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H. R. 8328

To support the establishment of an apprenticeship college consortium.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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consortium.

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 “Apprenticeships to Col-
5 lege Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPRENTICESHIP COLLEGE CONSORTIUM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, in order to cooperate with
9 the Secretary of Education and promote awareness and
10 adoption of apprenticeship programs, the Secretary of
11 Labor shall—

1 (1) enter into an interagency agreement with
2 the Secretary of Education to promote and support
3 integration and alignment of programs under the
4 national apprenticeship system with secondary, post-
5 secondary, and adult education, through the activi-
6 ties described in this section; and

7 (2) submit to the Committee on Education and
8 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
10 of the Senate, such agreement and any modifications
11 to such agreement.

12 (b) APPRENTICESHIP COLLEGE CONSORTIUM.—In
13 order to support the establishment of a college consortium
14 of postsecondary educational institutions, related instruc-
15 tion providers, sponsors, qualified intermediaries, and em-
16 ployers for the purposes of promoting stronger connections
17 between programs under the national apprenticeship sys-
18 tem and participating 2- and 4-year postsecondary edu-
19 cational institutions, the interagency agreement under
20 subsection (a) shall include a description of how the Secre-
21 taries will—

22 (1) support data sharing systems that align
23 education records and records of programs under
24 the national apprenticeship system regarding wheth-
25 er program participants who receive financial aid

1 under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 enroll in, or complete, postsecondary coursework
3 while participating in a program under such system;

4 (2) provide guidance on how to align eligible
5 funding from, planning processes for, and the re-
6 quirements of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
7 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et
8 seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the High-
9 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)
10 with this Act;

11 (3) require all participants of the apprentice-
12 ship college consortium to enter into agreements
13 to—

14 (A) have an articulation agreement with a
15 participating sponsor of an apprenticeship pro-
16 gram, which may include a 2- or 4-year postsec-
17 ondary educational institution;

18 (B) create or expand the awarding and ar-
19 ticulation of academic credit for related instruc-
20 tion completed and credentials awarded to pro-
21 gram participants as part of a program under
22 the national apprenticeship system; and

23 (C) support the creation or expansion of
24 electronic transcripts for apprenticeship pro-

1 grams and all academic content, including re-
2 lated instruction and on-the-job training;

3 (4) provide technical assistance on eligible uses
4 of financial aid, including the Federal work study
5 program under part C of title IV of the Higher Edu-
6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51 et seq.), for
7 related instruction for programs under the national
8 apprenticeship system;

9 (5) provide to consortium participants or poten-
10 tial participants information regarding—

11 (A) a list of apprenticeship programs in re-
12 lated occupations offered in the State or avail-
13 able under the Office of Apprenticeship that
14 may become part of the consortium;

15 (B) information on how to develop an ap-
16 prenticeship program;

17 (C) information on Federal, State, and
18 local financial resources available to assist with
19 the establishment and implementation of ap-
20 prenticeship programs; and

21 (D) information on related qualified inter-
22 mediaries or industry or sector partnerships
23 supporting apprenticeship programs, as applica-
24 ble; and

1 (6) support information regarding the appren-
2 ticeship consortium being made available on a pub-
3 licly accessible website, including—

4 (A) a list of participating members of the
5 consortium, apprenticeship programs provided,
6 credentials awarded with each program, and
7 available apprenticeable occupations; and

8 (B) models of articulation agreements,
9 prior learning assessments, and competency-
10 based curriculum for related instruction for il-
11 lustrative purposes.

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