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To authorize funding to expand and support enrollment at institutions of higher education that sponsor construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Mr. STAUBER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Supporting Appren-
5 ticeship Colleges Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
8 under subsection (g), the Secretary of Education shall pro-

1 vide grants to eligible entities for the purposes of expand-
2 ing or supporting potential student and employer outreach
3 carried out by such entities with respect to the construc-
4 tion and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship
5 programs offered by such entities.

6 (b) AMOUNTS.—The total grant amount made to an
7 eligible entity under this section may not exceed \$500,000.

8 (c) USE OF GRANTS.—An eligible entity that receives
9 a grant under this section shall use such grant for the
10 outreach described in subsection (a), which shall include
11 the following:

12 (1) Outreach to high schools, for the purpose of
13 educating students, parents, guardians, and faculty
14 on the benefits of enrolling in the construction and
15 manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship
16 program offered by the eligible entity.

17 (2) Outreach to local businesses and other po-
18 tential employers for the purpose of educating such
19 employers on the benefits of hiring graduates of
20 such program, which shall—

21 (A) primarily target relationship building
22 with potential employers in rural, exurban, and
23 suburban areas; and

1 (B) seek to maximize the number of stu-
2 dents who work in such areas after completing
3 such program.

4 (3) Outreach to local workforce development
5 boards for the purpose of reaching nontraditional
6 student populations and prioritizing local needs.

7 (d) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible enti-
8 ty seeking a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
9 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
10 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

11 (e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
12 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
13 that demonstrate outreach efforts targeted at increasing
14 program enrollment for rural, first generation, minority,
15 and nontraditional students, or other students from
16 underrepresented population.

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 to carry out
19 this section for each of the fiscal years 2021 through
20 2025.

21 **SEC. 3. STUDENT SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FOR EX-**
22 **PANDED ACADEMIC ADVISING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated
24 under subsection (f), the Secretary of Education shall pro-
25 vide grants to eligible entities for the purpose of providing

1 academic advising and student support services to enroll-
 2 ees of construction and manufacturing-oriented registered
 3 apprenticeship programs offered by such entities to in-
 4 crease retention and persistence for students.

5 (b) AMOUNTS.—The total grant amount made to an
 6 eligible entity under this section may not exceed \$500,000.

7 (c) MULTIPLE GRANTS PERMITTED.—An eligible en-
 8 tity may receive a grant under sections 2 and 3.

9 (d) USE OF GRANTS.—An eligible entity that receives
 10 a grant under this section shall use such grant for the
 11 advising and support services described in subsection (a)
 12 that carries out the following requirements:

13 (1) Expanding academic advising programs that
 14 provide the following services to students, including
 15 the following:

16 (A) Career advising and professional devel-
 17 opment.

18 (B) Support for English as a second lan-
 19 guage students.

20 (C) Information and resource systems.

21 (D) Mentoring systems.

22 (E) Other such programs.

23 (2) Expanding student support programs that
 24 provide the following services to students, including
 25 the following:

1 (A) Health and family-related services, in-
2 cluding substance abuse disorder and mental
3 health counseling.

4 (B) Support for first-generation students.

5 (C) Childcare support.

6 (D) Other such programs.

7 (e) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible enti-
8 ty seeking a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
9 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
10 containing such information as the Secretary may require.

11 (f) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
13 ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the
14 Secretary a report on—

15 (A) the activities supported by the grant;

16 (B) the number of students participating
17 in the activities supported by the grant;

18 (C) any progress made in achieving the
19 goals of the program supported by the grant, in
20 general, and measuring in particular—

21 (i) the effectiveness of the grant in ex-
22 panding overall enrollment and program
23 completion rates; and

24 (ii) the effectiveness of the grant in
25 expanding enrollment and program comple-

1 tion rates for underrepresented popu-
2 lations; and

3 (D) such other information as the Sec-
4 retary determines to be appropriate.

5 (2) TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—

6 The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted
7 to the Secretary not later than 180 days after the
8 date on which the eligible entity concludes the activi-
9 ties supported by the grant under this section.

10 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
11 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
12 \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021 through
13 2025.

14 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

15 In this Act:

16 (1) CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING-ORI-
17 ENTED APPRENTICESHIP COLLEGE.—The term
18 “construction and manufacturing-oriented appren-
19 ticeship college” means an institution of higher edu-
20 cation that is a sponsor of a construction and manu-
21 facturing-oriented registered apprenticeship pro-
22 gram.

23 (2) CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING-ORI-
24 ENTED REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—

25 The term “construction and manufacturing-oriented

1 registered apprenticeship program” means a reg-
2 istered apprenticeship program that—

3 (A) provides coursework and training in
4 preparation for employment in the construction
5 or manufactory industry (such as employment
6 as a painter, drywall finisher, glazier, or glass-
7 worker); and

8 (B) leads to a recognized postsecondary
9 credential other than a certificate of completion
10 of an apprenticeship.

11 (3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
12 ty” means a construction and manufacturing-ori-
13 ented apprenticeship college.

14 (4) FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT.—
15 The term “first generation college student” has the
16 meaning given the term in section 402A(h) of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–
18 11(h)).

19 (5) HIGH SCHOOL.—The term “high school”
20 has the meaning given the term in section 8101 of
21 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
22 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

23 (6) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
24 term “institution of higher education” has the

1 meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the
2 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

3 (7) OUTREACH.—The term “outreach” means
4 communications and relationship-building opportuni-
5 ties undertaken by an eligible entity in service of the
6 goals described in section 3(c)(1).

7 (8) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
8 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-
9 tial” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of
10 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
11 U.S.C. 3102).

12 (9) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—
13 The term “registered apprenticeship program”
14 means an apprenticeship program registered under
15 the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as
16 the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664,
17 chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

18 (10) SECOND LANGUAGE.—The term “second
19 language” means any language other than English,
20 including Braille and American Sign Language.

21 (11) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
22 means the Secretary of Education.

23 (12) UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATION.—The
24 term “underrepresented population” means an indi-
25 vidual who is from a group whose gender, ethnic

- 1 background, or national origin is not traditionally
- 2 represented in registered apprenticeship programs.

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