

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of division L, add the following:

1 **SEC. 110002. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DOMESTIC**
2 **MARITIME WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDU-**
3 **CATION.**

4 Section 51706 of title 46, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “of Transpor-
7 tation”;

8 (2) in subsection (b), in the subsection heading,
9 by striking “ASSISTANCE” and inserting “COOPERA-
10 TIVE AGREEMENTS”;

11 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
12 section (d);

13 (4) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
14 graph (3), by adding at the end the following:

15 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
16 the Secretary of Transportation.”; and

17 (5) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(c) GRANT PROGRAM.—

1 “(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

2 In this subsection, the term ‘eligible institution’
3 means a postsecondary educational institution as
4 such term is defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
5 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
6 (20 U.S.C. 2302) that offers a 2-year program of
7 study, a 1-year program of training, or is a postsec-
8 ondary vocational institution.

9 “(2) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
11 after the date of enactment of the Maritime Ad-
12 ministration Authorization and Improvement
13 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
14 retary of Labor and the Secretary of Education,
15 may award maritime career training grants to
16 eligible institutions for the purpose of devel-
17 oping, offering, or improving educational or ca-
18 reer training programs for American workers
19 related to the maritime workforce.

20 “(B) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 1 year
21 after the date of enactment of the Maritime Ad-
22 ministration Authorization and Improvement
23 Act, the Secretary shall—

1 “(i) promulgate guidelines for the
2 submission of grant proposals under this
3 subsection; and

4 “(ii) publish and maintain such guide-
5 lines on the website of the Department of
6 Transportation.

7 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may not
8 award a grant under this subsection in an amount
9 that is more than \$20,000,000.

10 “(4) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution
12 that desires to receive a grant under this sub-
13 section shall submit to the Secretary a grant
14 proposal that includes a detailed description
15 of—

16 “(i) the specific project for which the
17 grant proposal is submitted, including the
18 manner in which the grant will be used to
19 develop, offer, or improve an educational
20 or career training program that is suited
21 to maritime industry workers;

22 “(ii) the extent to which the project
23 for which the grant proposal is submitted
24 will meet the educational or career training

1 needs of maritime workers in the commu-
2 nity served by the eligible institution;

3 “(iii) the extent to which the project
4 for which the grant proposal is submitted
5 fits within any overall strategic plan devel-
6 oped by an eligible community; and

7 “(iv) any previous experience of the
8 eligible institution in providing maritime
9 educational or career training programs.

10 “(B) COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUIRED.—

11 In order to be considered by the Secretary, a
12 grant proposal submitted by an eligible institu-
13 tion under this subsection shall—

14 “(i) demonstrate that the eligible in-
15 stitution—

16 “(I) reached out to employers to
17 identify—

18 “(aa) any shortcomings in
19 existing maritime educational
20 and career training opportunities
21 available to workers in the com-
22 munity; and

23 “(bb) any future employ-
24 ment opportunities within the
25 community and the educational

1 and career training skills re-
2 quired for workers to meet the
3 future maritime employment de-
4 mand; and

5 “(II) reached out to other simi-
6 larly situated institutions in an effort
7 to benefit from any best practices that
8 may be shared with respect to pro-
9 viding maritime educational or career
10 training programs to workers eligible
11 for training; and

12 “(ii) include a detailed description
13 of—

14 “(I) the extent and outcome of
15 the outreach conducted under clause
16 (i);

17 “(II) the extent to which the
18 project for which the grant proposal is
19 submitted will contribute to meeting
20 any shortcomings identified under
21 clause (i)(I)(aa) or any maritime edu-
22 cational or career training needs iden-
23 tified under clause (i)(I)(bb); and

24 “(III) the extent to which em-
25 ployers, including small- and medium-

1 sized firms within the community,
2 have demonstrated a commitment to
3 employing workers who would benefit
4 from the project for which the grant
5 proposal is submitted.

6 “(5) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the appro-
8 priation of funds, the Secretary shall award a
9 grant under this subsection based on—

10 “(i) a determination of the merits of
11 the grant proposal submitted by the eligi-
12 ble institution to develop, offer, or improve
13 maritime educational or career training
14 programs to be made available to workers;

15 “(ii) an evaluation of the likely em-
16 ployment opportunities available to workers
17 who complete a maritime educational or
18 career training program that the eligible
19 institution proposes to develop, offer, or
20 improve;

21 “(iii) an evaluation of prior demand
22 for training programs by workers in the
23 community served by the eligible institu-
24 tion, as well as the availability and capac-
25 ity of existing maritime training programs

1 to meet future demand for training pro-
2 grams; and

3 “(iv) any prior designation of an insti-
4 tution as a Center of Excellence for Do-
5 mestic Maritime Workforce Training and
6 Education.

7 “(B) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—A
8 grant awarded under this subsection may not
9 be used to satisfy any private matching require-
10 ment under any other provision of law.

11 “(6) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than Decem-
12 ber 15 in each of the calendar years 2021 through
13 2023, the Secretary shall make available on a pub-
14 lically available website a report and provide a brief-
15 ing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
16 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
17 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
18 Representatives—

19 “(A) describing each grant awarded under
20 this subsection during the preceding fiscal year;

21 “(B) assessing the impact of each award of
22 a grant under this subsection in a fiscal year
23 preceding the fiscal year referred to in subpara-
24 graph (A) on workers receiving training; and

1 “(C) the performance of the grant awarded
2 with respect to the indicators of performance
3 under section 116(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Workforce
4 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
5 3141(b)(2)(A)(i)).

6 “(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
7 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
8 this subsection \$200,000,000.”.

