

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4297
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT**

In subtitle D of title I of the bill, insert at the end the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. 132. ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

2 Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998
3 (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended to read as follows:

4 “SEC. 1. ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS.

5 “(a) NATIONAL ONLINE WORKFORCE TRAINING
6 GRANTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appro-
8 priated under paragraph (7), the Secretary shall
9 award National Online Workforce Training Grants
10 on a competitive basis to eligible entities to enable
11 such entities to carry out workforce training pro-
12 grams using distance-learning technologies, such as
13 the Internet. An entity may leverage such grant with
14 other Federal, State, local, and private resources, in
15 order to expand the participation of businesses, em-
16 ployees, and other individuals in such training pro-
17 grams.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—For pur-
2 poses of this section, the term ‘eligible entity’ means
3 an educational institution, community-based organi-
4 zation, nonprofit organization, State board or local
5 board, or unit of general local government, that pro-
6 vides online workforce training.

7 “(3) PRIORITY.—Priority in awarding grants
8 under this subsection shall be given to eligible enti-
9 ties that—

10 “(A) have demonstrated experience in im-
11 plementing and operating online workforce
12 training and education programs;

13 “(B) have demonstrated experience coordi-
14 nating activities, where appropriate, with the
15 workforce investment system; and

16 “(C) conduct training for occupations with
17 national or local shortages.

18 “(4) DATA COLLECTION.—Each eligible entity
19 receiving a grant under this subsection shall collect
20 and report information on—

21 “(A) the number of participants in the
22 workforce training program funded under this
23 paragraph;

24 “(B) the services received by the partici-
25 pants;

1 “(C) program completion rates;

2 “(D) factors determined as significantly
3 interfering with program participation or com-
4 pletion;

5 “(E) the rate of job placement; and

6 “(F) other information as determined as
7 needed by the Secretary.

8 “(5) OUTREACH.—Each eligible entity receiving
9 a grant under this subsection shall conduct outreach
10 activities to disseminate information to workforce in-
11 vestment boards, local governments, educational in-
12 stitutions, and other workforce training organiza-
13 tions about—

14 “(A) the workforce training program fund-
15 ed under this subsection; and

16 “(B) the results of such, and the best
17 practices with respect to workforce training
18 identified as a result of, program.

19 “(6) PERFORMANCE LEVELS.—The Secretary
20 shall establish indicators of performance that will be
21 used to evaluate the performance of eligible entities
22 under this subsection in carrying out the activities
23 required under this paragraph. Prior to awarding a
24 grant under this subsection to an eligible entity, the
25 Secretary shall negotiate and reach agreement with

1 the entity regarding the levels of performance ex-
2 pected to be achieved by the entity on the indicators
3 of performance.

4 “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
5 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
6 retary to carry out this subsection \$50,000,000 for
7 fiscal years 2013 through 2022.

8 “(b) ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM CLEARING-
9 HOUSE.—

10 “(1) DESCRIPTION OF GRANT.—From the
11 amounts appropriated under paragraph (4), the Sec-
12 retary shall award one grant to an eligible postsec-
13 ondary educational institution to provide the services
14 described in this subsection

15 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
16 grant under this subsection, a postsecondary edu-
17 cational institution shall—

18 “(A) have demonstrated the ability to dis-
19 seminate research on best practices for imple-
20 menting workforce investment programs; and

21 “(B) be a national leader in producing cut-
22 ting-edge research on technology related to
23 workforce investment systems under subtitle B.

1 “(3) SERVICES.—The postsecondary edu-
2 cational institution that receives a grant under this
3 subsection shall use such grant—

4 “(A) to provide technical assistance to en-
5 tities that receive grants under subsection (a);

6 “(B) to collect and nationally disseminate
7 the data gathered by entities that receive grants
8 under subsection (a); and

9 “(C) to disseminate best practices identi-
10 fied by the Secretary.

11 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
13 retary to carry out this subsection \$1,000,000 for
14 fiscal years 2013 through 2022.”.

In section 401(1) of the bill, strike “171,”.

In the table of contents amendment in section 404
of the bill, strike the item relating to section 171 and in-
sert the following:

Sec. 171. Online workforce training programs.

