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# S. 2737

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mrs. CAPITO) 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 Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the preparation of career and technical education teachers.

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 “Creating Quality Tech-  
5       nical Educators Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF**  
 2 **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
 3 **TEACHERS.**

4 Section 202 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
 5 U.S.C. 1022a) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k)  
 7 as subsections (g) through (l), respectively;

8 (2) in subsection (b)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and ca-  
 10 reer and technical education teachers” after  
 11 “early childhood educators”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking “sub-  
 13 section (f) or (g)” and inserting “subsection (g)  
 14 or (h)”;

15 (3) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “a pro-  
 17 gram for the preparation of career and tech-  
 18 nical education teachers under subsection (f),”  
 19 after “subsection (e),”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
 21 section (f)” and inserting “subsection (g)”;

22 (4) in subsection (d)(5)(B), by inserting “career  
 23 and technical education,” after “special education,”;  
 24 and

25 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
 26 lowing:

1 “(f) PARTNERSHIP GRANTS FOR THE PREPARATION  
2 OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible partnership that  
4 receives a grant under this section to carry out a  
5 program for the preparation of career and technical  
6 education teachers shall establish an effective sec-  
7 ondary school career and technical education teacher  
8 preparation program that shall be—

9 “(A) available to mid-career professionals  
10 or recent graduates of an institution of higher  
11 education, who have expertise in a program  
12 area in which a skilled career and technical  
13 education teacher shortage has been identified  
14 through a needs assessment described in para-  
15 graph (2);

16 “(B) an opportunity for program partici-  
17 pants to obtain initial licensure based on State  
18 requirements and the basic skills required for  
19 entry into the education profession, and the op-  
20 tion of earning a bachelor’s degree or a mas-  
21 ter’s degree; and

22 “(C) an opportunity for program partici-  
23 pants who are current educators and who do  
24 not have subject matter expertise in a career  
25 and technical education field identified through

1 the needs assessment under paragraph (2) to  
 2 receive technical skills training to be able to ef-  
 3 fectively teach in a classroom setting the career  
 4 and technical skills identified in such assess-  
 5 ment based on industry standards.

6 “(2) NEEDS ASSESSMENT.—Each of the part-  
 7 ners in an eligible partnership that receives a grant  
 8 under this section to carry out a program for the  
 9 preparation of career and technical education teach-  
 10 ers shall conduct a needs assessment—

11 “(A) with respect to the preparation, ongo-  
 12 ing training, professional development, and re-  
 13 tention of career and technical education teach-  
 14 ers in program areas linked to the education  
 15 and skill needs of the local or regional economy;

16 “(B) that takes into account any State and  
 17 local career and technical education teacher  
 18 shortages; and

19 “(C) that takes into account the current  
 20 needs of a State, local, or regional market, as  
 21 well as trends identified in section 102(b)(1)(B)  
 22 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
 23 Act.

24 “(3) PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION,  
 25 AND SELECTION.—

“(A) PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to participate in a career and technical education teacher preparation program under this subsection, an individual—

“(i) shall—

“(I) have at least a bachelor’s degree;

“(II) have an active industry-recognized credential in a technical profession if the eligible partnership determines that the program leading to the credential is of high quality, and meets the State’s minimum requirements for career and technical education teachers in the field, based either on years of related work experience or a number of specified hours in the field; or

“(III) be a former member of the Armed Forces with a Department of Defense recognized active technical credential; and

“(ii) may be a licensed teacher with a need for technical skills training.

“(B) APPLICATION AND SELECTION.—

1           “(i) APPLICATION.—Each eligible in-  
2           dividual described in subparagraph (A)  
3           who desires to participate in the career  
4           and technical education teacher prepara-  
5           tion program under this subsection shall  
6           submit an application to the eligible part-  
7           nership.

8           “(ii) SELECTION.—

9                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible  
10           partnership shall select applicants for  
11           participation in the career and tech-  
12           nical education teacher preparation  
13           program based on the career and  
14           technical education program needs of  
15           any high-need local educational agen-  
16           cies in the partnership.

17                   “(II) REQUIREMENT FOR VA-  
18           CANT POSITIONS.—Any vacant career  
19           and technical educator positions or  
20           positions with a demonstrated connec-  
21           tion to the needs assessment described  
22           in paragraph (2) within the high-need  
23           local educational agency in an eligible  
24           partnership that receives a grant  
25           under this section to carry out a pro-

1                   gram for the preparation of career  
 2                   and technical education teachers shall  
 3                   be filled with career and technical  
 4                   education teacher preparation pro-  
 5                   gram participants.

6                   “(iii) RECRUITMENT.—An eligible  
 7                   partnership may develop and implement a  
 8                   teacher recruitment program to invite eligi-  
 9                   ble individuals to participate in the career  
 10                  and technical education program.

11               “(4) REQUIRED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE COMPO-  
 12               NENTS.—Each career and technical education teach-  
 13               er preparation program carried out under this sub-  
 14               section shall include the following program compo-  
 15               nents:

16               “(A) Training in pedagogy, including cre-  
 17               ating inclusive and supportive classroom envi-  
 18               ronments, lesson planning (including designing  
 19               applied learning opportunities), student learn-  
 20               ing methods and effective use of student data,  
 21               and academic and career and technical edu-  
 22               cation content integration.

23               “(B) Training in using empirically based  
 24               practice and scientifically valid research in  
 25               classroom instruction.

1           “(C) Necessary preparation to obtain a  
2           teaching license based on State licensing re-  
3           quirements in the State in which the partner-  
4           ship operates, prior to entering the classroom.

5           “(D) Literacy training for incorporating  
6           technical texts into the classroom.

7           “(E) At least 1 year of clinical experience  
8           concurrent with the pre-classroom training pro-  
9           gram.

10          “(F) Training to effectively teach technical  
11          skills to industry standards in a classroom set-  
12          ting.

13          “(G) For licensed teachers, technical skills  
14          and pedagogical training related to the career  
15          and technical education program they are in-  
16          tending to teach.

17          “(5) REQUIRED PRE-SERVICE COMPONENTS.—  
18          Each career and technical education teacher prepa-  
19          ration program carried out under this subsection  
20          shall require—

21               “(A) program participants, after com-  
22               pleting pre-classroom training and who have at  
23               least State recognized provisional licensure to  
24               teach, to be paired with a mentor teacher with  
25               expertise in teaching the same or similar con-

1 tent for a period of not less than 2 years within  
2 the same school or school district, if available,  
3 and, if not available, the program shall specify  
4 how the program participant will be mentored;  
5 and

6 “(B) continuing professional development  
7 coursework for such program participants over  
8 the course of 3 years to ensure that such teach-  
9 ers—

10 “(i) are able to understand and imple-  
11 ment research-based teaching practices in  
12 classroom instruction;

13 “(ii) have knowledge of student learn-  
14 ing methods;

15 “(iii) are data literate to continuously,  
16 effectively, and ethically access, interpret,  
17 act on, and communicate multiple types of  
18 data from State, local, classroom, and  
19 other sources to improve outcomes for stu-  
20 dents in a manner appropriate to edu-  
21 cators’ professional roles and responsibil-  
22 ities;

23 “(iv) possess skills to analyze student  
24 academic and technical achievement data  
25 and other measures of student learning,

1 and use such data and measures to im-  
2 prove classroom instruction;

3 “(v) possess the skills to develop, im-  
4 plement, and utilize interim and formative  
5 assessments to improve classroom instruc-  
6 tion;

7 “(vi) possess teaching skills and an  
8 understanding of effective instructional  
9 strategies across the technical and all ap-  
10 plicable academic content areas that enable  
11 such teachers to—

12 “(I) meet the specific learning  
13 needs of all students, including stu-  
14 dents with disabilities, students who  
15 are limited English proficient, stu-  
16 dents who are gifted and talented, and  
17 students with low literacy levels; and

18 “(II) differentiate instruction for  
19 such students;

20 “(vii) possess strategies for incor-  
21 porating content from noncareer and tech-  
22 nical education courses and standards for  
23 college and career into career and technical  
24 education courses;

1 “(viii) are able to effectively partici-  
2 pate as a member of an individualized edu-  
3 cation program team, as defined in section  
4 614(d)(1)(B) of the Individuals with Dis-  
5 abilities Education Act; and

6 “(ix) are able to successfully employ  
7 effective strategies for literacy instruction  
8 in technical coursework.

9 “(6) AGREEMENT TO SERVE.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
11 subparagraph (B), each career and technical  
12 education teacher preparation program carried  
13 out under this subsection shall require program  
14 participants to serve as a full-time career and  
15 technical education teacher in a high-need local  
16 educational agency that is a part of the eligible  
17 partnership for a total of not less than 3 aca-  
18 demic years immediately after successfully com-  
19 pleting the pre-classroom training program  
20 component.

21 “(B) SERVING LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-  
22 CIES OUTSIDE OF THE PARTNERSHIP.—If there  
23 are no full-time career and technical education  
24 teacher positions in a high-need local edu-  
25 cational agency that is a part of the eligible

1 partnership, a program participant may fulfill  
 2 the service requirement under subparagraph  
 3 (A) through serving as a full-time career and  
 4 technical education teacher in a high-need local  
 5 educational agency with an identified career  
 6 and technical education teacher shortage that is  
 7 not a part of the eligible partnership.

8 “(C) CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT.—

9 A program participant under this subsection  
 10 shall provide the eligible partnership with cer-  
 11 tification of the employment that is required  
 12 under this paragraph.

13 “(7) STIPENDS OR SALARIES; APPLICATIONS;

14 REPAYMENTS.—

15 “(A) STIPENDS OR SALARIES.—A career  
 16 and technical education teacher preparation  
 17 program under this subsection shall provide a  
 18 one-year living stipend or salary to program  
 19 participants during the pre-classroom training  
 20 program component.

21 “(B) APPLICATIONS FOR STIPENDS OR  
 22 SALARIES.—Each career and technical edu-  
 23 cation teacher preparation program participant  
 24 desiring a stipend or salary during the pre-  
 25 classroom training program component shall

1 submit an application to the eligible partnership  
2 at such time, and containing such information  
3 and assurances, as the eligible partnership may  
4 require.

5 “(C) REPAYMENTS.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A grantee car-  
7 rying out a career and technical education  
8 teacher preparation program under this  
9 subsection shall require a recipient of a sti-  
10 pend or salary under subparagraph (A)  
11 who does not complete, or who notifies the  
12 partnership that the recipient intends not  
13 to complete, the service obligation required  
14 by paragraph (6) to repay such stipend or  
15 salary to the eligible partnership, together  
16 with interest, at a rate specified by the  
17 partnership in the agreement, and in ac-  
18 cordance with such other terms and condi-  
19 tions specified by the eligible partnership,  
20 as necessary.

21 “(ii) OTHER TERMS AND CONDI-  
22 TIONS.—Any other terms and conditions  
23 specified by the eligible partnership may  
24 include reasonable provisions for pro-rata  
25 repayment of the stipend or salary de-

1 scribed in subparagraph (A) or for deferral  
2 of a program participant's service obliga-  
3 tion required by paragraph (6), on grounds  
4 of health, incapacitation, inability to secure  
5 employment as a full-time career and tech-  
6 nical education teacher, being called to ac-  
7 tive duty in the Armed Forces of the  
8 United States, or other extraordinary cir-  
9 cumstances.

10 “(iii) USE OF REPAYMENTS.—An eli-  
11 gible partnership shall use any repayment  
12 received under this subparagraph to carry  
13 out additional activities that are consistent  
14 with the purposes of this subsection.

15 “(8) REPORTS; PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW; DE-  
16 VELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

17 “(A) ANNUAL REPORT.—An eligible part-  
18 nership that receives a grant under this section  
19 to carry out a program for the preparation of  
20 career and technical education teachers shall  
21 submit to the Secretary and make publicly  
22 available, at such time and in such manner as  
23 the Secretary may require, an annual report  
24 that includes—

1 “(i) data on the eligible partnership’s  
2 progress on the performance measures de-  
3 scribed in section 204(a); and

4 “(ii) a description of the challenges  
5 the eligible partnership has faced in imple-  
6 menting the grant and how the eligible  
7 partnership has addressed or plans to ad-  
8 dress such challenges.

9 “(B) PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.—Each eligible  
10 partnership that receives a grant under this  
11 section to carry out a program for the prepara-  
12 tion of career and technical education teachers  
13 shall complete and make publicly available, not  
14 later than 90 days after the grant period for  
15 such eligible partnership ends, an evaluation  
16 based on the evaluation plan described in sec-  
17 tion 204(a).

18 “(C) PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW.—At the  
19 beginning of each school year, a high-need local  
20 educational agency that receives funds under  
21 this subsection shall—

22 “(i) notify the parents of each student  
23 attending any school receiving funds under  
24 this subsection that the parents may re-  
25 quest, and the agency will provide the par-

1           ents on request (and in a timely manner),  
2           the information described in section  
3           1111(h)(6)(A) of the Elementary and Sec-  
4           ondary Education Act of 1965; and

5           “(ii) provide to each such parent the  
6           information and notice described in section  
7           1111(h)(6)(B) of such Act.

8           “(D) DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE  
9           MEASURES.—The Secretary shall develop per-  
10          formance measures prior to awarding grants  
11          under this section, with input and consultation  
12          of schools of education, school administrators,  
13          teachers, professional non profit technical and  
14          career organizations, and the opportunity for a  
15          60-day public comment period. The Secretary  
16          shall ensure that such measures are made avail-  
17          able to potential applicants prior to seeking ap-  
18          plications for such grants.”.

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