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S. 3825

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to expand the types of one-stop centers used to provide services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Workforce Develop-
5 ment Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ONE-STOP CENTERS.**

7 Section 121(e) of the Workforce Innovation and Op-
8 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151(e)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1
 2 physical center in each local area of the State;
 3 and” and inserting “1 physical or virtual center
 4 in each local area of the State, or at 1 or more
 5 physical or virtual centers shared by adjacent
 6 local areas and not less than 1 such center in
 7 each other local area of the State.”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 9 “and” at the end;

10 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 11 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (D) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(E) may locate a physical or virtual cen-
 14 ter described in subparagraph (A) at a public
 15 institution of higher education.”;

16 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “, the employ-
 17 ment service” and all that follows and inserting “,
 18 in each State that has a physical one-stop center,
 19 the employment service offices in that State shall be
 20 colocated with the physical one-stop centers in that
 21 State.”;

22 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
 23 graph (3); and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(5) RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL AREAS AND
 2 STATES.—For purposes of applying this Act in a sit-
 3 uation in which 2 adjacent local areas share a phys-
 4 ical or virtual one-stop center, a reference in this
 5 Act to a one-stop center that is in a local area or
 6 State shall be considered to be a reference to a one-
 7 stop center for that local area or State, respectively.

8 “(6) VIRTUAL CENTER.—In this subsection, the
 9 term ‘virtual’, used with respect to a one-stop center,
 10 means a terminal or other equipment that provides
 11 access to each of the programs, services, and activi-
 12 ties described in paragraph (1).”.

13 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

14 Section 3(d) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C.
 15 49b(d)) is amended by striking “, employment service”
 16 and all that follows and inserting “, in each State that
 17 has a physical one-stop center, the employment service of-
 18 fices in that State shall be colocated with the physical one-
 19 stop centers in that State.”.

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