

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2621

To require the Bureau of the Census to add a new educational attainment category to the Current Population Survey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2023

Ms. SCHOLTEN (for herself, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Ms. CROCKETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Honoring Vocational
5 Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY VOCATIONAL EDU-**
7 **CATION RECOGNITION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director

1 of the Bureau of the Census shall ensure that, to the ex-
2 tent practicable, the Current Population Survey provides
3 for a separate category of educational attainment for Post-
4 secondary Nondegree Awardees.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6 (1) POSTSECONDARY NONDEGREE AWARDEE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Postsec-
8 ondary Nondegree Awardee” means an indi-
9 vidual who—

10 (i) has received—

11 (I) a regular high school diploma
12 (as such term is defined in section
13 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
14 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20
15 U.S.C. 7801)) or its recognized equiv-
16 alent; and

17 (II) a recognized postsecondary
18 credential; and

19 (ii) has not received an associates,
20 bachelor’s, masters, graduate, or profes-
21 sional degree.

22 (B) COLLEGE ATTENDANCE.—An indi-
23 vidual who meets the criteria in subparagraph
24 (A) is a Postsecondary Nondegree Awardee re-
25 gardless of whether such individual attended an

1 institution of higher education (as defined in
2 section 102(a) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a))).

4 (2) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
5 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-
6 tial” has the meaning given such term in section 3
7 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
8 (29 U.S.C. 3102), except that such term does not
9 include an associate or baccalaureate degree.

10 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
11 the several States, the District of Columbia, and the
12 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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