

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5777

To amend the definition of eligible program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 for the purposes of eligibility for Federal financial aid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2021

Mr. KELLER 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 “Connecting Higher Op-
5 portunities In College Education Act” or the “CHOICE
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.**

8 Section 481(b)(1) of the Higher Education Act of
9 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
2 (A)(ii);

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking the pe-
4 riod and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C)(i) 150 clock hours of instruction, 4
7 semester hours, or 6 quarter hours, offered dur-
8 ing a minimum of 8 weeks, that—

9 “(I) has a verified completion
10 rate of at least 70 percent, as deter-
11 mined in accordance with the regula-
12 tions of the Secretary;

13 “(II) has a verified placement
14 rate of at least 70 percent, as deter-
15 mined in accordance with the regula-
16 tions of the Secretary; and

17 “(III) provides training aligned
18 with the requirements of high-skill,
19 high-wage, or in-demand industry sec-
20 tors or occupations in the State or
21 local area in which the job training
22 program is provided, as determined by
23 an industry or sector partnership in
24 such State or local area.

1 “(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph,
2 the terms ‘in-demand industry sector or occupa-
3 tion’, ‘industry or sector partnership’, and ‘local
4 area’ have the meanings given the terms in sec-
5 tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
6 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).”.

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