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OFFERED BY MR. EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of subtitle G of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. ___. PILOT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO TRANSITION TO THE DEFENSE MANUFACTURING SECTOR GENERAL AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY LARGE-SCALE EMPLOYER CLOSURES.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, carry out a pilot program to award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities to transition to the defense manufacturing sector dislocated workers affected by large-scale employer closures who at any time were laid during the two-year period beginning on the date on which appropriations are first made available for the purposes of this section.

(b) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Dislocated worker.—The term “dislocated worker” has the meaning given such term by section 3(15) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(15)).
(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible entity” means a State-based governmental or non-profit entity that works with the defense industrial base to conduct retraining and other development activities, with the goal of placing individuals in jobs within the industry.

(B) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.—The term “defense industrial base” has the meaning given such term by section 702(6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4552(6)).

(C) CERTIFICATION OF STATUS.—An entity may not be treated as an eligible entity under subparagraph (A) unless the entity submits to the Secretary a certification of the entity’s governmental or 501(c)(3) status.

(c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to States, regions, and counties in which a large employer closure is located and which is within reasonable driving distance of a defense manufacturing facility.

(d) SUNSET.—The Secretary may not award grants under the program carried out under this section after the
1 date that is 2 years after the date on which appropriations
2 are first made available for the purposes of this section.