-** 9 **MUNITY LEARNING CENTERS**

10 **SEC. 201. PURPOSES.**

11 Section 4201(a)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary
 12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7171(a)(2)) is amended
 13 by striking “and character education” and all that follows
 14 through the period at the end and inserting the following:
 15 “mathematics, science, and career and technical pro-
 16 grams, and, for secondary school students, internships,
 17 apprenticeships, and other ties to an in-demand industry
 18 sector or occupation (as defined in section 3 of the Work-
 19 force Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
 20 3102)).”.

21 **SEC. 202. APPLICATION.**

22 Section 4203(a) of the Elementary and Secondary
 23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7173(a)) is amended—
 24 (1) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) by striking “help participating” and
 2 inserting the following: “help—

3 “(A) participating”;

4 (B) by inserting “and” after the semicolon
 5 at the end; and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(B) secondary school students achieve ca-
 8 reer competencies, complete internships or ap-
 9 prenticeships, or participate in work-based
 10 learning opportunities;” and

11 (2) in paragraph (11), by inserting “local
 12 boards (as defined in section 3 of the Workforce In-
 13 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)),”
 14 after “parents, students,”.

15 **SEC. 203. LOCAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 Section 4204(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary
 17 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7174(b)(2)) is amend-
 18 ed—

19 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and col-
 20 lege and career readiness” before the semicolon at
 21 the end;

22 (2) in subparagraph (H), by inserting “local
 23 board (as defined in section 3 of the Workforce In-
 24 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)),

1 business entities,” after “community-based organiza-
 2 tion,”; and

3 (3) in subparagraph (J), by inserting “college
 4 and career readiness,” after “achievement,”.

5 **SEC. 204. LOCAL ACTIVITIES.**

6 Section 4205(a) of the Elementary and Secondary
 7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7175(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” after
 9 the semicolon;

10 (2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period at
 11 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

13 “(13) programs that partner with in-demand
 14 fields of the local workforce or build career com-
 15 petencies and career readiness.”.

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