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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself and Mr. GUTHRIE) 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 “Accessing Professional
5 Partnerships and Resources to Enable Necessary Training
6 and Improve Career Education Act of 2018” or the “AP-
7 PRENTICE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPRENTICESHIP GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall pro-
3 vide grants to State-recognized or federally recognized ap-
4 prenticeship programs, on a competitive basis, to support
5 the expansion, awareness, and prestige of such programs.

6 (b) AMOUNTS.—The amount of a grant made to a
7 State-recognized or federally recognized apprenticeship
8 program under this section may not exceed \$100,000.

9 (c) USES OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts received under
10 this section shall only be used to carry out the following:

11 (1) Train personnel who administer State-rec-
12 ognized or federally recognized apprenticeship pro-
13 grams or who supervise or train individuals partici-
14 pating in such apprenticeship programs.

15 (2) Publicize State-recognized or federally rec-
16 ognized apprenticeship programs on the internet, in-
17 cluding on employment-related databases and search
18 engines for job listings, and through public cam-
19 paigns.

20 (3) Provide funds to educators from local edu-
21 cational institutions to visit State-recognized or fed-
22 erally recognized apprenticeship program sites to
23 learn about such programs.

24 (4) Review applications submitted to State-rec-
25 ognized or federally recognized apprenticeship pro-
26 grams by prospective apprentices.

1 (5) Coordinate State-recognized or federally
2 recognized apprenticeship program curricula efforts
3 with the curricula of local educational institutions
4 and programs funded under the Carl D. Perkins Ca-
5 reer and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
6 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

7 (d) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—A State-recog-
8 nized or federally recognized apprenticeship program seek-
9 ing a grant under this section shall submit an application
10 to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and con-
11 taining such information as the Secretary determines.

12 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall sub-
14 mit to Congress a report on the results of the program,
15 including the number of apprentices recruited and re-
16 tained by State-recognized or federally recognized appren-
17 ticeship programs that receive amounts under this section.

18 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
20 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2019, and each fiscal year
21 thereafter.

22 **SEC. 3. EASE OF NAVIGATION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) improve the navigability of the Department
2 of Labor database containing registered apprentice-
3 ship programs;

4 (2) publicize the ease by which an apprentice-
5 ship program seeking to register with the Depart-
6 ment of Labor may become a registered apprentice-
7 ship program; and

8 (3) coordinate with local and State Depart-
9 ments of Labor to publicize registered apprentice-
10 ship programs.

11 (b) EXTERNAL LINK.—The Secretary of Education
12 shall include an external link to the Department of Labor
13 database containing registered apprenticeship programs
14 on the Department of Education website.

15 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
18 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

19 (2) PROSPECTIVE APPRENTICE.—The term
20 “prospective apprentice” means current or prospec-
21 tive applicants to a State-recognized or federally rec-
22 ognized apprenticeship program.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided,
24 the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

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