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To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to authorize a national grant program for on-the-job training.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 “Marcellus Shale On-
5 the-Job Training Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle D of title I of the Work-
8 force Investment Act of 1998 is amended by inserting
9 after section 173A (29 U.S.C. 2918a) the following:

1 **“SEC. 173B. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR THE MARCELLUS**
2 **SHALE REGION.**

3 “(a) GRANTS.—From the amount made available
4 under subsection (f), and subject to subsection (c), the
5 Secretary shall make grants on a discretionary basis to
6 local areas, for adult on-the-job training, or dislocated
7 worker on-the-job-training, carried out under section 134,
8 at worksites directly related to the exploration for, produc-
9 tion of, and transportation of natural gas from the
10 Marcellus Shale formation.

11 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
12 under subsection (a), a State, or a local board in consulta-
13 tion with the State in which the local board is located,
14 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
15 in such manner, and containing such information as the
16 Secretary may require.

17 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF WAGE RATES.—Notwith-
18 standing the limitation in section 101(31)(B), in making
19 the grants described in subsection (a) the Secretary may
20 allow for higher levels of reimbursement of wage rates that
21 the Secretary determines are appropriate based on factors
22 such as—

23 “(1) employer size, in order to facilitate the
24 participation of small- and medium-sized employers;
25 and

1 “(2) target populations, in order to enhance job
2 creation for persons with barriers to employment.

3 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may use an
4 amount that is not more than 1 percent of the funds made
5 available under subsection (f) for the administration, man-
6 agement, and oversight of the programs, activities, and
7 grants, funded under subsection (a), including the evalua-
8 tion of the use of such funds.

9 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
10 tion shall be construed to affect the manner in which sub-
11 title B is implemented, for activities funded through
12 amounts appropriated under section 137.

13 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
15 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012 and
16 each subsequent fiscal year.”.

17 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
18 section 1(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 is
19 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
20 173A the following:

“Sec. 173B. On-the-job training for the Marcellus Shale region.”.

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