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H. R. 1616

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT (for himself and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Workforce Investments
5 through Local Libraries Act” or the “WILL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.**

7 Section 111(b)(1)(C)(v) of the Workforce Investment
8 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2821(b)(1)(C)(v)) is amended by
9 inserting “, public libraries,” after “community colleges”.

1 **SEC. 3. STATE PLAN.**

2 Section 112(b)(8)(A) of the Workforce Investment
3 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2822(b)(8)(A)) is amended—

4 (1) in clause (ix), by striking “and” at the end;

5 and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(xi) employment, training, and literacy
8 services carried out by public libraries; and”.

9 **SEC. 4. LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD.**

10 Section 117(b)(2)(A)(iv) of the Workforce Invest-
11 ment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832(b)(2)(A)(iv)) is amend-
12 ed by striking “individuals with disabilities and” inserting
13 “public libraries, individuals with disabilities, and”.

14 **SEC. 5. LOCAL PLAN.**

15 Section 118(b)(2) of the Workforce Investment Act
16 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2833(b)(2)) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
18 (10) as paragraphs (7) through (11), respectively;

19 and

20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(6) a description of how the local board will
23 coordinate workforce investment activities carried
24 out in the local area with employment, training, and
25 literacy services carried out by public libraries;”.

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

3 Section 121(b)(2)(B) of the Workforce Investment
4 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2842(b)(2)(B)) is amended—

5 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;

6 (2) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi);

7 and

8 (3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:

9 “(v) employment, training, and lit-
10 eracy services carried out by public librar-
11 ies; and”.

12 **SEC. 7. USE OF FUNDS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**
13 **ACTIVITIES.**

14 Section 134(d)(3)(B)(ii) of the Workforce Investment
15 Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864(d)(3)(B)(ii)) is amended by
16 striking “and private nonprofit service providers,” and in-
17 serting “private nonprofit service providers, and other ap-
18 propriate entities, such as public libraries,”.

19 **SEC. 8. DEMONSTRATION, PILOT, MULTISERVICE, RE-**
20 **SEARCH, AND MULTISTATE PROJECTS.**

21 Section 171(b)(1) of the Workforce Investment Act
22 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(b)(1)) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
24 through (H) as subparagraphs (C) through (I), re-
25 spectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(B) the establishment of employment re-
4 source centers in public libraries to provide un-
5 employed and underemployed individuals access
6 to workforce activities and information related
7 to training services and employment opportuni-
8 ties which may include—

9 “(i) resume development, job bank
10 Web searches, and workshops on career in-
11 formation;

12 “(ii) literacy services; and

13 “(iii) acquisition of database licenses
14 to improve access to career certification, li-
15 censing practice tests, and workforce skills
16 improvement;”.

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