S. 1686

To amend section 1112 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 12, 2011

Mr. Casey introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 "Education for Tomor-
- 5 row's Jobs Act''.
- 6 SEC. 2. LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY PLANS.
- 7 Section 1112(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary
- 8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6312(b)(1)) is amend-
- 9 ed—

1	(1) in subparagraph (P), by striking "and" at
2	the end;
3	(2) in subparagraph (Q), by striking the period
4	at the end and inserting "; and"; and
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(R) in the case of a local educational
7	agency that chooses to use subgrant funds
8	under this part to establish and carry out the
9	program described in this subparagraph, a de-
10	scription of how the local educational agency
11	will establish and carry out such program, in-
12	cluding a description of how the agency will—
13	"(i) create a network of schools or
14	programs of study within schools that
15	meaningfully and coherently integrate a
16	rigorous academic curricula emphasizing—
17	"(I) real-world applications and
18	aligned with entrance requirements
19	for public institutions of higher edu-
20	cation in the State;
21	"(II) a career and technical edu-
22	cation component aligned with the
23	State's challenging academic stand-
24	ards pursuant to section 1111(b)(1)
25	and organized around themes in high-

1	pay, high-growth, or high-skill indus-
2	try or industry sectors;
3	"(III) work-based learning oppor-
4	tunities aligned with such standards;
5	and
6	"(IV) wraparound support serv-
7	ices;
8	"(ii) ensure that the educational expe-
9	rience of students participating in such
10	program is personalized through school-
11	level strategies such as cohort scheduling,
12	professional learning communities, and
13	smaller learning communities;
14	"(iii) provide a needs and resource as-
15	sessment demonstrating the local edu-
16	cational agency's capacity to carry out the
17	program;
18	"(iv) facilitate partnerships among the
19	local educational agency and schools par-
20	ticipating in the program, and institutions
21	of higher education, industry, community-
22	based organizations, parent organizations,
23	and other stakeholders, and solicit ongoing
24	participation of these groups on an advi-
25	sory basis;

1	"(v) contract with not less than one
2	qualified intermediary with demonstrated
3	expertise in building, connecting, sus-
4	taining, and measuring partnerships with
5	employers, institutions of higher education,
6	community-based organizations, parent or-
7	ganizations, and other key external stake-
8	holders;
9	"(vi) provide staff at schools partici-
10	pating in the program and other stake-
11	holders high-quality and rigorous profes-
12	sional development and technical assist-
13	ance;
14	"(vii) facilitate transitions from—
15	"(I) secondary schools that do
16	not award a diploma to secondary
17	schools that award a diploma; and
18	"(II) from secondary schools that
19	award a diploma to postsecondary
20	education;
21	"(viii) where appropriate, develop and
22	provide enabling policies, including regard-
23	ing budgeting, governance, curriculum, and
24	scheduling autonomies for the program;

1	"(ix) ensure that students throughout
2	the local educational agency, including
3	English language learners and students
4	with disabilities, will be able to fully par-
5	ticipate in the school or program of study
6	in which they are enrolled and that student
7	assignment to a school or program of
8	study will be conducted—
9	"(I) without tracking students
10	into the school or program of study on
11	the basis of their prior academic
12	achievement or membership in a
13	group of students specified under
14	1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II); and
15	"(II) when possible, based upon
16	the preference of the student or the
17	student's parent;
18	"(x) demonstrate how the program
19	will be sustainable; and
20	"(xi) provide for an ongoing and rig-
21	orous evaluation of the program and dis-
22	seminate best practices.".

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