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To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants for coordination of the TANF program with career pathways.

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Mr. NEAL (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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 “Improving Access to
5 Good Jobs for Parents Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO GOOD JOBS FOR PARENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a) of the Social Secu-
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 “(6) GRANTS FOR COORDINATION OF TANF
6 WITH CAREER PATHWAYS.—

7 “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

8 “(i) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

9 An eligible applicant desiring to receive a
10 grant under this subparagraph shall sub-
11 mit to the Secretary an application that
12 sets forth a plan for how the grant will be
13 used to—

14 “(I)(aa) increase the number of
15 recipients of assistance under a State
16 or tribal program funded under this
17 part with a secondary or recognized
18 postsecondary credential (as defined
19 in section 3(52) of the WIOA);

20 “(bb) increase the number of the
21 recipients engaged in training services
22 described in section 134(c)(3)(D) of
23 the WIOA;

24 “(cc) increase the ability of the
25 recipients to enter or advance within
26 an in-demand industry sector or occu-

1 pation (as defined in section 3(23) of
2 the WIOA);

3 “(dd) increase the use of career
4 counselors, coordinators, or in-house
5 navigators at providers of career and
6 technical education (as defined in sec-
7 tion 3(5) of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-
8 reer and Technical Education Im-
9 provement Act of 2006), including
10 community colleges, in providing in-
11 tensive support services for the recipi-
12 ents throughout their participation in
13 education or training provided under
14 the plan; and

15 “(ee) increase the ability of the
16 recipients to get a good job with liv-
17 able wages, access to health care, paid
18 family, medical, and sick leave, pre-
19 dictable schedules, potential for ad-
20 vancement, and other employment
21 benefits that help parents balance
22 child-rearing and working;

23 “(II) support the coordination
24 and alignment of the State or tribal
25 program funded under this part with

1 the use of career pathways (as defined
2 in section 3(7) of the WIOA), through
3 a collaboration, in 1 or more geo-
4 graphic areas in the State (or, if the
5 applicant is an Indian tribe, tribal or-
6 ganization, or tribal consortium, in 1
7 or more geographical area under the
8 jurisdiction of the Indian tribe, tribal
9 organization, or any Indian tribe or
10 tribal organization that is part of the
11 tribal consortium), with a local board
12 (as defined in section 3(33) of the
13 WIOA) or State board (as defined in
14 section 3(57) of the WIOA), and at
15 least 2 other entities, each of which is
16 any of the following:

17 “(aa) 1 or more representa-
18 tives of a business or other em-
19 ployers who may be in an indus-
20 try or sector partnership (as de-
21 fined in section 3(26) of the
22 WIOA) that provides employment
23 opportunities that, at a min-
24 imum, include high-quality, work-
25 relevant training and develop-

1 ment in an in-demand industry
2 sector or occupation (as so de-
3 fined) in the State (or, if the ap-
4 plicant is an Indian tribe, tribal
5 organization, or tribal Consor-
6 tium, in the geographical area
7 under the jurisdiction of the In-
8 dian tribe, tribal organization, or
9 any Indian tribe or tribal organi-
10 zation that is part of the tribal
11 consortium).

12 “(bb) A labor organization.

13 “(cc) An institution of high-
14 er education (as defined in sec-
15 tion 3(28) of the WIOA).

16 “(dd) A tribal college or uni-
17 versity (as defined in section 316
18 of the Higher Education Act of
19 1965).

20 “(ee) A vocational rehabili-
21 tation program (as defined in
22 section 3(64) of the WIOA).

23 “(ff) A program that helps
24 those who are basic skills defi-

1 cient (as defined in section 3(5)
2 of the WIOA).

3 “(gg) A provider of career
4 and technical education (as de-
5 fined in section 3(5) of the Carl
6 D. Perkins Career and Technical
7 Education Improvement Act of
8 2006).

9 “(hh) A community-based
10 organization (as defined in sec-
11 tion 3(10) of the WIOA) or other
12 entity referred to in section
13 3(26)(B) of the WIOA; and

14 “(III) comply with the data re-
15 porting requirements prescribed under
16 clause (vii).

17 “(ii) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—In
18 clause (i), the term ‘eligible applicant’
19 means, with respect to an application, an
20 entity that is—

21 “(I)(aa) a State agency admin-
22 istering a State program funded
23 under this part;

1 “(bb) a local agency admin-
2 istering the program in a sub-State
3 area, if—

4 “(AA) such a State program
5 is administered on a county level;
6 and

7 “(BB) 30 days has elapsed
8 since the Secretary began accept-
9 ing applications for a grant
10 under this subparagraph, and the
11 State agency has not submitted
12 an application pursuant to this
13 subparagraph or publicly de-
14 clared an intention to do so; or

15 “(cc) a tribal agency admin-
16 istering a tribal program funded
17 under this part if 30 days has elapsed
18 since the Secretary began accepting
19 applications for a grant under this
20 subparagraph, and the tribal agency
21 has not submitted an application pur-
22 suant to this subparagraph or publicly
23 declared an intention to do so; and

24 “(II) located in an eligible State
25 with respect to the application.

1 “(iii) ELIGIBLE STATE.—In clause
2 (ii), the term ‘eligible State’ means, with
3 respect to an application, a State, Indian
4 tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consor-
5 tium, if—

6 “(I) in the case of a State, the
7 total amount payable to the State
8 under section 418(a)(2)(C) for the fis-
9 cal year preceding the fiscal year in
10 which the application is submitted
11 equals the amount allotted to the
12 State under section 418(a)(2)(B) for
13 such preceding fiscal year; and

14 “(II) in the case of any appli-
15 cant, the applicant has in effect poli-
16 cies to prevent the imposition of a
17 sanction under the program of the ap-
18 plicant funded under this part with
19 respect to an individual who has not
20 been offered employment or an oppor-
21 tunity to participate in a training pro-
22 gram.

23 “(iv) CORE SERVICES.—In clause
24 (iii)(I)(bb), the term ‘core services’ means
25 the following:

1 “(I) Work-related activities pro-
2 vided under the State program funded
3 under this part or any other State
4 program funded with qualified State
5 expenditures (as defined in section
6 409(a)(7)(B)(i)).

7 “(II) The provision of basic as-
8 sistance to needy families under the
9 State program funded under this part
10 or any other State program funded
11 with qualified State expenditures (as
12 defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)).

13 “(III) The provision of child care
14 using funds made available under this
15 part or any other State program fund-
16 ed with qualified State expenditures
17 (as defined in section
18 409(a)(7)(B)(i)), including funds
19 transferred under section
20 404(d)(1)(B).

21 “(v) APPROVAL; DISAPPROVAL.—
22 Within 30 days after receiving an applica-
23 tion submitted by an eligible applicant pur-
24 suant to this subparagraph, the Secretary
25 shall—

1 “(I) approve the application if—

2 “(aa) the application meets
3 the requirements of clause (i);
4 and

5 “(bb) there is sufficient re-
6 search to support using the plan
7 set forth in the application to
8 achieve the results described in
9 clause (i)(I); or

10 “(II) in any other case, dis-
11 approve the application, and provide
12 the applicant with—

13 “(aa) a written notice of the
14 disapproval and a statement of
15 the reasons for the disapproval;
16 and

17 “(bb) an opportunity to sub-
18 mit a revised application pursu-
19 ant to this subparagraph.

20 “(vi) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Sec-
21 retary shall make a grant to each applicant
22 whose application is approved under clause
23 (v), in an amount that gives—

24 “(I) two-thirds weight to the per-
25 centage of the population of the

1 United States whose income is less
2 than 125 percent of the poverty line
3 (as determined according to data col-
4 lected by the Census Bureau) and who
5 reside in the geographical area or
6 areas in which the plan set forth in
7 the application is to be implemented;
8 and

9 “(II) one-third weight to the
10 number of adults in the geographical
11 area or areas that are recipients of as-
12 sistance under the State or tribal pro-
13 gram funded under this part.

14 “(vii) USE OF FUNDS.—

15 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A grantee
16 under this subparagraph shall use the
17 grant to carry out the plan set forth
18 in the approved application for the
19 grant, subject to subclause (II).

20 “(II) LIMITATION.—Not more
21 than 10 percent of a grant made
22 under this subparagraph may be used
23 as described in clause (i)(III).

24 “(III) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUP-
25 PLANT.—Funds made available to

1 carry out this paragraph shall be used
2 to supplement the level of Federal,
3 State, and local public funds that, in
4 the absence of the availability, would
5 be expended to provide assistance to
6 needy families, and in no case to sup-
7 plant the Federal, State, or local pub-
8 lic funds.

9 “(viii) DATA REPORTING REQUIRE-
10 MENTS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
11 data reporting requirements for grantees
12 under this subparagraph that, to the ex-
13 tent practicable, build on the structure of
14 workforce development assessment sys-
15 tems, and measure how effective interven-
16 tions are on addressing barrier removal,
17 rehabilitation, and job readiness skills
18 needed to enter work or career and tech-
19 nical education programs.

20 “(B) INNOVATION GRANTS.—

21 “(i) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—
22 An eligible applicant desiring to receive a
23 grant under this subparagraph shall sub-
24 mit to the Secretary an application that
25 sets forth a plan that—

1 “(I) meets the requirements of
2 subparagraph (A)(i); and

3 “(II) provides for the applicant
4 to—

5 “(aa) conduct a rigorous
6 evaluation of the implementation
7 of the plan;

8 “(bb) submit the results of
9 the evaluation to the Secretary;
10 and

11 “(cc) make the results avail-
12 able to the general public.

13 “(ii) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—In
14 clause (i), the term ‘eligible applicant’
15 means, with respect to an application, a
16 public or nonprofit organization that—

17 “(I) has not submitted an appli-
18 cation pursuant to subparagraph (A);

19 “(II) is not participating in a col-
20 laboration described in such an appli-
21 cation; and

22 “(III) is located in an eligible
23 State (as defined in subparagraph
24 (A)(iii)) with respect to the applica-
25 tion.

1 “(iii) APPROVAL; DISAPPROVAL.—
2 Subparagraph (A)(v) shall apply to an ap-
3 plication submitted by an eligible applicant
4 pursuant to this subparagraph.

5 “(iv) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Sec-
6 retary shall make grants, on a competitive
7 basis, to eligible applicants whose applica-
8 tions are approved under clause (iii).

9 “(v) USE OF FUNDS.—Subparagraph
10 (A)(vii) shall apply with respect to a grant
11 made under this subparagraph.

12 “(C) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—
13 Funds made available to carry out this section
14 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant,
15 the Federal, State, and local, or tribal, funds
16 that, in the absence of such availability, would
17 be expended to provide services to individuals
18 receiving assistance under a State or tribal pro-
19 gram funded under this part or in support of
20 workforce development activities (as defined in
21 section 3(65) of the WIOA).

22 “(D) APPROPRIATION.—Out of funds in
23 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise
24 appropriated, there are appropriated to carry

1 out this paragraph \$1,000,000,000 for each fis-
2 cal year, of which—

3 “(i) 90 percent shall be available for
4 grants under subparagraph (A); and

5 “(ii) 10 percent shall be available for
6 grants under subparagraph (B).

7 “(E) WIOA DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
8 the term ‘WIOA’ means the Workforce Innova-
9 tion and Opportunity Act.”.

10 (b) EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS
11 TO TERRITORIES.—Section 1108(a)(2) of such Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by inserting “403(a)(6),”
13 before “406”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

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