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To direct the Secretary of Labor to provide for data collection and dissemination of information regarding programs under the national apprenticeship system, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PAPPAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Apprenticeship Pro-
5 gram National Scorecard Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION.**

2 The Secretary of Labor shall provide for data collec-
3 tion and dissemination of information regarding programs
4 under the national apprenticeship system, including—

5 (1) not later than 1 year after the date of the
6 enactment of this Act, establishing and supporting a
7 single information technology infrastructure to sup-
8 port data collection and reporting from State Ap-
9 prenticeship Agencies, State Offices of Apprentice-
10 ship, grantees, program sponsors, and program ad-
11 ministrators under the national apprenticeship sys-
12 tem by providing for a data infrastructure that—

13 (A) is developed and maintained by the
14 Secretary, with input from national data and
15 privacy experts, is informed by best practices on
16 public provision of credential information, and
17 to the extent practicable, aligns with the tech-
18 nology infrastructure for related Federal pro-
19 grams, such as the technology infrastructure
20 used under the Workforce Innovation and Op-
21 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.);

22 (B) best meets the needs of the national
23 apprenticeship system stakeholders reporting
24 data to the Secretary or State Apprenticeship
25 Agencies, including through the provision of
26 technical assistance and financial assistance as

1 necessary to ensure reporting systems are
2 equipped to report into a single information
3 technology infrastructure; and

4 (C) is aligned with data from the perform-
5 ance data as required by the Secretary; and

6 (2) providing for data sharing that includes
7 making nonpersonally identifiable apprenticeship
8 data available on a publicly accessible website that
9 is searchable and comparable, through the use of
10 common, linked, open-data description language,
11 such as the credential transparency description lan-
12 guage or a substantially similar resource, so that in-
13 terested parties can become aware of apprenticeship
14 opportunities and of program outcomes that best
15 meets the needs of youth apprentices, pre-appren-
16 tices, and apprentices, employers, education and
17 training providers, program sponsors, and relevant
18 stakeholders, including—

19 (A) information on program offerings
20 under the national apprenticeship system based
21 on geographical location and apprenticeable oc-
22 cupation;

23 (B) information on education and training
24 providers providing opportunities under such
25 system, including whether programs under such

1 system offer dual or concurrent enrollment pro-
2 grams, articulation agreements, and recognized
3 postsecondary credentials as part of the pro-
4 gram offerings;

5 (C) information about the educational and
6 occupational credentials and related com-
7 petencies of programs under such system; and

8 (D) information based on the most recent
9 data available to the Secretary that is con-
10 sistent with national standards and practices.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) APPRENTICESHIP.—The term “apprentice-
14 ship” or “apprenticeship program” means an ap-
15 prenticeship—

16 (A) registered with the Department of
17 Labor under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-
18 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship
19 Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50
20 et seq.), or State Apprenticeship Agency recog-
21 nized by the Department of Labor; and

22 (B) that complies with the requirements of
23 subpart A of part 29, and part 30 of title 29,
24 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
25 September 18, 2020).

1 (2) NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.—The
2 term “national apprenticeship system” means the
3 apprenticeship programs, youth apprenticeship pro-
4 grams, and pre-apprenticeship programs registered
5 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly re-
6 ferred to as the National Apprenticeship Act).

7 (3) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
8 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-
9 tial” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of
10 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
11 U.S.C. 3102), except that such term does not in-
12 clude a certificate of completion of an apprentice-
13 ship.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Labor.

16 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

17 Any funds appropriated under this Act shall only be
18 used for, or provided to, programs under the national ap-
19 prenticeship system, including any funds awarded for the
20 purposes of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements,
21 or the development, implementation, or administration, of
22 programs under the national apprenticeship system.

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