TITLE V—SUPPORTING APPRENTICESHIP COLLEGES ACT OF 2021

SEC. 90501. COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) In general.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (f), the Secretary of Education shall provide grants to eligible entities for the purposes of expanding or supporting potential student and employer outreach carried out by such entities with respect to the construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship programs offered by such entities.

(b) Amounts.—The total grant amount made to an eligible entity under this section may not exceed $500,000.

(c) Use of grants.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use such grant for the outreach described in subsection (a), which shall include the following:

(1) Outreach to high schools, for the purpose of educating students, parents, guardians, and faculty
on the benefits of enrolling in the construction and
manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship
program offered by the eligible entity.

(2) Outreach to local businesses and other po-
tential employers for the purpose of educating such
employers on the benefits of hiring graduates of
such program, which shall—

(A) primarily target relationship building
with potential employers in rural, exurban, and
suburban areas; and

(B) seek to maximize the number of stu-
dents who work in such areas after completing
such program.

(3) Outreach to local workforce development
boards for the purpose of reaching nontraditional
student populations and prioritizing local needs.

(d) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible enti-
ty seeking a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(e) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities
that demonstrate outreach efforts targeted at increasing
program enrollment for rural, first generation, minority,
and nontraditional students, or other students from underrepresented population.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated $5,000,000 to carry out this section for each of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

SEC. 90502. STUDENT SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDED ACADEMIC ADVISING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (g), the Secretary of Education shall provide grants to eligible entities for the activities described in subsection (d).

(b) AMOUNTS.—The total grant amount made to an eligible entity under this section may not exceed $500,000.

(c) MULTIPLE GRANTS PERMITTED.—An eligible entity may receive a grant under this section and section 90501.

(d) USE OF GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use such grant for advising and support services to enrollees of construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship programs offered by such entity to increase retention and persistence for students.
(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Such advising and support services shall include the following:

(A) Expanding academic advising programs that provide services to students, including the following:

(i) Career advising and professional development.

(ii) Support for English as a second language students.

(iii) Information and resource systems.

(iv) Mentoring systems.

(v) Other such programs.

(B) Expanding student support programs that provide services to students, including the following:

(i) Health and family-related services, including substance abuse disorder and mental health counseling.

(ii) Support for first-generation students.

(iii) Childcare support.

(iv) Other such programs.

(v) In the case of an eligible entity that is a construction and manufacturing—
oriented registered apprenticeship pro-
gram, maintaining its accreditation by a
nationally recognized accrediting agency or
association recognized by the Secretary of
Education pursuant to part H of title IV
of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
U.S.C. 1099a et seq.),

(e) APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible enti-
ty seeking a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(f) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity that re-
ceives a grant under this section shall submit to the
Secretary a report on—

(A) the activities supported by the grant;

(B) the number of students participating
in the activities supported by the grant;

(C) any progress made in achieving the
goals of the program supported by the grant, in
general, and measuring in particular—

(i) the effectiveness of the grant in ex-
panding overall enrollment and program
completion rates; and
(ii) the effectiveness of the grant in expanding enrollment and program completion rates for underrepresented populations; and

(D) such other information as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(2) **Timeline for submission of report.**—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than 180 days after the date on which the eligible entity concludes the activities supported by the grant under this section.

(g) **Authorization of Appropriations.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

**SEC. 90503. Definitions.**

In this title:

(1) **Construction and manufacturing-oriented apprenticeship college.**—The term “construction and manufacturing-oriented apprenticeship college” means—

(A) an institution of higher education that is a sponsor of a construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship program; or
(B) a construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship program.

(2) CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING-ORIENTED REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—

The term “construction and manufacturing-oriented registered apprenticeship program” means a registered apprenticeship program that—

(A) provides coursework and training in preparation for employment in the construction or manufactory industry (such as employment as a painter, drywall finisher, glazier, or glass-worker);

(B)(i) leads to a recognized postsecondary credential other than a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship; or

(ii) awards credits that can be applied toward a recognized postsecondary credential; and

(C) is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association recognized by the Secretary of Education pursuant to part H of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099a et seq.).

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means a construction and manufacturing-oriented apprenticeship college.
(4) **First generation college student.**—
The term “first generation college student” has the meaning given the term in section 402A(h) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11(h)).

(5) **High school.**—The term “high school” has the meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

(6) **Institution of higher education.**—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

(7) **Outreach.**—The term “outreach” means communications and relationship-building opportunities undertaken by an eligible entity.

(8) **Recognized postsecondary credential.**—The term “recognized postsecondary credential” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

(9) **Registered apprenticeship program.**—The term “registered apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program registered under 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.).

(10) **SECOND LANGUAGE.**—The term “second
language” means any language other than English,
including Braille and American Sign Language.

(11) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary”
means the Secretary of Education.

(12) **UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATION.**—The
term “underrepresented population” means an indi-
vidual who is from a group whose gender, ethnic
background, or national origin is not traditionally
represented in registered apprenticeship programs.