

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6436

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to address  
workforce gaps, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2022

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma (for herself and Ms. JACOBS of California) introduced  
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and  
Labor

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## A BILL

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
to address workforce gaps, and for other purposes.

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 “Workforce and Edu-  
5 cation Partnership Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION**  
7 **AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

8 (a) YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
9 FOR HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS.—Section 129(b)(2) of

1 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
2 3164(b)(2)) is amended—

3 (1) in subparagraph (D)(v), by striking “and”  
4 at the end;

5 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period  
6 and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by inserting at the end the following:

8 “(F) developing partnerships between edu-  
9 cational institutions (including area career and  
10 technical education schools and institutions of  
11 higher education) and employers to create or  
12 improve workforce development programs to ad-  
13 dress the identified education and skill needs of  
14 the workforce and the employment needs of em-  
15 ployers in the regions of the State, as deter-  
16 mined based on the most recent analysis con-  
17 ducted under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of  
18 section 102(b)(1).”.

19 (b) STATEWIDE ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
20 PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS.—Section  
21 134(a)(3)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(a)(3)(A)) is  
22 amended—

23 (1) in clause (xiii), by striking “and” at the  
24 end;

1           (2) in clause (xiv), by striking the period and  
2       inserting “; and”; and

3           (3) by inserting at the end the following:

4                       “(xv) developing partnerships between  
5                       educational institutions (including area ca-  
6                       reer and technical education schools and  
7                       institutions of higher education) and em-  
8                       ployers to create or improve workforce de-  
9                       velopment programs to address the identi-  
10                      fied education and skill needs of the work-  
11                      force and the employment needs of employ-  
12                      ers in the regions of the State, as deter-  
13                      mined based on the most recent analysis  
14                      conducted under subparagraphs (B) and  
15                      (C) of section 102(b)(1).”.

16       (c) LOCAL ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PRO-  
17       GRAMS FOR HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS.—Section  
18       134(d)(1)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(d)(1)(A)) is  
19       amended—

20           (1) in clause (xi), by striking “and” at the end;

21           (2) in clause (xii), by striking the period and in-  
22       serting “; and”; and

23           (3) by inserting at the end the following:

24                       “(xiii) the development of partner-  
25                      ships between educational institutions (in-

1 cluding area career and technical education  
2 schools and institutions of higher edu-  
3 cation) and employers to create or improve  
4 workforce development programs to ad-  
5 dress the identified education and skill  
6 needs of the workforce and the employ-  
7 ment needs of employers in the region, as  
8 determined based on the most recent anal-  
9 ysis conducted by the local board under  
10 section 107(d)(2).”.

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