AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

OFFERED BY MR. Guthrie

Redesignate sections 3001 through 3005 as sections 3002 through 3006, respectively.

After the header of title III, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3001. GRANTS FOR ACCESS TO HIGH-DEMAND CA-**
2 **REERS.**

3 Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1057 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
5 301 the following:

6 **"SEC. 302. GRANTS FOR ACCESS TO HIGH-DEMAND CA-**
7 **REERS.**

8 "(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ex-
9 pand student access to, and participation in, new industry-
10 led earn-and-learn programs leading to high-wage, high-
11 skill, and high-demand careers.

12 "(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPRENTICESHIP GRANT
13 PROGRAM.—

14 "(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts author-
15 ized to carry out this section, the Secretary shall

1 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible
2 partnerships for the purpose described in subsection
3 (a).
4 "(2) DURATION.—The Secretary shall award
5 grants under this section for a period of—
6 "(A) not less than 1 year; and
7 "(B) not more than 4 years.
8 "(3) LIMITATIONS.—
9 "(A) AMOUNT.—A grant awarded under
10 this section may not be in an amount greater
11 than $1,500,000.
12 "(B) NUMBER OF AWARDS.—An eligible
13 partnership or member of such partnership may
14 not be awarded more than one grant under this
15 section.
16 "(C) ADMINISTRATION COSTS.—An eligible
17 partnership awarded a grant under this section
18 may not use more than 5 percent of the grant
19 funds to pay administrative costs associated
20 with activities funded by the grant.
21 "(c) MATCHING FUNDS.—To receive a grant under
22 this section, an eligible partnership shall, through cash or
23 in-kind contributions, provide matching funds from non-
24 Federal sources in an amount equal to or greater than
25 50 percent of the amount of such grant.

1 "(d) APPLICATIONS.—

2 "(1) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant under
3 this section, an eligible partnership shall submit to
4 the Secretary at such a time as the Secretary may
5 require, an application that—

6 "(A) identifies and designates the business
7 or institution of higher education responsible
8 for the administration and supervision of the
9 earn-and-learn program for which such grant
10 funds would be used;

11 "(B) identifies the businesses and institu-
12 tions of higher education that comprise the eli-
13 gible partnership;

14 "(C) identifies the source and amount of
15 the matching funds required under subsection
16 (c);

17 "(D) identifies the number of students who
18 will participate and complete the relevant earn-
19 and-learn program within 1 year of the expira-
20 tion of the grant;

21 "(E) identifies the amount of time, not to
22 exceed 2 years, required for students to com-
23 plete the program;

1 "(F) identifies the relevant recognized
2 postsecondary credential to be awarded to stu-
3 dents who complete the program;
4 "(G) identifies the anticipated earnings of
5 students—
6 "(i) 1 year after program completion;
7 and
8 "(ii) 3 years after program comple-
9 tion;
10 "(H) describes the specific project for
11 which the application is submitted, including a
12 summary of the relevant classroom and paid
13 structured on-the-job training students will re-
14 ceive;
15 "(I) describes how the eligible partnership
16 will finance the program after the end of the
17 grant period;
18 "(J) describes how the eligible partnership
19 will support the collection of information and
20 data for purposes of the program evaluation re-
21 quired under subsection (h); and
22 "(K) describes the alignment of the pro-
23 gram with State identified in-demand industry
24 sectors.
25 "(2) APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS.—

1 "(A) REVIEW PANEL.—Applications sub-
2 mitted under paragraph (1) shall be read by a
3 panel of readers composed of individuals se-
4 lected by the Secretary. The Secretary shall as-
5 sure that an individual assigned under this
6 paragraph does not have a conflict of interest
7 with respect to the applications reviewed by
8 such individual.

9 "(B) COMPOSITION OF REVIEW PANEL.—
10 The panel of reviewers selected by the Secretary
11 under subparagraph (A) shall be comprised as
12 follows:

13 "(i) A majority of the panel shall be
14 individuals who are representative of busi-
15 nesses, which may include owners, execu-
16 tives with optimum hiring authority, or in-
17 dividuals representing business organiza-
18 tions or business trade associations.

19 "(ii) The remainder of the panel shall
20 be equally divided between individuals who
21 are—

22 "(I) representatives of institu-
23 tions of higher education that offer
24 programs of two years or less; and

1 "(II) representatives of State
2 workforce development boards estab-
3 lished under section 101 of the Work-
4 force Innovation and Opportunity Act
5 (29 U.S.C. 3111).
6 "(C) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—The
7 Secretary shall instruct the review panel se-
8 lected by the Secretary under paragraph (2)(A)
9 to evaluate applications using only the criteria
10 specified in paragraph (1) and make rec-
11 ommendations with respect to—
12 "(i) the quality of the applications;
13 "(ii) whether a grant should be
14 awarded for a project under this title; and
15 "(iii) the amount and duration of
16 such grant.
17 "(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than June
18 30 of each year, the Secretary shall notify each
19 eligible partnership submitting an application
20 under this section of—
21 "(i) the scores given the applicant by
22 the panel pursuant to this section;
23 "(ii) the recommendations of the
24 panel with respect to such application; and

1 "(iii) the reasons for the decision of
2 the Secretary in awarding or refusing to
3 award a grant under this section; and
4 "(iv) modifications, if any, in the rec-
5 ommendations of the panel made to the
6 Secretary.
7 "(e) AWARD BASIS.—The Secretary shall award
8 grants under this section on the following basis—
9 "(1) the number of participants to be served by
10 the grant;
11 "(2) the anticipated income of program partici-
12 pants in relation to the regional median income;
13 "(3) the alignment of the program with State-
14 identified in-demand industry sectors; and
15 "(4) the recommendations of the readers under
16 subsection (d)(2)(C).
17 "(f) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds provided under
18 this section may be used for—
19 "(1) the purchase of appropriate equipment,
20 technology, or instructional material, aligned with
21 business and industry needs, including machinery,
22 testing equipment, hardware and software;
23 "(2) student books, supplies, and equipment re-
24 quired for enrollment;

1 "(3) the reimbursement of up to 50 percent of
2 the wages of a student participating in an earn-and-
3 learn program receiving a grant under this section;
4 "(4) the development of industry-specific pro-
5 graming;
6 "(5) supporting the transition of industry-based
7 professionals from an industry setting to an aca-
8 demic setting;
9 "(6) industry-recognized certification exams or
10 other assessments leading to a recognized postsec-
11 ondary credential associated with the earn-and-learn
12 program; and
13 "(7) any fees associated with the certifications
14 or assessments described in paragraph (6).
15 "(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may
16 provide technical assistance to eligible partnerships award-
17 ed under this section throughout the grant period for pur-
18 poses of grant management.
19 "(h) EVALUATION.—
20 "(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts made
21 available under subsection (j), the Secretary, acting
22 through the Director of the Institute for Education
23 Sciences, shall provide for the independent evalua-
24 tion of the grant program established under this sec-
25 tion that includes the following:

1 "(A) An assessment of the effectiveness of
2 the grant program in expanding earn-and-learn
3 program opportunities offered by employers in
4 conjunction with institutions of higher edu-
5 cation.
6 "(B) The number of students who partici-
7 pated in programs assisted under this section.
8 "(C) The percentage of students partici-
9 pating in programs assisted under this section
10 who successfully completed the program in the
11 time described in subsection (d)(1)(E).
12 "(D) The median earnings of program par-
13 ticipants—
14 "(i) 1 year after exiting the program;
15 and
16 "(ii) 3 years after exiting the pro-
17 gram.
18 "(E) The percentage of students partici-
19 pating in programs assisted under this section
20 who successfully receive a recognized postsec-
21 ondary credential.
22 "(F) The number of students served by
23 programs receiving funding under this sec-
24 tion—

1 "(i) 2 years after the end of the grant
2 period;
3 "(ii) 4 years after the end of the
4 grant period.
5 "(2) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, the evaluation required by this sub-
7 section shall not be subject to any review outside the
8 Institute for Education Sciences before such reports
9 are submitted to Congress and the Secretary.
10 "(3) PUBLICATION.—The evaluation required
11 by this subsection shall be made publicly available on
12 the website of the Department.
13 "(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
14 "(1) EARN-AND-LEARN PROGRAM.—The term
15 'earn-and-learn program' means an education pro-
16 gram, including an apprenticeship program, that
17 provides students with structured, sustained, and
18 paid on-the-job training and accompanying, for cred-
19 it, classroom instruction that—
20 "(A) is for a period of between 3 months
21 and 2 years; and
22 "(B) leads to, on completion of the pro-
23 gram, a recognized postsecondary credential.

1 "(2) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term 'eligi-
2 ble partnership' shall mean a consortium that in-
3 cludes—
4 "(A) 1 or more businesses; and
5 "(B) 1 or more institutions of higher edu-
6 cation.
7 "(3) IN-DEMAND INDUSTRY SECTOR OR OCCU-
8 PATION.—The term 'in-demand industry sector or
9 occupation' has the meaning given the term in sec-
10 tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity
11 Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).
12 "(4) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.—The term 'on-
13 the-job training' has the meaning given the term in
14 section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
15 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).
16 "(5) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-
17 TIAL.—The term 'recognized postsecondary creden-
18 tial' has the meaning given the term in section 3 of
19 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
20 U.S.C. 3102).

In section 3005(2), amend subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

21 (A) in subparagraph (A)—
22 (i) by striking "316" and inserting
23 "311"; and

1 (ii) by striking "$135,000,000" and

2 inserting "$150,000,000";

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