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# H. R. 4371

To authorize funding to strengthen investments in the Nation's postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) programs and build connections across the entire education and workforce development system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, and Ms. FINKENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To authorize funding to strengthen investments in the Nation's postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) programs and build connections across the entire education and workforce development system.

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 “Strengthen CTE in  
5 Higher Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM ALIGNMENT FOR POST-**  
2 **SECONDARY PERKINS CAREER AND TECH-**  
3 **NICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
6 appropriated to carry out this section \$181,000,000  
7 for fiscal year 2021 and each of the 5 succeeding fis-  
8 cal years.

9 (2) OUTLYING AREAS.—In addition to the  
10 amounts authorized to be appropriated under para-  
11 graph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated  
12 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2021 and each of the 5  
13 succeeding fiscal years, for the purpose of awarding  
14 funds to carry out this section to the outlying areas  
15 described in section 115(a) of the Carl D. Perkins  
16 Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20  
17 U.S.C. 2325(a)).

18 (3) TRIBALLY CONTROLLED POSTSECONDARY  
19 CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.—In addi-  
20 tion to the amounts authorized to be appropriated  
21 under paragraphs (1) and (2), there are authorized  
22 to be appropriated \$10,469,000 for fiscal year 2021  
23 and each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years, for the  
24 purpose of awarding funds to carry out this section  
25 to tribally controlled postsecondary career and tech-  
26 nical institutions described in section 117(a) of the

1 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education  
2 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2327(a)).

3 (b) ALLOTMENT AND ALLOCATION.—

4 (1) STATE ALLOTMENT.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount ap-  
6 propriated under subsection (a)(1) for each fis-  
7 cal year, the Secretary of Education shall allot  
8 funds to States in the same manner as allot-  
9 ments are made to States under 111(a)(2) of  
10 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-  
11 cation Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2321(a)(2)), ex-  
12 cept that such section 111(a)(2) shall be ap-  
13 plied by substituting “From the amount appro-  
14 priated under subsection (a)(1),” for “From the  
15 remainder of the amount appropriated under  
16 section 9 and not reserved under paragraph (1)  
17 for a fiscal year,”.

18 (B) REALLOTMENT.—If for any fiscal year  
19 the amount appropriated for allotments under  
20 this paragraph is insufficient to satisfy the pro-  
21 visions of subparagraph (A), the payments to  
22 all States under such subparagraph shall be  
23 ratably reduced.

24 (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE ALLOTMENT.—

25 From the amount allotted to each State under para-

graph (1) for a fiscal year, the eligible agency shall use such funds in the same manner and in the same amounts as described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 112(a) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2321(a)).

(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT ALLOCATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount allotted to each State under paragraph (1) and not used under paragraph (2) for a fiscal year, the eligible agency shall allocate funds to each eligible recipient within the State in the same manner that funds are allocated to eligible institutions or consortium of eligible institutions under section 132(a)(2) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2352(a)(2)), except that such section 132(a)(2) shall be applied by substituting “the amount allotted to the State under paragraph (1) and not used under paragraph (2)” for “the portion of funds made available under section 112(a)(1) to carry out this section”.

(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOCATION.—

To receive an allocation under subparagraph

1 (A), an eligible recipient shall meet the fol-  
2 lowing requirements:

3 (i) Provide a description to the Sec-  
4 retary, at such time and in such manner,  
5 as may be required by the Secretary of  
6 how the eligible recipient will use the allo-  
7 cation to support and coordinate with—

8 (I) any funds received by such el-  
9 igible recipient under title I of the  
10 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical  
11 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.  
12 2321 et seq.); and

13 (II) the activities described in the  
14 State plan of the eligible agency that  
15 distributes funds under such title to  
16 such eligible recipient, and local appli-  
17 cation of such eligible recipient under  
18 such title.

19 (ii) Establish partnerships with each  
20 of the following:

21 (I) A local educational agency or  
22 a consortia of local educational agen-  
23 cies.

24 (II) An area career and technical  
25 education school, in a case in which

1                   such a school is located in the State  
2                   or local area of the eligible recipient.

3                   (III) A State or local workforce  
4                   development system.

5                   (IV) A 4-year institution of high-  
6                   er education.

7       (c) USES OF FUNDS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible recipient that  
9       receives an allocation under subsection (b)(2) shall  
10      use such allocation to carry out a career and tech-  
11      nical education program of study that shall—

12           (A) include alignment to career pathways,  
13      the use of articulation agreements, and career  
14      guidance and academic counseling;

15           (B) combine a minimum of 2 years of sec-  
16      ondary education (as determined under State  
17      law) with a minimum of 2 years of postsec-  
18      ondary education in a nonduplicative, sequential  
19      course of study;

20           (C) include work-based learning or appren-  
21      ticeship programs;

22           (D) be aligned with—

23           (i) the workforce development system;

24           and

1 (ii) institutions of higher education of-  
2 fering baccalaureate or advanced degree  
3 programs;

4 (E) offer education and training in high-  
5 skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors  
6 and occupations to meet the regional needs and  
7 support the priorities described in the most re-  
8 cent comprehensive local needs assessment con-  
9 ducted by the eligible recipient under section  
10 134(c) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
11 nical Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2354(c)); and

12 (F) carry out the requirements of subpara-  
13 graph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph  
14 (2).

15 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each career and tech-  
16 nical education program of study described in para-  
17 graph (1) shall carry out at least one of the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 (A) Supporting the development, delivery,  
20 or implementation of a statewide effort to scale  
21 such program of study and career pathways.

22 (B) Establishing industry or sector part-  
23 nerships inside or outside the State.

24 (C) Providing equal access to, and sup-  
25 ports for, successful completion of the career

1 and technical education program of study to in-  
2 dividuals who are members of special popu-  
3 lations, including the development of services  
4 appropriate to the needs of special populations.

5 (D) Improving career guidance, academic  
6 counseling, and career exploration activities for  
7 prospective or participating students through  
8 the development and implementation of gradua-  
9 tion and career plans aligned to career path-  
10 ways.

11 (E) Developing curriculum and supports  
12 for effective transitions between the following:

13 (i) The transition from a secondary  
14 career and technical education program to  
15 a postsecondary career and technical edu-  
16 cation program.

17 (ii) The transition from postsecondary  
18 career and technical education programs to  
19 an institution of higher education offering  
20 a baccalaureate or an advanced degree pro-  
21 gram.

22 (iii) The transition from a workforce  
23 development system to a postsecondary ca-  
24 reer and technical education program.



1 (iv) The transition from a postsec-  
2 ondary career and technical education pro-  
3 gram to employment.

4 (v) The transition from a career and  
5 technical education program to an appren-  
6 ticeship program or from an apprenticeship  
7 program to an institution of higher edu-  
8 cation or employment.

9 (3) RESTRICTION ON USES OF FUNDS.—Each  
10 eligible recipient that receives an allocation under  
11 subsection (b)(2) shall not use more than 5 percent  
12 of such allocation for costs associated with the ad-  
13 ministration of activities.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term  
16 “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship  
17 registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-  
18 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”;  
19 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

20 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible  
21 recipient” has the meaning given the term in section  
22 3(21)(B) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
23 nical Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
24 2302(21)(B)).

1           (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The  
2       term “institution of higher education” has the  
3       meaning given such term in section 101 of the High-  
4       er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

5           (4) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term  
6       “local educational agency” has the meaning given  
7       such term in section 8101 of the Elementary and  
8       Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

9           (5) PERKINS CTE TERMS.—The terms “articu-  
10      lation agreement”, “area career and technical edu-  
11      cation school”, “career and technical education”,  
12      “eligible agency”, “program of study”, “special pop-  
13      ulation”, and “work-based learning” have the mean-  
14      ings given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-  
15      kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006  
16      (20 U.S.C. 2302).

17          (6) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
18      ing given the term in section 111(d) of the Carl D.  
19      Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of  
20      2006.

21          (7) WIOA TERMS.—The terms “career path-  
22      way”, “workforce development system”, “in-demand  
23      industry sector or occupation”, and “industry or sec-  
24      tor partnership” have the meanings given the terms

1        in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
2        tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3201).

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