

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

**54**

**OFFERED BY MS. GARCIA OF TEXAS**

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:

1 **SEC. 5306. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DOMESTIC MARI-**  
2 **TIME WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDU-**  
3 **CATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 51706 of title 46, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

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

8 “(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
9 tation may designate a covered training entity as a center  
10 of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and  
11 education.”;

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

14 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award  
2 maritime career training grants to centers of excel-  
3 lence designated under subsection (a) for the pur-  
4 pose of developing, offering, or improving edu-  
5 cational or career training programs for American  
6 workers related to the United States maritime in-  
7 dustry.

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

13           “(A) the specific project for which the  
14 grant proposal is submitted, including the man-  
15 ner in which the grant will be used to develop,  
16 offer, or improve an educational or career train-  
17 ing program that is suited to United States  
18 maritime industry workers;

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

23           “(C) any previous experience of the center  
24 of excellence in providing United States mari-

1 time industry educational or career training  
2 programs;

3 “(D) how the grant would address short-  
4 comings in existing educational and career  
5 training opportunities available to United  
6 States maritime industry workers; and

7 “(E) the extent to which employers, includ-  
8 ing small and medium-sized firms, have dem-  
9 onstrated a commitment to employing United  
10 States maritime industry workers who would  
11 benefit from the project for which the grant  
12 proposal is submitted.

13 “(3) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—Sub-  
14 ject to the appropriation of funds, the Secretary  
15 shall award a grant under this subsection based  
16 on—

17 “(A) a determination of the merits of the  
18 grant proposal submitted by the center of excel-  
19 lence designated under subsection (a) to de-  
20 velop, offer, or improve educational or career  
21 training programs to be made available to  
22 United States maritime industry workers;

23 “(B) an evaluation of the likely employ-  
24 ment opportunities available to United States  
25 maritime industry workers who complete a mar-

1           itime educational or career training program  
2           that the center of excellence designated under  
3           subsection (a) proposes to develop, offer, or im-  
4           prove; and

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

11          “(4) COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—

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

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

22                   “(C) TIMING OF GRANTS.—The Secretary  
23          shall award grants under this subsection not  
24          later than 270 days after the date of the enact-

1           ment of the appropriations Act for the fiscal  
2           year concerned.

3           “(D) REUSE OF UNEXPENDED GRANT  
4           FUNDS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C),  
5           amounts awarded as a grant under this sub-  
6           section that are not expended by the grantee  
7           shall remain available to the Administrator for  
8           use for grants under this subsection.

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

13          “(F) PROHIBITED USE.—A center of excel-  
14          lence designated under subsection (a) that has  
15          received funds awarded under section  
16          54101(a)(2) for training purposes shall not be  
17          eligible for grants under this subsection in the  
18          same fiscal year.

19          “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
20          There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
21          this subsection \$30,000,000.”; and

22          (3) in subsection (c)—

23                  (A) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
24          ing the following:

1           “(1) COVERED TRAINING ENTITY.—The term  
2           ‘covered training entity’ means an entity that—

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

5                           “(i) Gulf of Mexico;

6                           “(ii) Atlantic Ocean;

7                           “(iii) Long Island Sound;

8                           “(iv) Pacific Ocean;

9                           “(v) Great Lakes; or

10                          “(vi) Mississippi River System; and

11                          “(B) is—

12                                  “(i) a postsecondary educational insti-  
13                                  tution (as such term is defined in section  
14                                  3 (39) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and  
15                                  Technical Education Act of 2006 (20  
16                                  U.S.C. 2302));

17                                  “(ii) a postsecondary vocational insti-  
18                                  tution (as such term is defined in section  
19                                  102(c) of the Higher Education Act of  
20                                  1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(c));

21                                  “(iii) a public or private nonprofit en-  
22                                  tity that offers 1 or more other structured  
23                                  experiential learning training programs for  
24                                  American workers in the United States  
25                                  maritime industry, including a program

1 that is offered by a labor organization or  
2 conducted in partnership with a nonprofit  
3 organization or 1 or more employers in the  
4 United States maritime industry;

5 “(iv) an entity sponsoring an appren-  
6 ticeship program registered with the Office  
7 of Apprenticeship of the Employment and  
8 Training Administration of the Depart-  
9 ment of Labor or a State apprenticeship  
10 agency recognized by the Office of Appren-  
11 ticeship pursuant to the Act of August 16,  
12 1937 (commonly known as the ‘National  
13 Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter  
14 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.); or

15 “(v) a maritime training center des-  
16 ignated prior to the date of enactment of  
17 the National Defense Authorization Act for  
18 Fiscal Year 2023.”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

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

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

1 transportation system of the United States, includ-  
2 ing—

3 “(A) the domestic and foreign trade;

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

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

10 “(i) recreational boating; and

11 “(ii) oceanographic and limnological  
12 research as described in section  
13 2101(24).”.

14 (b) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than December 15  
15 in each of calendar years 2022 through 2024, the Sec-  
16 retary of Transportation shall make available on a publicly  
17 available website a report and provide a briefing to the  
18 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
19 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-  
20 frastructure of the House of Representatives—

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

23 (2) assessing the impact of each award of a  
24 grant under this subsection in a fiscal year pre-



1 ceding the fiscal year referred to in subparagraph  
2 (A) on workers receiving training.

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

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

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

11 (d) ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL SHIPYARDS.—Section  
12 54101(e) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by  
13 striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

14 “(2) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator  
16 may not award more than 25 percent of the  
17 funds appropriated to carry out this section for  
18 any fiscal year to any small shipyard in one ge-  
19 ographic location that has more than 600 em-  
20 ployees.

21 “(B) INELIGIBILITY.—A maritime training  
22 center that has received funds awarded under  
23 this section 51706 of title 46, United States  
24 Code, shall not be eligible for grants under this

1 subsection for training purposes in the same  
2 fiscal year.”.

