117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 7318

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to clarify the career services provided to adults and dislocated workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 31, 2022

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

A BILL

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to clarify the career services provided to adults and dislocated workers, 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 "Navigating to Success
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. CAREER SERVICES.
- 7 (a) Services Provided.—Subparagraph (A) of sec-
- 8 tion 134(c)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
- 9 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)) is amended—

1	(1) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:
2	"(iii) initial assessment of skill levels
3	(including literacy, digital literacy,
4	numeracy, and English language pro-
5	ficiency), competencies, abilities, current
6	applicable foreign academic and profes-
7	sional credentials, guidance and services on
8	transferring high-skilled foreign certifi-
9	cations, and supportive service needs,
10	which may include diagnostic testing and
11	use of other assessment tools;";
12	(2) by amending clause (vi) to read as follows:
13	"(vi) provision of workforce and labor
14	market employment statistics information
15	and related skills development information,
16	including the provision of accurate infor-
17	mation relating to local, regional, and na-
18	tional labor market areas, including—
19	"(I) job vacancy listings in such
20	labor market areas;
21	"(II) information on job skills
22	and credentials necessary to obtain
23	the jobs described in subclause (I);
24	and

1	"(III) information on education
2	and skills development programs that
3	are available for attaining needed
4	skills and credentials for the jobs de-
5	scribed in subclause (I), including in-
6	formation—
7	"(aa) on the pathways to
8	such skills and credentials (in-
9	cluding information on career
10	pathway programs in the local
11	area);
12	"(bb) on the quality of such
13	education and training programs,
14	consistent with the performance
15	information provided under
16	clause (vii); and
17	"(cc) on the comparability of
18	current foreign academic and
19	professional certifications to
20	needed skills and credentials; and
21	"(IV) information relating to
22	local occupations in demand and the
23	earnings, skill requirements, and op-
24	portunities for advancement for such
25	occupations; and";

1	(3) by amending clause (xi) to read as follows:
2	"(xi) assistance in identifying and es-
3	tablishing eligibility for programs of finan-
4	cial aid assistance for training and edu-
5	cation programs that are not funded under
6	this Act, including Federal financial aid
7	under title IV of the Higher Education Act
8	of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) and
9	through State-funded education and train-
10	ing programs;"; and
11	(4) in clause (xii), by striking subclauses (IV)
12	through (XI) and inserting the following:
13	"(IV) individual counseling, in-
14	cluding career counseling;
15	"(V) career planning;
16	"(VI) assessment and develop-
17	ment of employability skills, including
18	development of learning skills, com-
19	munication skills, interviewing skills,
20	punctuality, and professional conduct,
21	to prepare individuals for unsub-
22	sidized employment or training;".
23	(b) Delivery of Services.—Subparagraph (C) of
24	section $134(c)(2)$ of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
25	tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(2)) is amended by inserting

- 1 "or community-based organizations to serve individuals
- 2 with barriers to employment," after "nonprofit service

3 providers,".

 \bigcirc