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115TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants  
for coordination of the TANF program with career pathways.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. NEAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Improving Access to  
5       Good Jobs for Parents Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO GOOD JOBS FOR PARENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 403(a) of the Social Secu-  
3 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)) is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 “(6) GRANTS FOR COORDINATION OF TANF  
6 WITH CAREER PATHWAYS.—

7 “(A) FORMULA GRANTS.—

8 “(i) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

9 An eligible applicant desiring to receive a  
10 grant under this subparagraph shall sub-  
11 mit to the Secretary an application that  
12 sets forth a plan for how the grant will be  
13 used to—

14 “(I)(aa) increase the number of  
15 recipients of assistance under a State  
16 or tribal program funded under this  
17 part with a secondary or recognized  
18 postsecondary credential (as defined  
19 in section 3(52) of the WIOA);

20 “(bb) increase the number of the  
21 recipients engaged in training services  
22 described in section 134(c)(3)(D) of  
23 the WIOA;

24 “(cc) increase the ability of the  
25 recipients to enter or advance within  
26 an in-demand industry sector or occu-

1                   pation (as defined in section 3(23) of  
2                   the WIOA);

3                   “(dd) increase the use of career  
4                   counselors, coordinators, or in-house  
5                   navigators at providers of career and  
6                   technical education (as defined in sec-  
7                   tion 3(5) of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-  
8                   reer and Technical Education Im-  
9                   provement Act of 2006), including  
10                  community colleges, in providing in-  
11                  tensive support services for the recipi-  
12                  ents throughout their participation in  
13                  education or training provided under  
14                  the plan; and

15                  “(ee) increase the ability of the  
16                  recipients to get a good job with liv-  
17                  able wages, access to health care, paid  
18                  family, medical, and sick leave, pre-  
19                  dictable schedules, potential for ad-  
20                  vancement, and other employment  
21                  benefits that help parents balance  
22                  child-rearing and working;

23                  “(II) support the coordination  
24                  and alignment of the State or tribal  
25                  program funded under this part with

1 the use of career pathways (as defined  
2 in section 3(7) of the WIOA), through  
3 a collaboration, in 1 or more geo-  
4 graphic areas in the State (or, if the  
5 applicant is an Indian tribe, tribal or-  
6 ganization, or tribal consortium, in 1  
7 or more geographical area under the  
8 jurisdiction of the Indian tribe, tribal  
9 organization, or any Indian tribe or  
10 tribal organization that is part of the  
11 tribal consortium), with a local board  
12 (as defined in section 3(33) of the  
13 WIOA) or State board (as defined in  
14 section 3(57) of the WIOA), and at  
15 least 2 other entities, each of which is  
16 any of the following:

17 “(aa) 1 or more representa-  
18 tives of a business or other em-  
19 ployers who may be in an indus-  
20 try or sector partnership (as de-  
21 fined in section 3(26) of the  
22 WIOA) that provides employment  
23 opportunities that, at a min-  
24 imum, include high-quality, work-  
25 relevant training and develop-

1                   ment in an in-demand industry  
2                   sector or occupation (as so de-  
3                   fined) in the State (or, if the ap-  
4                   plicant is an Indian tribe, tribal  
5                   organization, or tribal consor-  
6                   tium, in the geographical area  
7                   under the jurisdiction of the In-  
8                   dian tribe, tribal organization, or  
9                   any Indian tribe or tribal organi-  
10                  zation that is part of the tribal  
11                  cosortium).

12                   “(bb) A labor organization.

13                   “(cc) An institution of high-  
14                  er education (as defined in sec-  
15                  tion 3(28) of the WIOA).

16                   “(dd) A tribal college or uni-  
17                  versity (as defined in section 316  
18                  of the Higher Education Act of  
19                  1965).

20                   “(ee) A vocational rehabili-  
21                  tation program (as defined in  
22                  section 3(64) of the WIOA).

23                   “(ff) A program that helps  
24                  those who are basic skills defi-

1                   cient (as defined in section 3(5)  
2                   of the WIOA).

3                   “(gg) A provider of career  
4                   and technical education (as de-  
5                   fined in section 3(5) of the Carl  
6                   D. Perkins Career and Technical  
7                   Education Improvement Act of  
8                   2006).

9                   “(hh) A community-based  
10                  organization (as defined in sec-  
11                  tion 3(10) of the WIOA) or other  
12                  entity referred to in section  
13                  3(26)(B) of the WIOA; and

14                  “(III) comply with the data re-  
15                  porting requirements prescribed under  
16                  clause (vii).

17                  “(ii) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—In  
18                  clause (i), the term ‘eligible applicant’  
19                  means, with respect to an application, an  
20                  entity that is—

21                  “(I)(aa) a State agency admin-  
22                  istering a State program funded  
23                  under this part;

1 “(bb) a local agency admin-  
2 istering the program in a sub-State  
3 area, if—

4 “(AA) such a State program  
5 is administered on a county level;  
6 and

7 “(BB) 30 days has elapsed  
8 since the Secretary began accept-  
9 ing applications for a grant  
10 under this subparagraph, and the  
11 State agency has not submitted  
12 an application pursuant to this  
13 subparagraph or publicly de-  
14 clared an intention to do so; or

15 “(cc) a tribal agency admin-  
16 istering a tribal program funded  
17 under this part if 30 days has elapsed  
18 since the Secretary began accepting  
19 applications for a grant under this  
20 subparagraph, and the tribal agency  
21 has not submitted an application pur-  
22 suant to this subparagraph or publicly  
23 declared an intention to do so; and

24 “(II) located in an eligible State  
25 with respect to the application.

1 “(iii) ELIGIBLE STATE.—In clause  
2 (ii), the term ‘eligible State’ means, with  
3 respect to an application, a State, Indian  
4 tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consor-  
5 tium, if—

6 “(I) in the case of a State, the  
7 total amount payable to the State  
8 under section 418(a)(2)(C) for the fis-  
9 cal year preceding the fiscal year in  
10 which the application is submitted  
11 equals the amount allotted to the  
12 State under section 418(a)(2)(B) for  
13 such preceding fiscal year; and

14 “(II) in the case of any appli-  
15 cant, the applicant has in effect poli-  
16 cies to prevent the imposition of a  
17 sanction under the program of the ap-  
18 plicant funded under this part with  
19 respect to an individual who has not  
20 been offered employment or an oppor-  
21 tunity to participate in a training pro-  
22 gram.

23 “(iv) CORE SERVICES.—In clause  
24 (iii)(I)(bb), the term ‘core services’ means  
25 the following:

1           “(I) Work-related activities pro-  
2           vided under the State program funded  
3           under this part or any other State  
4           program funded with qualified State  
5           expenditures (as defined in section  
6           409(a)(7)(B)(i)).

7           “(II) The provision of basic as-  
8           sistance to needy families under the  
9           State program funded under this part  
10          or any other State program funded  
11          with qualified State expenditures (as  
12          defined in section 409(a)(7)(B)(i)).

13          “(III) The provision of child care  
14          using funds made available under this  
15          part or any other State program fund-  
16          ed with qualified State expenditures  
17          (as defined in section  
18          409(a)(7)(B)(i)), including funds  
19          transferred under section  
20          404(d)(1)(B).

21          “(v) APPROVAL; DISAPPROVAL.—  
22          Within 30 days after receiving an applica-  
23          tion submitted by an eligible applicant pur-  
24          suant to this subparagraph, the Secretary  
25          shall—

1 “(I) approve the application if—

2 “(aa) the application meets  
3 the requirements of clause (i);  
4 and

5 “(bb) there is sufficient re-  
6 search to support using the plan  
7 set forth in the application to  
8 achieve the results described in  
9 clause (i)(I); or

10 “(II) in any other case, dis-  
11 approve the application, and provide  
12 the applicant with—

13 “(aa) a written notice of the  
14 disapproval and a statement of  
15 the reasons for the disapproval;  
16 and

17 “(bb) an opportunity to sub-  
18 mit a revised application pursu-  
19 ant to this subparagraph.

20 “(vi) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
21 retary shall make a grant to each applicant  
22 whose application is approved under clause  
23 (v), in an amount that gives—

24 “(I) two-thirds weight to the per-  
25 centage of the population of the

1 United States whose income is less  
2 than 125 percent of the poverty line  
3 (as determined according to data col-  
4 lected by the Census Bureau) and who  
5 reside in the geographical area or  
6 areas in which the plan set forth in  
7 the application is to be implemented;  
8 and

9 “(II) one-third weight to the  
10 number of adults in the geographical  
11 area or areas that are recipients of as-  
12 sistance under the State or tribal pro-  
13 gram funded under this part.

14 “(vii) USE OF FUNDS.—

15 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A grantee  
16 under this subparagraph shall use the  
17 grant to carry out the plan set forth  
18 in the approved application for the  
19 grant, subject to subclause (II).

20 “(II) LIMITATION.—Not more  
21 than 10 percent of a grant made  
22 under this subparagraph may be used  
23 as described in clause (i)(III).

24 “(III) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUP-  
25 PLANT.—Funds made available to

1 carry out this paragraph shall be used  
2 to supplement the level of Federal,  
3 State, and local public funds that, in  
4 the absence of the availability, would  
5 be expended to provide assistance to  
6 needy families, and in no case to sup-  
7 plant the Federal, State, or local pub-  
8 lic funds.

9 “(viii) DATA REPORTING REQUIRE-  
10 MENTS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
11 data reporting requirements for grantees  
12 under this subparagraph that, to the ex-  
13 tent practicable, build on the structure of  
14 workforce development assessment sys-  
15 tems, and measure how effective interven-  
16 tions are on addressing barrier removal,  
17 rehabilitation, and job readiness skills  
18 needed to enter work or career and tech-  
19 nical education programs.

20 “(B) INNOVATION GRANTS.—

21 “(i) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—  
22 An eligible applicant desiring to receive a  
23 grant under this subparagraph shall sub-  
24 mit to the Secretary an application that  
25 sets forth a plan that—

1 “(I) meets the requirements of  
2 subparagraph (A)(i); and

3 “(II) provides for the applicant  
4 to—

5 “(aa) conduct a rigorous  
6 evaluation of the implementation  
7 of the plan;

8 “(bb) submit the results of  
9 the evaluation to the Secretary;  
10 and

11 “(cc) make the results avail-  
12 able to the general public.

13 “(ii) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—In  
14 clause (i), the term ‘eligible applicant’  
15 means, with respect to an application, a  
16 public or nonprofit organization that—

17 “(I) has not submitted an appli-  
18 cation pursuant to subparagraph (A);

19 “(II) is not participating in a col-  
20 laboration described in such an appli-  
21 cation; and

22 “(III) is located in an eligible  
23 State (as defined in subparagraph  
24 (A)(iii)) with respect to the applica-  
25 tion.

1 “(iii) APPROVAL; DISAPPROVAL.—  
2 Subparagraph (A)(v) shall apply to an ap-  
3 plication submitted by an eligible applicant  
4 pursuant to this subparagraph.

5 “(iv) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall make grants, on a competitive  
7 basis, to eligible applicants whose applica-  
8 tions are approved under clause (iii).

9 “(v) USE OF FUNDS.—Subparagraph  
10 (A)(vii) shall apply with respect to a grant  
11 made under this subparagraph.

12 “(C) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—  
13 Funds made available to carry out this section  
14 shall be used to supplement, and not supplant,  
15 the Federal, State, and local, or tribal, funds  
16 that, in the absence of such availability, would  
17 be expended to provide services to individuals  
18 receiving assistance under a State or tribal pro-  
19 gram funded under this part or in support of  
20 workforce development activities (as defined in  
21 section 3(65) of the WIOA).

22 “(D) APPROPRIATION.—Out of funds in  
23 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise  
24 appropriated, there are appropriated to carry

1 out this paragraph \$1,000,000,000 for each fis-  
2 cal year, of which—

3 “(i) 90 percent shall be available for  
4 grants under subparagraph (A); and

5 “(ii) 10 percent shall be available for  
6 grants under subparagraph (B).

7 “(E) WIOA DEFINED.—In this paragraph,  
8 the term ‘WIOA’ means the Workforce Innova-  
9 tion and Opportunity Act.”.

10 (b) EXEMPTION FROM LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS  
11 TO TERRITORIES.—Section 1108(a)(2) of such Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by inserting “403(a)(6),”  
13 before “406”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2018.