

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1644, AS REPORTED**  
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At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 5. ABANDONED MINE LAND ECONOMIC REVITALIZA-**  
2 **TION.**

3 Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclama-  
4 tion Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1231, et seq.) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 416. FEDERAL ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVEL-**  
7 **OPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

8 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to  
9 provide funding to impacted communities by targeting  
10 Federal economic and workforce development assistance  
11 programs that seek—

12 “(1) to diversify regional, State, tribal, and  
13 local economies;

14 “(2) to create jobs in new and existing indus-  
15 tries;

16 “(3) to attract new sources of job-creating in-  
17 vestment; and

18 “(4) to provide a range of workforce services  
19 and skills training, including work-based learning

1 opportunities, resulting in industry-recognized cre-  
2 dentials for high-quality, in-demand jobs.

3 “(b) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, amounts that would otherwise be provided  
5 under title IV to States certified under section 411(a)  
6 shall, subject to appropriations, be available for the pur-  
7 poses of this section.

8 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 “(1) COAL ECONOMY.—The term ‘coal econ-  
10 omy’ means the complete supply chain of coal reliant  
11 industries, including coal mining, coal-fired power  
12 plants, and related transportation, logistics, and  
13 manufacturing.

14 “(2) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term ‘covered  
15 program’ means programs that the Secretary of the  
16 Interior, in conjunction with the head of other rel-  
17 evant agencies, determines to have as a primary pur-  
18 pose the economic development of coal impacted  
19 communities.

20 “(3) IMPACTED COMMUNITY.—The term ‘im-  
21 pacted community’ means a community or Indian  
22 tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-  
23 termination and Education Assistance Act (25  
24 U.S.C. 450b)) in the United States that has been  
25 negatively impacted by changes in the coal economy.

1           “(d) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR COVERED PRO-  
2 GRAMS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

4                   “(A) allocate amounts made available to  
5 carry out this section among the covered pro-  
6 grams in accordance with the criteria described  
7 in paragraph (2); and

8                   “(B) provide public notice of the avail-  
9 ability of grant assistance under this section  
10 through a Federal Funding Opportunity an-  
11 nouncement.

12           “(2) ALLOCATION CRITERIA.—The Secretary  
13 shall establish and publish criteria for the allocation  
14 of funds to carry out this section among the covered  
15 programs in a manner that carries out the purpose  
16 described in subsection (a), as determined by the  
17 Secretary.

18           “(d) COVERED PROGRAMS.—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—On allocation by the Sec-  
20 retary of amounts from the Fund for a covered pro-  
21 gram under this section, the head of the applicable  
22 participating agency shall manage grant selection  
23 (including eligibility requirements), awards, and exe-  
24 cution of projects with respect to those amounts.

1           “(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Except as oth-  
2           erwise provided in this section, projects receiving  
3           grant assistance under this section shall be subject  
4           to the eligibility rules, permitted activities, and re-  
5           porting requirements of the covered program under  
6           which the grant is made.

7           “(e) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

8           “(1) PROJECT PURPOSES.—A project shall be  
9           eligible for assistance under this section if the pur-  
10          pose of the project is to assist impacted commu-  
11          nities—

12                   “(A) to organize community stakeholders,  
13                   analyze and inventory community assets, evalu-  
14                   ate needs and resources, and develop com-  
15                   prehensive economic development strategic  
16                   plans;

17                   “(B) to undergo in-depth labor market  
18                   analysis and workforce development and dis-  
19                   located worker planning associated with the  
20                   provision of training and employment services;

21                   “(C) to implement linked economic and  
22                   workforce development strategies to develop  
23                   high-potential industry clusters;

24                   “(D) to accelerate job creation by  
25                   leveraging local assets;

1           “(E) to train and place workers in family-  
2           supporting, high-demand jobs (including reg-  
3           istered apprenticeship and other on-the-job  
4           training models);

5           “(F) to create linkages that drive regional  
6           economic growth; or

7           “(G) to carry out other purposes approved  
8           by the Secretary.

9           “(2) PRIORITY.—In selecting projects to receive  
10          assistance under this section, the head of the rel-  
11          evant agency shall—

12           “(A) give priority to project applications  
13           that establish a clear linkage between the pro-  
14           posed project and the means by which the  
15           project will result in local economic growth and  
16           diversification, job creation, and job training  
17           and reemployment for dislocated workers, as  
18           described in a broader economic and workforce  
19           development strategy, without regard to any  
20           formula used by a participating agency to dis-  
21           burse other funds; and

22           “(B) consult directly with impacted com-  
23           munities to determine the greatest needs of the  
24           impacted communities and give priority to  
25           projects that address those needs.

1           “(3) SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND COSTS TO BE  
2           CONSIDERED.—In providing assistance under this  
3           section for projects for economic diversification, the  
4           head of the relevant agency shall give consideration,  
5           at a minimum, to the following activities and costs:

6                   “(A) Analysis activities that build from  
7                   strategic economic development plans, includ-  
8                   ing—

9                           “(i) economic and workforce data col-  
10                           lection; and

11                           “(ii) supply chain and industry cluster  
12                           analysis.

13                   “(B) Outreach and targeted assistance to  
14                   economic development organizations, unions,  
15                   workers, and other stakeholders.

16                   “(C) Remediation and redevelopment of  
17                   coal economy sites, as appropriate.

18                   “(D) Provision of business planning and  
19                   market exploration services.

20                   “(E) Development of business incubator  
21                   programs.

22                   “(F) Facilitation of access to private cap-  
23                   ital investment and capacity building to effec-  
24                   tively use capital investment.

1           “(G) Promotion of exports from entities in  
2 the impacted area.

3           “(H) Workforce training and dislocated  
4 worker services and supports for impacted  
5 workers.

6           “(I) Costs associated with registered ap-  
7 prenticeship and on-the-job training models.

8           “(J) Temporary or short-term relocation  
9 or commuting costs for available jobs in other  
10 parts of the applicable State or region.

11           “(K) Staffing, operating, and administra-  
12 tive costs for the recipient organization.

13           “(L) Comprehensive strategies that—

14           “(i) integrate all of the activities and  
15 costs described in subparagraphs (A)  
16 through (K); and

17           “(ii) leverage other investments from  
18 the applicable participating agency and  
19 other Federal agencies.

20           “(f) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary  
21 shall—

22           “(1) with respect to grant assistance under this  
23 section, manage—

24           “(A) the Federal Funding Opportunity an-  
25 nouncement under subsection (e)(1)(B); and

1                   “(B) the overall process of competitive so-  
2                   licitation;

3                   “(2) provide a single staff point of Federal con-  
4                   tact (with staffing assistance from other partici-  
5                   pating agencies, as needed) for grants awarded  
6                   under this section; and

7                   “(3) coordinate cross-agency activities at the re-  
8                   gional level that direct additional Federal resources  
9                   to impacted communities.

10                  “(g) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A participating  
11                  agency may not use not more than 2 percent of the  
12                  amount the agency receives for each fiscal year to cover  
13                  the administrative expenses of the participating agency in  
14                  carrying out the covered program.

15                  “(h) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—The amounts de-  
16                  posited in the Fund shall be available without fiscal year  
17                  limitation.”.

