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H. R. 663

To establish a grant program to assist dislocated miners in receiving additional training and education to enable them to find and secure new jobs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia (for himself, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio) 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 “Assisting America’s
5 Dislocated Miners Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. MULTISTATE DISLOCATED MINERS ASSISTANCE**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
4 the Employment and Training Administration of the De-
5 partment of Labor a Dislocated Miners Assistance Pro-
6 gram that shall contract with comprehensive career cen-
7 ters to—

8 (1) identify miners who have been dislocated
9 from their employment in mining jobs across the
10 United States;

11 (2) assess the needed skills, training, and edu-
12 cation of such miners to enable them to find and
13 hold new jobs;

14 (3) identify job training programs that would
15 provide such training and education; and

16 (4) provide grants to eligible job training pro-
17 viders, pursuant to subsection (b), to recruit and
18 train such miners and assist them in finding new
19 employment.

20 (b) JOB TRAINING GRANTS FOR DISLOCATED WORK-
21 ERS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated
23 pursuant to paragraph (3), the Secretary of Labor
24 shall award grants to eligible job training providers
25 and comprehensive career centers to recruit and

1 train dislocated miners and assist them in finding
2 new employment.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE COMPREHENSIVE CAREER CEN-
4 TERS AND JOB TRAINING PROVIDERS.—A com-
5 prehensive career center or job training provider eli-
6 gible to receive a grant under this Act shall be a
7 nonprofit organization with demonstrated success co-
8 ordinating or providing necessary training and edu-
9 cation to workers dislocated from the mining indus-
10 try, to enable such workers to acquire marketable
11 skills to find and hold jobs in the workforce in areas
12 where such miners and their families live.

13 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
15 retary of Labor for each of fiscal years 2017
16 through 2021, \$20,000,000 to award grants pursu-
17 ant to this Act.

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