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To direct the Secretary of Labor to enter into interagency agreements to promote and support integration and alignment of programs under the national apprenticeship system with secondary, postsecondary, and adult education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LURIA 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 “Apprenticeship Pro-
5 gram Clearinghouse Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IN GENERAL.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, in order to cooperate with the Secretary of
4 Education and promote awareness and adoption of ap-
5 prenticeship programs, the Secretary of Labor shall—

6 (1) enter into an interagency agreement with
7 the Secretary of Education to promote and support
8 integration and alignment of programs under the
9 national apprenticeship system with secondary, post-
10 secondary, and adult education, through the activi-
11 ties described in this Act; and

12 (2) submit to the Committee on Education and
13 Labor of the House of Representatives and the Com-
14 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
15 of Senate, such agreement and any modifications to
16 such agreement.

17 **SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT AND SHARING.**

18 (a) DISSEMINATION.—Such interagency agreement
19 shall require that the Secretaries disseminate information
20 on the value of programs under the national apprentice-
21 ship system, including relevant placement, retention, and
22 earnings information, labor market data from the local
23 area, and sector forecasts to determine high-skill, high-
24 wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations of
25 such programs, to local education and training providers,

1 labor organizations, or joint-labor management organiza-
2 tions (including those representing teachers).

3 (b) CLEARINGHOUSE.—Such agreement shall require
4 the Secretaries to create a clearinghouse of best prac-
5 tices—

6 (1) for improving performance and increasing
7 alignment of education and programs under the na-
8 tional apprenticeship system, including career path-
9 ways; and

10 (2) publicly disseminate information and re-
11 sources on—

12 (A) replicable related instruction and on-
13 the-job learning; and

14 (B) how to build an understanding of ap-
15 prenticeship opportunities available to students.

16 **SEC. 4. DATA SHARING AGREEMENT.**

17 The Secretaries shall disseminate best practices for
18 the alignment of education records and records of pro-
19 grams under the national apprenticeship system, including
20 information on program participants who enroll in, com-
21 plete, and receive academic credit for postsecondary
22 coursework while participating in such a program.

23 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this Act:

1 (1) APPRENTICESHIP.—The term “apprentice-
2 ship” or “apprenticeship program” means an ap-
3 prenticeship—

4 (A) registered with the Department of
5 Labor under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
6 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship
7 Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50
8 et seq.), or a State Apprenticeship Agency rec-
9 ognized by the Department of Labor; and

10 (B) that complies with the requirements of
11 subpart A of part 29, and part 30 of title 29,
12 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
13 September 18, 2020).

14 (2) NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.—The
15 term “national apprenticeship system” means the
16 apprenticeship programs, youth apprenticeship pro-
17 grams, and pre-apprenticeship programs registered
18 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly re-
19 ferred to as the National Apprenticeship Act).

20 (3) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
21 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-
22 tial” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of
23 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
24 U.S.C. 3102), except that such term does not in-

1 clude a certificate of completion of an apprentice-
2 ship.

3 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Labor.

5 **SEC. 6. FUNDING.**

6 Any funds appropriated under this Act shall only be
7 used for, or provided to, programs under the national ap-
8 prenticeship system, including any funds awarded for the
9 purposes of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements,
10 or the development, implementation, or administration, of
11 program under the national apprenticeship system.

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