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To direct the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce to create a job training program and an economic stability program to stabilize the workforce and promote economic growth in the Johnson Space Center region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. OLSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Johnson Space Center
5 Workforce Stability Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. JOB TRAINING.**

2 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 180
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
4 retary of Labor shall create a job training program to as-
5 sist any affected worker in the Johnson Space Center re-
6 gion to transition to a new job. Such program may include
7 a one-stop career center tailored to the needs of affected
8 workers in the Johnson Space Center region.

9 (b) DURATION.—The job training program created
10 under this section shall terminate 2 years after its cre-
11 ation.

12 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC STABILITY.**

13 (a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—Not
14 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the
16 Economic Development Administration of the Department
17 of Commerce (referred to in this section as the “EDA”),
18 shall enter into cooperative agreements with eligible recipi-
19 ents in the Johnson Space Center region to help stabilize
20 the workforce in such region and to promote economic
21 growth.

22 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible recipient that desires
23 to receive funds under this section shall submit an applica-
24 tion that contains a comprehensive economic adjustment
25 strategy to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner,

1 and accompanied by such additional information as the
2 Secretary may reasonably require.

3 (c) USES OF FUNDS.—The EDA, acting through a
4 cooperative agreement with an eligible recipient, shall use
5 funds authorized to carry out this section for activities to
6 help stabilize the workforce and promote economic growth
7 in the Johnson Space Center region, which may include—

8 (1) providing financial and technical assistance
9 to eligible recipients to help implement the com-
10 prehensive economic adjustment strategy, which may
11 include efforts such as infrastructure upgrades, es-
12 tablishing entrepreneurial networks, and establishing
13 skill training facilities; and

14 (2) analyzing whether other methods for eco-
15 nomic adjustment that have been successful in simi-
16 lar situations may be effective in the Johnson Space
17 Center region, and if so, implementing such meth-
18 ods, which may include—

19 (A) supporting efforts to start new tech-
20 nology ventures based on the specific skills of
21 dislocated engineers;

22 (B) providing technical assistance to guide
23 public officials, management, and affected
24 workers; and

1 (C) providing additional oversight through
2 visits to the Johnson Space Center region.

3 (d) DURATION.—The cooperative agreements entered
4 into under this section shall be for a 2-year period.

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6 (a) JOHNSON SPACE CENTER REGION.—The term
7 “Johnson Space Center region” means the locality sur-
8 rounding the Johnson Space Center that contains affected
9 workers.

10 (b) AFFECTED WORKER.—The term “affected work-
11 er” means any employee of the Johnson Space Center or
12 any individual who works for a contractor of the Johnson
13 Space Center whose job stability is impacted by the pro-
14 grammatic changes to the space exploration program of
15 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

16 (c) ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER.—The term “one-
17 stop career center” means a comprehensive office dedi-
18 cated to helping individuals who are unemployed find new
19 employment that offers training referrals, career coun-
20 seling, job listings, and similar employment-related serv-
21 ices.

22 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The term “cooper-
23 ative agreement” has the meaning given the term in chap-
24 ter 63 of title 31, United States Code.

1 (e) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT AND COMPREHENSIVE
2 ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT STRATEGY.—The terms “eligi-
3 ble recipient” and “comprehensive economic adjustment
4 strategy” have the meanings given the terms in section
5 3 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of
6 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3122).

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
9 priated to carry out this Act—

10 (1) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

11 (2) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

12 (b) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts appropriated to
13 carry out this Act for each fiscal year—

14 (1) the Secretary of Labor may use not more
15 than \$10,000,000 for the job training program; and

16 (2) the Secretary of Commerce may use not
17 more than \$30,000,000 for the economic stability
18 program.

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