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Page 1129, line 14, strike “$25,000,000” and insert “$30,000,000”.

At the end of title LIII of division E of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 5306. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DOMESTIC MARITIME WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

(a) In general.—Section 51706 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) Designation.—The Secretary of Transportation may designate a covered training entity as a center of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education.”;

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) Grant Program.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award maritime career training grants to centers of excellence designated under subsection (a) for the purpose of developing, offering, or improving educational or career training programs for American workers related to the United States maritime industry.

“(2) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—To receive a grant under this subsection, a center of excellence designated under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary a grant proposal that includes a detailed description of—

“(A) the specific project for which the grant proposal is submitted, including the manner in which the grant will be used to develop, offer, or improve an educational or career training program that is suited to United States maritime industry workers;

“(B) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted will meet the educational or career training needs of United States maritime industry workers;

“(C) any previous experience of the center of excellence in providing United States maritie
time industry educational or career training programs;

“(D) how the grant would address shortcomings in existing educational and career training opportunities available to United States maritime industry workers; and

“(E) the extent to which employers, including small and medium-sized firms, have demonstrated a commitment to employing United States maritime industry workers who would benefit from the project for which the grant proposal is submitted.

“(3) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—Subject to the appropriation of funds, the Secretary shall award a grant under this subsection based on—

“(A) a determination of the merits of the grant proposal submitted by the center of excellence designated under subsection (a) to develop, offer, or improve educational or career training programs to be made available to United States maritime industry workers;

“(B) an evaluation of the likely employment opportunities available to United States maritime industry workers who complete a mar-
itime educational or career training program
that the center of excellence designated under
subsection (a) proposes to develop, offer, or im-
prove; and

“(C) an evaluation of prior demand for
training programs by workers served by the
centers of excellence designated under sub-
section (a) as well as the availability and capac-
ity of existing maritime training programs to
meet future demand for training programs.

“(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
award grants under this subsection to a center
of excellence designated under subsection (a) on
a competitive basis.

“(B) TIMING OF GRANT NOTICE.—The
Secretary shall post a Notice of Funding Op-
portunity regarding grants awarded under this
subsection not more than 90 days after the date
of enactment of the appropriations Act for the
fiscal year concerned.

“(C) TIMING OF GRANTS.—The Secretary
shall award grants under this subsection not
later than 270 days after the date of the enact-
2.5 million of the appropriations Act for the fiscal year concerned.

“(D) Reuse of unexpended grant funds.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C), amounts awarded as a grant under this subsection that are not expended by the grantee shall remain available to the Administrator for use for grants under this subsection.

“(E) Administrative costs.—Not more than 3 percent of amounts made available to carry out this subsection may be used for the necessary costs of grant administration.

“(F) Prohibited use.—A center of excellence designated under subsection (a) that has received funds awarded under section 54101(a)(2) for training purposes shall not be eligible for grants under this subsection in the same fiscal year.

“(5) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection $30,000,000.”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:
“(1) COVERED TRAINING ENTITY.—The term ‘covered training entity’ means an entity that—

“(A) is located in a State that borders on the—

“(i) Gulf of Mexico;
“(ii) Atlantic Ocean;
“(iii) Long Island Sound;
“(iv) Pacific Ocean;
“(v) Great Lakes; or
“(vi) Mississippi River System; and

“(B) is—

“(i) a postsecondary educational institution (as such term is defined in section 3 (39) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302));
“(ii) a postsecondary vocational institution (as such term is defined in section 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(c)));
“(iii) a public or private nonprofit entity that offers 1 or more other structured experiential learning training programs for American workers in the United States maritime industry, including a program
that is offered by a labor organization or conducted in partnership with a nonprofit organization or 1 or more employers in the United States maritime industry;

“(iv) an entity sponsoring an apprenticeship program registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor or a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship pursuant to the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the ‘National Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.); or

“(v) a maritime training center designated prior to the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Transportation.

“(4) UNITED STATES MARITIME INDUSTRY.—The term ‘United States maritime industry’ means the design, construction, repair, operation, manning, and supply of vessels in all segments of the maritime
transportation system of the United States, including—

“(A) the domestic and foreign trade;

“(B) the coastal, offshore, and inland trade, including energy activities conducted under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.);

“(C) non-commercial maritime activities, including—

“(i) recreational boating; and

“(ii) oceanographic and limnological research as described in section 2101(24).”.

(b) Public Report.—Not later than December 15 in each of calendar years 2022 through 2024, the Secretary of Transportation shall make available on a publicly available website a report and provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives—

(1) describing each grant awarded under this subsection during the preceding fiscal year; and

(2) assessing the impact of each award of a grant under this subsection in a fiscal year pre-
ceding the fiscal year referred to in subparagraph (A) on workers receiving training.

(c) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) promulgate guidelines for the submission of grant proposals under section 51706(b) of title 46, United States Code (as amended by this section); and

(2) publish and maintain such guidelines on the website of the Department of Transportation.

(d) ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL SHIPYARDS.—Section 54101(e) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may not award more than 25 percent of the funds appropriated to carry out this section for any fiscal year to any small shipyard in one geographic location that has more than 600 employees.

“(B) INELIGIBILITY.—A maritime training center that has received funds awarded under this section 51706 of title 46, United States Code, shall not be eligible for grants under this
subsection for training purposes in the same fiscal year.”.