AMENDMENT
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OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

Page 468, strike lines 1 through 21 and insert the following:

(2) by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

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(f) TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish a program (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Program’) to provide grants to support surface transportation sector education and workforce development projects.

“(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the Program, the Secretary may award a grant on a competitive basis in accordance with this subsection.

“(3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award a grant under the Program to any partnership that includes, at a minimum, the following entities:
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“(i) An institution of higher education.

“(ii) A State department of transportation.

“(iii) Not fewer than 2 transportation sector employers.

“(B) LABOR AND JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.—A partnership eligible for a grant under the Program may include a labor or joint labor-management organization.

“(4) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), grant funds awarded under the Program may only be used to assist a project that includes, at a minimum, two of the following activities:

“(i) Developing, implementing, and assessing innovative new curricula and education programs with respect to the surface transportation sector.

“(ii) Increasing career recruitment, including outreach to youth to encourage participation in the surface transportation sector.
“(iii) Developing on-the-job training and work-based learning opportunities, including pre-apprenticeships and registered apprenticeships, with respect to the surface transportation sector.

“(iv) Increasing participation of underrepresented individuals, including women, in the surface transportation workforce.

“(v) Other activities which will lead to innovative curricula and education programs and workforce development in the surface transportation sector, as determined by the Secretary.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—If a project is in the construction or maintenance sector, grant funds awarded under the Program may only be used to develop pre-apprenticeships that prepare individuals for acceptance into registered apprenticeships in such sector.

“(5) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a partnership referred to in paragraph (3) shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information as the Secretary determines to be
appropriate, which shall include, at a minimum, a
description of the following:

“(A) How the partnership will use grant
funds to assist an eligible project.

“(B) The roles and responsibilities of each
partner in assisting the project.

“(C) Any prior experience or demonstrated
success in workforce development of a partner.

“(D) The current or projected workforce
shortages in the surface transportation sector
and how the project will address those short-
ages.

“(E) Any promotion of the increased par-
ticipation of underrepresented individuals, in-
cluding women, in the transportation workforce
that the project will provide.

“(F) Any recognized postsecondary creden-
tials that participants in the project will be pre-
pared for.

“(G) Any registered apprenticeships, pre-
apprenticeships, or other on-the-job training or
work-based learning opportunities the project
will provide.

“(6) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a grant
under the Program, the Secretary shall consider—
“(A) regional diversity;

“(B) the degree to which an eligible project will address current or projected surface transportation workforce shortages; and

“(C) if applicable, the quality of any proposed on-the-job training or work-based learning opportunities to be provided.

“(7) LIMITATIONS ON GRANTS.—

“(A) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of a grant under this subsection may not exceed $300,000.

“(B) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL SHARE.—After a recipient has received 2 grants under this subsection, subsequent grants to the recipient may not be in an amount that exceeds 75 percent of the cost of the project to be assisted with the grant.

“(8) REPORT.—A recipient of a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary, at such time as the Secretary determines appropriate, a report that includes a description of the following:

“(A) How grant funds were used.

“(B) The education and employment outcomes for individuals participating in or benefitting from the project assisted with grant
funds under the Program (in this paragraph referred to as ‘participants’) which shall include at a minimum the following:

“(i) The percentage, and median earnings, of participants who are in unsubsidized employment 90 days after exit from the project.

“(ii) The percentage of participants who are in unsubsidized employment 180 days after exit from the project.

“(iii) The percentage of participants who obtain a recognized postsecondary credential, or a secondary school diploma or recognized equivalent during the project or within 1 year after exit from the project.

“(iv) The percentage of participants who, during the project—

“(I) enrolled in an education or training program that leads to a recognized postsecondary credential or employment; and

“(II) developed skills necessary to receive such a credential or employment through such program.
“(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following definitions apply:

“(A) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘institution of higher education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

“(B) ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.—The term ‘on-the-job training’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

“(C) PRE-APPRENTICESHIP.—The term ‘pre-apprenticeship’ means a training model or program that prepares individuals for acceptance into a registered apprenticeship and has a demonstrated partnership with one or more registered apprenticeships.

“(D) 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).

“(E) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP.—The term ‘registered apprenticeship’ means an apprenticeship program registered under the Act...

“(F) WORK-BASED LEARNING.—The term ‘work-based learning’ has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).”