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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ALLEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

4 Section 101(d)(3)(D) of the Workforce Innovation  
5 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111(d)(3)(D)) is  
6 amended—

1 (1) by striking “and jobseekers” and inserting  
2 “jobseekers, and entrepreneurs”; and

3 (2) by inserting “and entrepreneurial skills de-  
4 velopment and microenterprise services” after “occu-  
5 pations”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS OF**  
7 **TRAINING SERVICES.**

8 Section 122(a)(2)(C) of the Workforce Innovation  
9 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(a)(2)(C)) is amend-  
10 ed by inserting “and providers of entrepreneurial skills de-  
11 velopment programs” after “organizations”.

12 **SEC. 3. REQUIRED LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AC-**  
13 **TIVITIES.**

14 Section 134(c)(2)(A) of the Workforce Innovation  
15 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)(A)) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (1) in clause (iv)—

18 (A) in subclause (I)—

19 (i) in item (aa), by striking “; and”  
20 and inserting a semicolon; and

21 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 “(cc) provision of informa-  
24 tion on entrepreneurship, as ap-  
25 propriate; and”;

1 (B) in subclause (II), by adding “and”  
2 after the semicolon; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(III) referral to microenterprise  
5 services, as appropriate;”;

6 (2) in clause (vi)—

7 (A) in subclause (I), by inserting “, which  
8 may include resources to support entrepreneur-  
9 ship,” after “listings”; and

10 (B) in subclause (III), by inserting “,  
11 which may include entrepreneurship opportuni-  
12 ties,” after “demand”; and

13 (3) in clause (xiii), by inserting “or entrepre-  
14 neurial opportunities” after “workplace”.

15 **SEC. 4. EVALUATIONS AND RESEARCH.**

16 Section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
17 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3224) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (4)—

20 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (K)  
21 as subparagraph (L); and

22 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
23 (J) the following:

24 “(K) STUDY ON ENTREPRENEURIAL  
25 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—The Sec-

1           retary shall, through a grant or contract, con-  
2           duct a three-year multistate study on entrepre-  
3           neurial skills development programs, which  
4           shall include the following:

5                   “(i) A review of—

6                           “(I) successful practices for de-  
7                           veloping entrepreneurial skills of indi-  
8                           viduals;

9                           “(II) evidence-based and other  
10                          best practices for mentoring potential  
11                          entrepreneurs;

12                          “(III) the qualifications needed  
13                          for skills development providers to  
14                          successfully develop the entrepre-  
15                          neurial skills of individuals;

16                          “(IV) strategies for engaging em-  
17                          ployers and other private sector part-  
18                          ners;

19                          “(V) such program outcomes that  
20                          correlate with entrepreneurial success;

21                          “(VI) how such programs suc-  
22                          cessfully measure the progress of par-  
23                          ticipants in such programs;

1                   “(VII) the extent to which such  
2                   programs lead to industry recognized  
3                   credentials;

4                   “(VIII) the impact, including the  
5                   economic impact, of such programs on  
6                   States and local communities;

7                   “(IX) the extent to which such  
8                   programs affect business development  
9                   and job creation in States and local  
10                  communities;

11                  “(X) how such programs identify  
12                  potential program participants’ readi-  
13                  ness for the program; and

14                  “(XI) the average earnings of  
15                  participants who complete such a pro-  
16                  gram three years after the date of  
17                  completion of such program.

18                  “(ii) Recommendations for States and  
19                  local communities to expand access to such  
20                  programs.”; and

21                  (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting  
22                  “which shall include individuals pursuing entre-  
23                  preneurship,” after “particular service popu-  
24                  lations,”; and

1           (2) in subsection (c), by striking the third sen-  
2           tence and inserting the following: “Such projects  
3           may include demonstration and pilot projects relat-  
4           ing to promoting self-employment, promoting entre-  
5           preneurship, promoting job creation (especially for  
6           in-demand industry sectors or occupations), averting  
7           dislocations, assisting dislocated farmers, assisting  
8           dislocated fishermen, developing career pathways  
9           and encouraging advancements, and promoting pub-  
10          lic works.”.