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To amend the Food, Agriculture, and Trade Act of 1990 to establish a grant program for eligible institutions to carry out agriculture workforce training programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, and Mrs. FISCHBACH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURE WORK-**
4 **FORCE TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subsection (d) of section
6 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade
7 Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–624; 7 U.S.C. 2279(d)) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(16) AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE TRAINING
4 PROGRAMS.—

5 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary,
6 acting through the Director of the National In-
7 stitute of Food and Agriculture, shall establish
8 a program to award grants to eligible institu-
9 tions to develop and carry out agriculture work-
10 force training programs to—

11 “(i) promote the growth of the agri-
12 culture industry;

13 “(ii) foster competitiveness within
14 such industry; and

15 “(iii) improve the training and reten-
16 tion of workers in the agriculture industry.

17 “(B) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—An eligible
18 institution awarded a grant under this para-
19 graph shall use not less than 5 percent of funds
20 received through such grant to implement an
21 agriculture workforce training program. Such
22 implementation shall include—

23 “(i) preliminary recruitment measures
24 to encourage students to participate in

1 such agriculture workforce training pro-
2 gram; and

3 “(ii) professional development sessions
4 to train faculty to prepare students for em-
5 ployment in the agriculture industry.

6 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

7 “(i) AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE
8 TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term ‘agri-
9 culture workforce training program’ means
10 a training program developed by an eligible
11 institution in collaboration with a targeted
12 industry partner through which students
13 enrolled at such eligible institution receive
14 training from such targeted industry part-
15 ner, including through the use of—

16 “(I) internships;

17 “(II) apprenticeships;

18 “(III) experience-based curricula;

19 and

20 “(IV) educational programs and
21 workshops to promote technical skills.

22 “(ii) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The
23 term ‘eligible institution’ means—

24 “(I) a non-land-grant college of
25 agriculture or land-grant colleges and

1 universities (as such terms are defined
2 in section 1404 of the National Agri-
3 cultural Research, Extension, and
4 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (Public
5 Law 95–113; 7 U.S.C. 3103));

6 “(II) a 1994 Institution (as de-
7 fined in section 532 of the Equity in
8 Educational Land-Grant Status Act
9 of 1994 (Public Law 103–382; 7
10 U.S.C. 301 note));

11 “(III) a center of excellence rec-
12 ognized under section 1673;

13 “(IV) a junior or community col-
14 lege (as defined in section 312 of the
15 Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public
16 Law 89–329; 20 U.S.C. 1058)) which
17 offers a program of study in agri-
18 culture; or

19 “(V) an area career and technical
20 education school (as defined in section
21 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and
22 Technical Education Act of 2006
23 (Public Law 88–210; 20 U.S.C.
24 2302)) which offers a program of
25 study in agriculture.

1 “(iii) TARGETED INDUSTRY PART-
2 NER.—The term ‘targeted industry part-
3 ner’ means 1 or more of the following enti-
4 ties:

5 “(I) A member of the agriculture
6 industry, such as a company or indus-
7 try association.

8 “(II) An apprenticeship program
9 in agriculture registered under the
10 Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly
11 known as the ‘National Apprentice-
12 ship Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

13 “(III) A nonprofit organization
14 that aims to help individuals gain em-
15 ployment in the agriculture indus-
16 try.”.

17 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than January 31,
18 2024, the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement the
19 program established by paragraph (16) of such subsection,
20 as added by subsection (a).

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