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To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a technical school training subsidy program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARROW 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. TECHNICAL SCHOOL TRAINING SUBSIDY PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
6 (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(f) TECHNICAL SCHOOL TRAINING SUBSIDY PILOT
9 PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOL
2 TRAINING SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM.—From the
3 amounts appropriated to carry out this subsection,
4 the Secretary shall award competitive grants to
5 States to provide such funds to local boards for the
6 provision of technical school training subsidies in
7 local areas through one-stop delivery systems de-
8 scribed in section 134(c).

9 “(2) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under
10 this subsection a State shall submit to the Secretary
11 an application in such manner, at such time, and
12 containing such information as the Secretary may
13 require.

14 “(3) QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR
15 SUBSIDY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A technical school
17 training subsidy for an academic year may be
18 provided, in accordance with subparagraph (E),
19 to a technical school on behalf of an unem-
20 ployed individual who is enrolled, or accepted
21 for enrollment, at a technical school.

22 “(B) AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY.—

23 “(i) CONSIDERATIONS.—In deter-
24 mining the amount of a subsidy to provide
25 to an unemployed individual under this

1 subsection, a one-stop operator or one-stop
2 partner, as appropriate, shall take into ac-
3 count—

4 “(I) the cost of tuition of such
5 individual;

6 “(II) the expected family con-
7 tribution, as determined in accordance
8 with section 474 of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 1087nn), for such individual; and

11 “(III) the estimated financial as-
12 sistance for such individual not re-
13 ceived under this subsection.

14 “(ii) AGGREGATE AMOUNT.—The ag-
15 gregate amount of subsidies an individual
16 may receive under this subsection may not
17 exceed \$2,000.

18 “(C) NUMBER OF SUBSIDIES.—An indi-
19 vidual may receive subsidies under this sub-
20 section for not more than 2 academic years.

21 “(D) USE OF FUNDS.—A subsidy an indi-
22 vidual receives under this subsection shall be
23 used to assist the individual in paying the cost
24 of tuition for career and technical education at
25 a technical school. All subsidies received by an

1 individual under this subsection shall be used to
2 pay the cost of tuition for career and technical
3 education at the same technical school.

4 “(E) PROVISION OF SUBSIDY.—Upon ap-
5 proving an unemployed individual for a subsidy
6 under this subsection, a one-stop operator or
7 one-stop partner, as appropriate, shall provide,
8 prior to the start of an academic year, the sub-
9 subsidy to the technical school in which the unem-
10 ployed individual is enrolled or accepted for en-
11 rollment.

12 “(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

13 “(A) The term ‘career and technical edu-
14 cation’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
15 tion 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-
16 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

17 “(B) The term ‘cost of tuition’ means—

18 “(i) tuition and fees normally assessed
19 a student carrying the same academic
20 workload as determined by the technical
21 school, and including costs for rental or
22 purchase of any equipment, materials, or
23 supplies required of all students in the
24 same course of study; and

1 “(ii) an allowance for books and sup-
2 plies, for a student attending the technical
3 school on at least a half-time basis, as de-
4 termined by the school.

5 “(C) The term ‘technical school’ means a
6 ‘postsecondary vocational institution’ that pro-
7 vides career and technical education.

8 “(D) The term ‘postsecondary vocational
9 institution’ has the meaning given the term in
10 section 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of
11 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(c)).

12 “(E) The term ‘unemployed individual’
13 means an unemployed individual who is a cit-
14 izen of the United States.”.

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