To provide State and local workforce and career and technical education systems with support to respond to the COVID–19 national emergency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ______________________

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Relaunching America’s Workforce Act”.

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents is as follows:

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Sec. 2. Definitions.
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TITLE II—CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006

Sec. 201. Definitions and Perkins CTE requirements.
Sec. 2. Definitions.

In this Act:

(1) Apprenticeship; Apprenticeship Program.—The terms “apprenticeship” or “apprenticeship program” mean an apprenticeship program registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) (50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), including any requirement, standard, or rule promulgated under such Act, as such requirement, standard, or rule was in effect on December 30, 2019.


(3) COVID–19 National Emergency.—The term “COVID–19 national emergency” means the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on March 13, 2020, with respect to the coronavirus.

(4) Secretary.—The term “Secretary”—
(A) in subtitles A through D of title I, means the Secretary of Labor; and

(B) in subtitle E of title I and in title II, means the Secretary of Education.

SEC. 3. SPECIAL RULE.

Any funds made available under this Act that are used to fund an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program shall only be used for, or provided to, an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program that meets the definition of such term in section 2 of this Act, including any funds awarded for the purposes of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, or the development, implementation, or administration, of an apprenticeship or an apprenticeship program.

TITLE I—WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS AND WIOA REQUIREMENTS.

Except as otherwise provided, in this title—

(1) the terms have the meanings given the terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102); and

(2) an allotment, allocation, or other provision of funds made in accordance with a provision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) shall be made in compliance
with the applicable requirements of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), including the applicable requirements of section 182(e) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3242) unless otherwise provided for in this Act.

Subtitle A—Workforce Development Activities in Response to the COVID–19 National Emergency

SEC. 111. WORKFORCE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

(a) Funds for Adults and Dislocated Workers.—With respect to funds under this subtitle allotted or allocated to a State or local area for adult workforce development activities in accordance with paragraph (2)(A) or paragraph (3) of section 133(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(b)), or allocated to a local area for dislocated worker workforce development activities in accordance with section 133(b)(2)(B) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(b)(2)(B)), the following shall apply:

(1) Eligibility of Adults and Dislocated Workers.—Such an adult or dislocated worker—

(A) shall not be required to meet the requirements of section 134(c)(3)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(3)(B)); and
(B) may include an individual described in section 2102(a)(3)(A) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136).

(2) INDIVIDUALIZED CAREER SERVICES.—Such funds may be used to provide individualized career services described in section 134(c)(2)(A)(xii) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)(A)(xii)) to any such adult and dislocated worker.

(3) INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING.—In a case in which the local board for such local area provides to the Secretary an assurance that the local area will use such funds to provide the work support activities designed to assist low-wage workers in retaining and enhancing employment in accordance with section 134(d)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(d)(1)(B)), such local board may—

(A) use up to 40 percent of such funds for a training program for incumbent workers described in section 134(d)(4)(A)(i) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(d)(4)(A)(i)); and

(B) consider the economic impact of the COVID–19 national emergency to the employer
or participants of such program in determining an employer’s eligibility under section 134(d)(4)(A)(ii) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(d)(4)(A)(ii)) for the Federal share of the cost of such program.

(4) TRANSITIONAL JOBS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The local board for such local area may use up to 40 percent of such funds to provide transitional jobs in accordance with section 134(d)(5) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(d)(5)).

(B) CLARIFICATION.—Section 194(10) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3254(10)) shall not apply with respect to the funds used under subparagraph (A).

(5) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.—The Governor or the local board for such area may take into account the impact of the COVID–19 national emergency as a factor in determining whether to increase the amount of a reimbursement to an amount up to 75 percent of the wage rate of a participant in accordance with 134(c)(3)(H) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(3)(H)).
(6) CUSTOMIZED TRAINING.—The local board of such area may take into account the impact of the COVID–19 national emergency as a factor in determining the portion of the cost of training an employer shall provide in accordance with section 3(14) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(14)).

(b) YOUTH.—With respect to funds allotted or allocated under this subtitle for the activities described in chapter 2 of subtitle B of subtitle I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.) for out-of-school youth and in-school youth (as such terms are defined in section 129(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1))), the Governor or local board involved may determine that—

(1) in the case of an individual described in section 2102(a)(3)(A) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136) who meets the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of section 129(a)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1)(B)), such individual meets the definition of out-of-school youth in such section 129(a)(1)(B); and

(2) in the case of an individual described in section 2102(a)(3)(A) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
Economic Security Act (Public Law 116–136) who meets the requirements of clauses (i) through (iii) of section 129(a)(1)(C) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164(a)(1)(C)), such individual meets the definition of in-school youth in such section 129(a)(1)(C).

(c) Governor’s Reserve.—Of the funds allotted under this subtitle to a State in accordance with section 127(b)(1)(C) and paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B) of section 132(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3162(b)(1)(C); 3172(b)), the Governor—

(1) shall make the reservation under section 128(a) and 133(a)(1) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3163(a); 3173(a)(1)); and

(2) may make an additional reservation of not more than 10 percent for activities related to responding to the COVID–19 national emergency if such funds are used for activities benefitting local areas within such State most impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency, including—

(A) training for health care workers, public health workers, personal care attendants, direct service providers, home health workers, and frontline workers;
(B) resources to support, allow for, or pro-
vide access to online services, including coun-
seling, case management, and employment re-
tention supports, and delivery by local boards,
one-stop centers, one-stop operators, or training
by eligible training providers; or

(C) providing additional resources to such
local areas to provide career services and sup-
portive services for eligible individuals.

(d) STATE WORKFORCE COVID–19 RECOVERY
PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after a State receives
funds under this subtitle, the Governor shall submit to the
Secretary, as a supplement to the unified State plan sub-
mitted under section 102(a) of the Workforce Innovation
and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112(a)), a workforce
plan that responds to the COVID–19 national emergency.

SEC. 112. NATIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER GRANTS.

(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From the funds appro-
priated under subsection (e), the Secretary shall award,
in accordance with section 170 of the Workforce Innova-
tion and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3225), national dis-
located worker grants to the entities that meet the require-
ments for the grants under such section to carry out the
activities described in such section and in subsection (d)
of this section.
(b) PLAN.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 30 days, a plan for awarding grants under this section.

(c) TIMING.—Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this section, not later than 60 days of the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall use not less than 50 percent of the funds appropriated under subsection (e) to award grants under this section.

(d) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not fewer than half of the funds appropriated under subsection (d) shall be used to award grants under this section to respond to the COVID–19 national emergency as described in paragraph (2).

(2) RESPONSE TO COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—A grant awarded under this section to respond to the COVID–19 national emergency shall include the following:

(A) TRAINING AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT.—Training and temporary employment to respond to the COVID–19 national emergency,
ensuring any training or employment under this subparagraph provides participants with adequate and safe equipment, environments, and facilities for training and supervision, including positions or assignments—

(i) as personal care attendants, direct service providers, or home health workers providing direct care and home health services for older individuals, individuals with disabilities, and other individuals with respiratory conditions and other underlying health conditions, or for individuals in urban, rural, and suburban local areas with excess poverty, including delivering medicine, food, or other supplies;

(ii) in health care and health care support positions;

(iii) to support State, local, or tribal health departments; or

(iv) in a sector such as childcare, food retail, public service, manufacturing, or transportation.

(B) LAYOFF RESPONSE.—Activities responding to layoffs of 50 or more individuals laid off by one employer, or communities where
there are layoffs that significantly increase un-
employment in such community as a result of
the COVID–19 national emergency, such as in
the hospitality, transportation, manufacturing,
or retail industry sectors or occupations.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 113. STATE DISLOCATED WORKER ACTIVITIES RE-
SPONDING TO THE COVID–19 EMERGENCY.

(a) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

(1) STATES.—From the amounts appropriated
under subsection (d), the Secretary shall make allot-
ments to States in accordance with section 132 of
the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29

(2) LOCAL AREAS.—Not later than 30 days
after a State receives an allotment under paragraph
(1), the State shall—

(A) use such funds to make the reserva-
tions required under section 133(a) of the
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
U.S.C. 3173(a)); and

(B) allocate the remaining funds to local
areas in accordance with section 133(b)(2)(B)
of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(b)(2)(B)).

(b) REQUIRED USES.—Each State and local area shall use the funds received under this section to engage in the dislocated worker response activities described in sections 133(b)(2)(B) and 134 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(b)(2)(B); 3174), which shall include the activities described in subsection (c) of this section to support layoff aversion and provide necessary supports to eligible adults and dislocated workers and to employers facing layoffs due to the impacts of the COVID–19 national emergency.

(c) COVID–19 DISLOCATED WORKER EMERGENCY RESPONSE.—The dislocated worker response activities shall include the following activities carried out by a State, in coordination with local areas impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency (including local areas in which layoffs, suspensions, or reductions of employment have occurred or have the potential to occur as a result of the COVID–19 national emergency):

(1) RAPID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—The rapid response activities described in section 134(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(a)(2)(A)), including the layoff aversion strategies described in section 682.320 of sub-
title 20, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act) to engage employers and adults at risk of dislocation.

(2) DISLOCATED WORKER ACTIVITIES.—Coordination of projects for eligible adults and dislocated workers impacted by layoffs, suspensions, or reductions in employment as a result of the COVID–19 national emergency, targeted at immediate reemployment, career navigation services, supportive services, career services, training for in-demand industry sectors and occupations, provision of information on in-demand and declining industries, provision of information on employers who have a demonstrated history of providing equitable benefits and compensation and safe working conditions, access to technology and online skills training including digital literacy skills training, and other layoff supports or further layoff aversion strategies through adult employment and training activities.

(3) SHORT-TERM RETRAINING.—A prioritization or coordination of employment and training activities, including supportive services and career pathways, that prepare eligible adults and dislocated workers to participate in short-term training to meet the demands for health care workers,
public health workers, personal care attendants, direct service providers, home health workers, and frontline workers responding to the COVID–19 national emergency, including in transportation, information technology, service sector, manufacturing, food service, maintenance, and cleaning, and which shall—

(A) allow such individuals to maintain eligibility for career and training services through the period in which such individuals are in short-term employment to respond to the COVID–19 national emergency and in the period immediately following the conclusion of the short-term employment, to support transitions into further training or employment; and

(B) ensure any such employment or training provides participants with adequate and safe equipment, environments, and facilities for training and supervision, including positions or assignments.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $2,500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.
SEC. 114. YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

RESPONDING TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

(a) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

(1) STATES.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (d), the Secretary shall make allotments to States in accordance with section 127(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3162(b)).

(2) LOCAL AREAS.—Not later than 30 days after a State receives an allotment under paragraph (1), the State shall—

(A) use such funds to make the reservations required under section 128(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3163(a)); and

(B) allocate the remaining funds to local areas in accordance with section 128(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3163(b)).

(b) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In using the funds received under this section, each State and local area shall prioritize providing services for youth impacted by diminished labor market opportunities for summer jobs or year round employment due to the economic
impacts of the COVID–19 national emergency, consistent with paragraph (2)(A).

(2) **YOUTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—**

(A) **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.**—Each State and local area receiving funds under this section shall use not less than 50 percent of such funds to support summer and year round youth employment for in-school and out-of-school youth—

(i) with a priority for out-of-school youth and youth with multiple barriers to employment; and

(ii) which shall include support for employer partnerships for youth employment and subsidized youth employment, and partnerships with community-based organizations to support such employment opportunities.

(B) **OTHER ACTIVITIES.**—Any amounts not used to carry out the activities described in subparagraph (A) shall be used by State and local boards for carrying out the activities described in subsections (b) and (c) of section 129 of the
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3164), including for the purposes of—

(i) supporting in-school and out-of-school youth to connect to education and career pathways;

(ii) establishing or expanding partnerships with community-based organizations to develop or expand work experience opportunities and the development of skills and competencies to secure and maintain employment, including supports for activities like peer-mentoring;

(iii) subsidized employment, internships, work-based learning, and youth apprenticeships;

(iv) work-readiness training activities and educational programs aligned to career pathways that support credential attainment and the development of employability skills;

(v) engaging or establishing industry or sector partnerships to determine job needs and available opportunities for youth employment;
(vi) conducting outreach to youth and employers;

(vii) coaching, navigation, and mentoring services for participating youth, including career exploration, career counseling, career planning, and college planning services;

(viii) coaching, navigation, and mentoring services for employers on how to successfully employ participating youth in meaningful work;

(ix) providing services to youth to enable participation in the program, including supportive services, technological devices and access to other supports needed to access online services, and follow-up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation, as appropriate; and

(x) coordinating activities under this section with State and local educational agencies around academic calendars in response to the COVID–19 national emergency.
(c) General Provisions.—A State or local area using funds under this section for youth placement in summer or year-round employment shall require that not less than 25 percent of the wages of each eligible youth participating in such employment be paid by the employer, except that such requirement may be waived for an employer facing financial hardship due to the COVID–19 national emergency.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $2,500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

Sec. 115. Adult Employment and Training Activities Responding to the COVID–19 National Emergency.

(a) Distribution of Funds.—

(1) States.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (d), the Secretary shall make allotments to States in accordance with section 132(b)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3172(b)(1)).

(2) Local Areas.—Not later than 30 days after a State receives an allotment under paragraph (1), the State shall—

(A) use such funds to make the reservations required under section 133(a) of the
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(a)); and

(B) allocate such funds to local areas in accordance with paragraphs (2)(A) or (3) of section 133(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3173(b)).

(b) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State and local area shall use the funds received under this section to engage in the adult employment and training activities described in section 134 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174) to provide necessary supports and services to eligible adults who are adversely impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency, including individuals who are underemployed or most at-risk of unemployment, and shall coordinate with employers facing economic hardship or employment challenges due to economic impacts of the COVID–19 national emergency.

(2) COVID–19 ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES.—

(A) SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS IMPACTED BY THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Of the funds provided to a local area under subsection (a)(2), not less than one third shall be
used for providing services to employers impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency, including incumbent worker training, on-the-job training, and customized training activities, and activities supporting employee retention for such employers.

(B) UNDEREMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS.—Of the funds provided to a local area and not used for activities under subparagraph (A), such funds shall be used to provide the services and supports described in section 134 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174) for workers facing underemployment, individuals seeking work, or dislocated workers, prioritizing individuals with barriers to employment or eligible adults who are adversely impacted by economic changes within their communities due to the COVID–19 national emergency, including—

(i) work-based learning opportunities including paid internships, paid work experience opportunities, transitional jobs, or apprenticeships registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the
“National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.); (ii) career navigation supports to encourage and enable workers to find new pathways to in-demand careers and the necessary training to support those career pathways, or workplace learning advisors to support incumbent workers; (iii) training for in-demand industry sectors and occupations, including for digital literacy needed for such industry sectors and occupations; (iv) virtual services and virtual employment and training activities, including providing appropriate accommodations to individuals with disabilities in accordance to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); and (v) supportive services and individualized career services. (c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $2,500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.
Subtitle B—Employment Service

COVID–19 National Emergency
Response Fund

SEC. 121. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

(a) In General.—From the funds appropriated under subsection (e), the Secretary shall—

(1) reserve not less than $100,000,000 for workforce information systems improvements, including for electronic tools and system building, and for the activities described in subsection (b)(1); and

(2) use the funds remaining to make allotments to States in accordance with section 6 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49e), which for purposes of this section shall include the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, for the activities—

(A) described in subsection (b)(2) of this section; and

(B) described in section 15 of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49l-2)

(b) USES OF FUNDS.—

(1) Secretary uses of funds.—The Secretary shall use the funds reserved under subsection (a)(1) for—
(A) workforce information grants to States for the development of labor market insights and evidence on the State and local impacts of COVID–19 and on promising reemployment strategies, and to improve access to tools and equipment for virtual products and service delivery;

(B) the Workforce Information Technology Support Center, to facilitate voluntary State participation in multi-State data collaboratives that develop real-time State and local labor market insights on the impacts of COVID–19 and evidence to promote more rapid reemployment and economic mobility, using cross-State and cross-agency administrative data; and

(C) improvements in short- and long-term State and local occupational and employment projections to facilitate reemployment, economic mobility, and economic development strategies.

(2) STATE USES OF FUNDS.—A State shall use an allotment received under subsection (a)(2) to—

(A) provide additional resources for supporting employment service personnel employed on a merit system in providing reemployment
services for unemployed and underemployed workers;

(B) provide assistance for individuals impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency, including such individuals receiving unemployment insurance or seeking employment as a result of the emergency, which shall include providing for services such as reemployment services, job search assistance, job matching services based on the experience of individuals, and individualized career services; and

(C) provide services for employers impacted by the COVID–19 national emergency, which shall include services for employers dealing with labor force changes as a result of such emergency.

(c) **Authorization of Appropriations.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $1,000,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.
Subtitle C—Job Corps Response to the COVID–19 National Emergency

SEC. 131. JOB CORPS RESPONSE TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

(a) FUNDING FOR JOB CORPS DURING THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—From the funds appropriated under subsection (c), the Secretary—

(1) shall provide funds to each entity with which the Secretary has entered into an agreement under section 147(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3197(a)(1)) to—

(A) during the COVID–19 national emergency—

(i) carry out the activities described in section 148(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(a));

(ii) provide the child care described in section 148(e) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(e)); and

(B) retain existing capacity of each Job Corps Center, including existing residential capacity during and after the COVID–19 national emergency, and increase staffing and student capacity and resources related to section 145 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.
(29 U.S.C. 3195) to provide for full on-board strength after such emergency; and

(C) during the 12-month period after the COVID–19 national emergency, carry out the graduate services described in section 148(d) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(d)) for any individual who has graduated from Job Corps during the 3-month period after such emergency; and

(2) may—

(A) provide up to 15 percent of such funds to meet the operational needs of Job Corps centers (which may include the cleaning, sanitation, and necessary improvements of centers related to COVID–19);

(B) support—

(i) the activities described in section 132 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3172);

(ii) the relationship to opportunities, and links to employment opportunities described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 148(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(a)); and
(iii) the academic, career, and technical education and training in section 148 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3198) through virtual or remote means during the period of spring break described in the Job Corps Program Instruction Notice No. 19–14 (issued on March 16, 2020), and the extended period described in the Job Corps Program Instruction Notice No. 19–174 (issued on March April 24, 2020), and for any period while Job Corps participants are away from their centers during the COVID–19 national emergency, including by providing technology resources necessary to participants during such periods;

(C) provide for costs related to infrastructure projects, including technology modernization needed to provide for virtual and remote learning; and

(D) provide for payment of Job Corps stipends, including emergency Job Corps stipends, and facilitate such payments through means such as debit cards with no usage fees, and corresponding financial literacy.
(b) FLEXIBILITY.—In order to provide for the successful continuity of services and enrollment periods during the COVID–19 national emergency, additional flexibility shall be provided for Job Corps participants and practitioners, including the following:

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding the age requirements for enrollment under section 144(a)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3194(a)(1)), an individual seeking to enroll in Job Corps and who turns 25 during the COVID–19 national emergency may be eligible for such enrollment.

(2) ENROLLMENT LENGTH.—Notwithstanding section 146(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3196(b)), the period of enrollment may extend beyond 2 years for an individual enrolled in Job Corps during the COVID–19 national emergency, as long as such extension does not exceed a 2-year, continuous period of enrollment after the COVID–19 national emergency.

(3) ADVANCED CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), with respect to advanced career training programs under section 148(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3198(c)) in which the enrollees may
continue to participate for a period not to exceed 1 year in addition to the period of participation to which the enrollees would otherwise be limited, the COVID–19 national emergency shall not be considered as any portion of such additional 1-year participation period.

(4) COUNSELING AND JOB PLACEMENT.—The counseling and job placement services described in section 149 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3199) shall be available to former enrollees—

(A) whose enrollment was interrupted due to the COVID–19 national emergency;

(B) who graduated from Job Corps on or after January 1, 2020; or

(C) who graduated from Job Corps not later than 3 months after the COVID–19 national emergency.

(5) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall provide additional support for the transition periods described in section 150 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3200), including the following:

(A) TRANSITION ALLOWANCES.—The Secretary shall provide for the provision of addi-
tional transition allowances as described in subsection (b) of such section 150 (29 U.S.C. 3200) for Job Corps students who graduate during the periods described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (4) of this paragraph.

(B) Transition Support.—The Secretary shall consider the period during the COVID–19 national emergency and the three month period following the conclusion of the COVID–19 national emergency as the period in which the provision of employment services as described in subsection (c) of such section 150 (29 U.S.C. 3200) shall be provided to former enrollees.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle $500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

Subtitle D—National Programs

SEC. 141. NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS RESPONDING TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

(a) Competitive Grant Awards.—As a result of challenges faced by the COVID–19 national emergency, the Secretary may extend, by 1 fiscal year, the 4-year period for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements that will be awarded in fiscal year 2021 under subsection (c) of section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221) for funds under such grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to be used to carry out the activities described in subsection (d) of such section through fiscal year 2025.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section and activities as described in section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3221) $150,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 142. MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKER PROGRAM RESPONSE.

(a) Competitive Grant Awards.—As a result of challenges faced by the COVID–19 national emergency, the Secretary may extend, by 1 fiscal year, the 4-year period for grants and contracts that will be awarded in fiscal year 2021 under subsection (a) of section 167 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3222) for funds under such grants and contracts to be used to carry out the activities described in subsection (d) of such section through fiscal year 2025.

(b) Eligible Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker.—Notwithstanding the definition of “eligible seasonal farmworker” in section 167(i)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3222(i)(3)), an individual seeking to enroll in a program funded under
section 167 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3222) during the COVID–19 national emergency may be considered eligible for such enrollment if such individual is a member of a family with a total family income equal to or less than 150 percent of the Federal poverty line.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section and activities as described in section 167 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3222) $150,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 143. YOUTHBUILD ACTIVITIES RESPONDING TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

(a) In General.—In order to provide for the successful continuity of services and enrollment periods during the COVID–19 national emergency, the Secretary shall—

(1) make available 20 percent of the funds appropriated under subsection (c) to entities carrying out YouthBuild programs operating during the COVID–19 national emergency—

(A) which may be used for carrying out the activities under section 171(c)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)(2)); and
(B) notwithstanding section 171(c)(2)(D) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)(2)(D)), of which up to 20 percent may be used for the administrative costs of carrying out activities under section 171(c)(2) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)(2)), so long as any amount used under this section for administrative costs that exceeds the amount authorized for administrative costs under section 171(c)(2)(D) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)(2)(D)) is used for administrative costs related to responding to the COVID–19 national emergency;

(2) after using funds in accordance with paragraph (1), use any remaining funds to—

(A) reserve funds in accordance with section 171(g)(2)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(g)(2)(B)); and

(B) award grants in accordance with section 171(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(c)), which may be awarded as supplemental awards to eligible entities receiving grants under such sec-
tion 171(c) for program year 2019 or 2020; and

(3) provide for the flexibility described in subsection (b) for YouthBuild participants and practitioners.

(b) FLEXIBILITY.—During the COVID–19 national emergency, the Secretary shall provide for flexibility for YouthBuild participants and practitioners, including the following:

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding the age requirements for enrollment under section 171(e)(1)(A)(i) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(e)(1)(A)(i)), an individual seeking to participate in a YouthBuild program and who turns 25 during the COVID–19 national emergency may be eligible for such participation.

(2) PARTICIPATION LENGTH.—Notwithstanding section 171(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3226(e)(2)), the period of participation in a YouthBuild program may extend beyond 24 months for an individual participating in such program during the COVID–19 national emergency, as long as such extension does not
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exceed a 24 month, continuous period of enrollment
after the COVID–19 national emergency.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$250,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 144. REENTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES RE-
SPONDING TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL
EMERGENCY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall—
(1) not later than 30 days after the date of en-
actment of this Act, announce an opportunity for
grants or contacts in accordance with section 169(b)
of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
(29 U.S.C. 3224(b)) for the activities described in
subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) from the funds appropriated under sub-
section (c), not later than 45 days after the date on
which an entity submits an application that meets
the requirements of the Secretary under this section,
award funds under this section to such entity.

(b) Use of Funds.—Funds under this section shall
be used to support reentry employment opportunities for
justice-involved youth and young adults, formerly incarcera-
ated adults, and former offenders during and following the
COVID–19 national emergency, with priority given to pro-
viding for subsidized employment, transitional jobs, and creating stronger alignment with the workforce system and participant supports under subtitle B of title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3151 et seq.).

(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $350,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 145. REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES RESPONDING TO THE COVID–19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

(a) In General.—From the funds appropriated under subsection (d), the Secretary shall award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities on a competitive basis to create or expand apprenticeship programs registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), which shall include pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs.

(b) Use of Funds.—In making awards under subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that—

(1) not less than 50 percent of the funds appropriated under subsection (d) shall be awarded to States in accordance with the award information de-
scribed in the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 17–18 issued on May 3, 2019;

(2) the remaining funds appropriated under subsection (d) after funds are awarded under paragraph (1) shall be used for supporting national industry and equity intermediaries and local intermediaries; and

(3) funds awarded under this section shall be used for creating or expanding registered apprenticeship opportunities, including pre-apprenticeships and youth apprenticeships, and activities including—

(A) supportive services;

(B) recruitment and retention strategies for program participants with a priority for programs serving a high number or high percentage of individuals with barriers to employment and nontraditional apprenticeship populations;

(C) expansion of registered apprenticeship program opportunities in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors and occupations;
(D) costs associated with related instruction or wages while participating in related instruction;

(E) improving educational alignment; and

(F) encouraging employer participation.

c) SECRETARIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall identify and disseminate strategies and tools to support virtual and online learning and training in registered apprenticeship programs.

d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $500,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

Subtitle E—Adult Education and Literacy COVID–19 National Emergency Response

SEC. 151. ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

(a) ONLINE SERVICE DELIVERY OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY ACTIVITIES.—During the COVID–19 national emergency, an eligible agency may use funds available to such agency under paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 222(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (20 U.S.C. 3302(a)) for the administrative expenses of the eligible agency related to transitions
to online service delivery of adult education and literacy activities.

(b) S ECRETARIAL R ESPONSIBILITIES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in carrying out section 242(c)(2)(G) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3332(c)(2)(G)), identify and disseminate to States strategies and virtual proctoring tools to—

(1) assess the progress of learners in adult education programs based upon valid research, as appropriate, and;

(2) measure the progress of such programs in meeting the State adjusted levels of performance described in section 116(b)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(3)).

SEC. 152. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

(a) R ESERVATION OF FUNDS; G RANTS TO ELIGIBLE AGENCIES.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

(1) make reservations in accordance with section 211(a) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3291(a)); and

(2) award grants to eligible agencies in accordance with section 211(b) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3291(b)), of
which not less than 10 percent of funds awarded shall be used to provide adult education and literacy activities in correctional facilities.

(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Each State and local area shall use the funds received under this section to expand the capacity of adult education providers to prioritize serving adults with low-literacy or numeracy levels negatively impacted by the economic consequences of the COVID–19 national emergency, which may include—

(1) expanding the infrastructure needed for the provision of services and educational resources online or through digital means, including the provision of technology or internet access to students and instructional staff to enable virtual or distance learning;

(2) creating or expanding digital literacy curriculum and resources, including professional development activities to aid instructional and program staff in providing online or digital training to students; and

(3) equipping adult education providers to partner more closely with workforce development partners on implementation strategies such as integrated education and training to prepare adult learners for
high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors
and occupations on an accelerated timeline.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$1,000,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

Subtitle F—Community College
and Industry Partnership Grants

SEC. 161. COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND INDUSTRY PARTNER-
SHIP GRANTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
ty” means an eligible institution or a consortia of
such eligible institutions.

(2) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term “eligi-
bile institution” means a public institution of higher
education (as defined in section 101(a) of the High-
er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)) at
which the highest degree that is predominantly
awarded to students is an associate degree, including
a 2-year Tribal College or University (as defined in
section 316 of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C.
1059c)).

(3) PERKINS CTE DEFINITIONS.—The terms
“career and technical education”, “dual or concur-
rent enrollment”, and “work-based learning” have
the meanings given the terms in section 3 of the
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education

(b) AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—From the funds appro-
priated under subsection (h) and not reserved under
subsection (f), the Secretary, in collaboration with
the Secretary of Education (acting through the Of-

dice of Career, Technical, and Adult Education),
shall award, on a competitive basis, grants, con-
tracts, or cooperative agreements in accordance with
section 169(b)(5) of the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3224(b)(5)) to eligible
entities to assist such eligible entities in—

(A) establishing and scaling career training
programs, including career and technical edu-
cation programs;

(B) establishing industry and sector part-
nerships to inform such programs; and

(C) providing necessary student supports.

(2) AWARD AMOUNTS.—The total amount of
funds awarded under this section to an eligible enti-

ty shall not exceed—
(A) in the case of an eligible entity that is
a single eligible institution, $2,500,000; and

(B) in the case of an eligible entity that is
a consortia of eligible institutions, $15,000,000.

(3) AWARD PERIOD.—A grant, contract, or co-
operative agreement awarded under this section shall
be for a period of not more than 4 years, except that
the Secretary may extend such a grant, contract, or
cooperative agreement for an additional 2-year pe-
period, based on the outcomes reported under sub-
section (g)(1) of the programs supported under such
grant, contract, or cooperative agreement.

(4) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—In awarding
funds under this section, the Secretary shall ensure,
to the extent practicable, the equitable distribution
of funds, based on—

(A) geography (such as urban and rural
distribution); and

(B) States and local areas significantly im-
pacted by the COVID–19 national emergency.

(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding funds under this section,
the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that
will use such funds to serve individuals impacted by the
COVID–19 national emergency, as demonstrated by pro-
viding an assurance in the application submitted under
subsection (d) that the eligible entity will use such funds to—

(1) serve such individuals with barriers to employment, veterans, spouses of members of the Armed Forces, Native American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, individuals with disabilities, or incumbent workers who are low-skilled and who need to increase their employability skills;

(2) serve such individuals from each major racial and ethnic group and gender with lower than average educational attainment in the State or employment in the in-demand industry sector or occupation that such award will support; or

(3) serve areas with high unemployment rates or high levels of poverty, including rural areas.

(d) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking an award of funds under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application containing a grant proposal at such time and in such manner, and containing such information, as required by the Secretary, including a detailed description of the following:

(1) Each entity (and the roles and responsibilities of each entity) with which the eligible entity will partner to carry out activities under this section, including each of the following:
(A) An industry or sector partnership representing a high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sector or occupation.

(B) A State higher education agency or a State workforce agency.

(C) To the extent practicable—

(i) State or local workforce development systems;

(ii) economic development and other relevant State or local agencies;

(iii) one or more community-based organizations;

(iv) one or more institutions of higher education that primarily award 4-year degrees with which the eligible institution has developed or will develop articulation agreements for programs created or expanded using funds under this section;

(v) one or more providers of adult education; and

(vi) one or more labor organizations or joint labor-management partnerships.

(2) The programs that will be supported with such award, including a description of—
(A) each program that will be developed or expanded, and how the program will be responsive to the high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations in the geographic region served by the eligible entity under this section, including—

(i) how the eligible entity will collaborate with employers to ensure each such program will provide the skills and competencies necessary to meet future employment demand; and

(ii) the quantitative data and evidence that demonstrates the extent to which each such program will meet the needs of employers and workers in the geographic area served by the eligible entity under this section;

(B) the recognized postsecondary credentials to be awarded under each program described in subparagraph (A);

(C) how each such program will facilitate cooperation between representatives of workers and employers in the local areas to ensure a fair and engaging workplace that balances the
priorities and well-being of workers with the needs of businesses;

(D) the extent to which each such program aligns with a statewide or regional workforce development strategy, including such strategies established under section 102(b)(1) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3112(b)(1)); and

(E) how the eligible entity will ensure the quality of each such program, the career pathways within each such program, the stackability and portability of credentials earned as part of each such program, and the jobs in the industry sectors or occupations to which each such program is aligned.

(3) The extent to which the eligible entity can leverage additional resources, and a demonstration of the future sustainability of each such program.

(4) How each such program and activities carried out under the grant will include evidence-based practices, including a description of such practices;

(5) The student populations that will be served by the eligible entity, including—

(A) an analysis of any barriers to employment or barriers to postsecondary education
that such populations face, and an analysis of
how the services to be provided by the eligible
entity under this section will address such bar-
rriers; and

(B) how the eligible entity will support
such populations to establish a work history,
demonstrate success in the workplace, and de-
develop the skills and competencies that lead to
entry into and retention in unsubsidized em-
ployment.

(6) Assurances the eligible entity will partici-
pate in and comply with third-party evaluations de-
scribed in subsection (f)(2).

(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity shall use a
grant awarded under this section to establish and
scale career training programs, including career and
technical education programs, and career pathways
and supports for students participating in such pro-
grams.

(2) STUDENT SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY SERV-
ICES.—Not less than 15 percent of the grant award-
ed to an eligible entity under this section shall be
used to carry out student support services, which
may include the following:
(A) Supportive services, including childcare, transportation, mental health services, or substance use disorder prevention and treatment, assistance in obtaining health insurance coverage, housing, and other benefits, as appropriate.

(B) Connecting students to State or Federal means-tested benefits programs, including the means-tested Federal benefits programs described in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 479(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ss(d)(2)).

(C) The provision of direct financial assistance to help students facing financial hardships that may impact enrollment in or completion of a program assisted with such funds.

(D) Navigation, coaching, mentorship, and case management services, including providing information and outreach to populations described in subsection (e) to take part in a program supported with such funds.

(E) Providing access to necessary supplies, materials, technological devices, or required equipment, and other supports necessary to participate in such programs.
(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIRED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—The funds awarded to an eligible entity under this section that remain after carrying out paragraph (1) shall be used to—

(A) create, develop, or expand articulation agreements (as defined in section 486A(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1093a(a)), credit transfer agreements, policies to award credit for prior learning, corequisite remediation, dual or concurrent enrollment programs, career pathways, and competency-based education;

(B) establish or expand industry or sector partnerships to develop or expand quality academic programs and curricula;

(C) establish or expand work-based learning opportunities, including apprenticeship programs registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) or paid internships;

(D) establish or implement plans for the eligible entity to be included on the list of eligible providers of training services described in
section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and
Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d));

(E) award academic credit or provide for
academic alignment towards credit pathways for
programs assisted with such funds, including
industry recognized credentials, competency-
based education, or work-based learning;

(F) make available open, searchable, and
comparable information on the recognized post-
secondary credentials awarded under such pro-
grams, including the related skills or com-
petencies and related employment and earnings
outcomes; or

(G) acquire equipment necessary to sup-
port activities permitted under this section.

(f) SECRETARIAL RESERVATIONS.—Not more than 5
percent of the funds appropriated for a fiscal year may
be used by the Secretary for—

(1) the administration of the program under
this section, including providing technical assistance
to eligible entities;

(2) targeted outreach to eligible institutions
serving a high number or high percentage of low-in-
come populations and rural serving eligible institu-
tions, to provide guidance and assistance in the
grant application process under this section; and

(3) a rigorous, third-party evaluation that uses
experimental or quasi-experimental design or other
research methodologies that allow for the strongest
possible causal inferences to determine whether each
eligible entity carrying out a program supported
under this section has met the goals of such pro-
gram as described in the application submitted by
such eligible entity, including through a national as-
essment of all such programs at the conclusion of
each award period described in subsection (b)(3).

(g) REPORTS AND DISSEMINATION.—

(1) REPORTS.—

(A) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—Each eligible enti-
ty receiving a grant, contract, or cooperative
agreement under this section shall submit to
the Secretary, for each year of the award period
of such grant, contract, or cooperative agree-
ment, and for the entire award period, 1 year
after the conclusion of such award period, a re-
port that includes—

(i) a description of the programs sup-
ported with such funds, including activities
carried out directly by the eligible entity
and activities carried out by each partner
of the eligible entity described in sub-
section (d)(1);

(ii) data on each population served
with the funds and labor market outcomes
of each such population;

(iii) resources leveraged by the eligible
entity to support activities under this sec-
tion; and

(iv) the performance of each such pro-
gram with respect to the indicators of per-
formance under section 116(b)(2)(A)(i) of
the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(2)(A)(i)).

(B) SECRETARY.—Upon receipt of a report
under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
submit such report to the Committee on Edu-
cation and Labor of the House of Representa-
tives and the Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

(2) DISSEMINATION.—Each eligible entity re-
ceiving funds under this section shall—

(A) participate in activities to disseminate
related research and best practices; and
(B) to the extent practicable, and as determined by the Secretary, make available to the public any materials created under the grant.

(h) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $2,000,000,000 through fiscal year 2024.

Subtitle G—General Provisions

SEC. 171. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Supplement, Not Supplant.—Funds made available under this title shall be used only to supplement, and shall not supplant, the funds that would, in the absence of such Federal funds, be made available from State or local public funds for adult education and literacy activities, employment and training activities, or other activities carried out under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.).

(b) Evaluations.—Any activity or program carried out with funds received under this title shall be subject to—

(1) performance accountability indicators in accordance with section 116 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141); and

(2) rigorous evaluation using research approaches appropriate to the level of development and maturity of the activity or program, including ran-
dom assignment or quasi-experimental impact evaluations, implementation evaluations, pre-experimental studies, and feasibility studies, including studying job quality measures and credential transparency.

(c) USES OF FUNDS.—From the funds appropriated under subsection (d), the Secretary of Labor shall—

(1) support the administration of the funds under this title and the evaluation of activities described in subsection (b), including providing guidance and technical assistance to States and local areas;

(2) establish an interagency agreement with the Department of Education for—

(A) coordination of funding priorities, including with other relevant Federal agencies, as applicable;

(B) dissemination and administration of grants and funding under this title; and

(C) execution of research and evaluation activities to minimize the duplication of efforts and job training investments and facilitate greater blending and braiding of Federal and non-Federal funds;
(3) provide guidance and financial support to States and local areas on how to make information on recognized postsecondary credentials and related competencies being awarded with funds under this title publicly available, searchable, and comparable as linked open data;

(4) not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, issue guidance for implementing this title in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.); and

(5) provide no less than $1,000,000 for each fiscal year for the Office of Inspector General at the Department of Labor to oversee the administration and distribution of funds under this title.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $90,000,000 through fiscal year 2024.

TITLE II—CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006

SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS AND PERKINS CTE REQUIREMENTS.

Except as otherwise provided, in this title—

(1) the terms have the meanings given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and
Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302);
and

(2) an allotment, allocation, or other provision
of funds made in accordance with a provision of the
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) shall be made
in compliance with the applicable requirements of
such Act.

SEC. 202. COVID–19 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
RESPONSE FLEXIBILITY.

(a) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sec-
tion 133(b)(1) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
ical Education Act of 2006 (29 U.S.C. 2353(b)(1)), with
respect to an eligible recipient that, due to the COVID–
19 national emergency, does not expend all of the amounts
that the eligible recipient is allocated for academic year
2019–2020 under section 131 or 132 of the Carl D. Per-
kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
U.S.C. 2351; 2352), the eligible agency that allocated
such funds to the eligible recipient—

(1) may authorize the eligible recipient to retain
such amounts to carry out, during academic year
2020–2021, any activities described in the applica-
tion of eligible recipient submitted under section
134(b) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2354(b)) that such
eligible recipient had intended to carry out during academic year 2019–2020; and

(2) shall ensure that a retention of amounts by an eligible recipient under paragraph (1) has no impact on the allocation of amounts to such eligible recipient under section 131 or 132 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2351; 2352) for academic year 2020–2021.

(b) POOLING OF FUNDS.—An eligible recipient may, in accordance with section 135(c) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2355(c)), pool a portion of funds received under such Act with a portion of funds received under such Act available to one or more eligible recipients to support the transition from secondary education to postsecondary education or employment for CTE participants whose academic year was interrupted by the COVID–19 national emergency.

(c) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—During the COVID–19 national emergency, section 3(40)(B) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(40)(B)) shall apply as if “sustained (not stand-alone, 1-day, or short-term workshops), intensive, collaborative, job-embedded, data-driven, and classroom-focused,” were struck.
SEC. 203. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

(a) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

(1) STATES.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (c), the Secretary shall make allotments to eligible agencies in accordance with section 111(a)(3) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2321(a)(3)).

(2) LOCAL AREAS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after an eligible agency receives an allotment under paragraph (1), the State shall make available such funds in accordance with section 112(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2322(a)), including making such funds available for distribution to eligible recipients in accordance with sections 131 and 132 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 2531; 2532).

(B) RESERVED FUNDS.—An eligible agency that reserves funds in accordance with section 112(a)(1) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 2322(a)(1)) to be used in accordance with section 112(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 2322(c)) may also use such reserved funds for digital, physical, or technology infrastructure-related...
projects to improve career and technical education offerings within the State.

(b) USES OF FUNDS.—Each eligible agency and eligible recipient shall use the funds received under this section to carry out activities to improve or expand career and technical education programs and programs of study to adequately respond to State and local needs as a result of the COVID–19 national emergency, including—

(1) expanding and modernizing digital, physical, or technology infrastructure to deliver in-person, online, virtual, and simulated educational and work-based learning experiences;

(2) acquiring appropriate equipment, technology, supplies, and instructional materials aligned with business and industry needs, including machinery, testing equipment, tools, hardware, software, and other new and emerging instructional materials;

(3) providing incentives to employers and CTE participants facing economic hardships due to the COVID–19 national emergency to participate in work-based learning programs;

(4) expanding or adapting program offerings or supports based on an updated comprehensive needs assessment to respond to employers’ and CTE par-
participants' changing needs as a result of the COVID–19 national emergency; and

(5) providing for professional development and training activities for career and technical education teachers, faculty, school leaders, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, career guidance and academic counselors, and paraprofessionals to support activities carried out under this section.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $1,000,000,000 through fiscal year 2022.

SEC. 204. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Supplement, Not Supplant.—Funds made available under this title shall be used only to supplement, and shall not supplant, the funds that would, in the absence of such Federal funds, be made available from State or local public funds for career and technical education programs or other activities carried out under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

(b) Evaluations.—Any activity or program carried out with funds received under this title shall be subject to—

(1) performance accountability indicators in accordance with section 113 of the Carl D. Perkins
Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
U.S.C. 2323); and

(2) rigorous evaluation using research ap-
proaches appropriate to the level of development and
maturity of the activity or program, including ran-
dom assignment or quasi-experimental impact eval-
uations, implementation evaluations, pre-exper-
imental studies, and feasibility studies, including
studying job quality measures and credential trans-
parency.

(c) USES OF FUNDS.—From the funds appropriated
under subsection (d), the Secretary of Education shall—

(1) support the administration of the funds for
this title and the evaluation of activities described in
subsection (b);

(2) establish an interagency agreement with the
Secretary of Labor for—

(A) coordinating funding priorities, includ-
ing with other relevant Federal agencies, as ap-
licable;

(B) dissemination and administration of
grants and funding under this title, and

(C) execution of research and evaluation
activities to minimize the duplication of efforts
and job training investments and facilitate
greater blending and braiding of Federal and
non-Federal funds;

(3) not later than 30 days after the date of en-
actment of this Act, issue guidance for implementing
this title in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Ca-
reer and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

(4) provide not less than $250,000 for each fis-
cal year for the Office of Inspector General at the
Department of Education to oversee the administra-
tion and distribution of funds under this title.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
$10,000,000 through fiscal year 2024.