

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS**

2 **SEC. 7001. ENERGY WORKFORCE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-
5 tion with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of
6 Education, shall establish a pilot program to award grants
7 on a competitive basis to eligible entities for job training
8 to obtain an industry-recognized credential.

9 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
10 under this section, an entity shall be a public or nonprofit
11 organization that—

12 (1) includes an advisory board of proportional
13 participation, as determined by the Secretary, of rel-
14 evant organizations, including—

15 (A) relevant energy industry organizations,
16 including public and private employers;

17 (B) labor organizations; and

18 (C) elementary and secondary education
19 and postsecondary education organizations;

1 (2) demonstrates experience in implementing
2 and operating job training and education programs;

3 (3) demonstrates the ability to recruit and sup-
4 port individuals who plan to work in the energy in-
5 dustry in the successful completion of relevant job
6 training and education programs; and

7 (4) provides students who complete the job
8 training and education program with an industry-
9 recognized credential.

10 (c) APPLICATIONS.—Eligible entities desiring a grant
11 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
12 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing such
13 information as the Secretary may require.

14 (d) PRIORITY.—In selecting eligible entities to receive
15 grants under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize ap-
16 plicants that—

17 (1) house the job training and education pro-
18 grams in—

19 (A) a community college or institution of
20 higher education that includes basic science and
21 math education in the curriculum of the com-
22 munity college, institution of higher education;
23 or

24 (B) an apprenticeship program registered
25 with the Department of Labor;

1 (2) work with the Secretary of Defense or vet-
2 erans organizations to transition members of the
3 Armed Forces and veterans to careers in the energy
4 sector;

5 (3) apply as a State or regional consortia to le-
6 verage best practices already available in the State
7 or region in which the community college or institu-
8 tion of higher education is located;

9 (4) have a State-supported entity included in
10 the application;

11 (5) include an apprenticeship program reg-
12 istered with the Department of Labor as part of the
13 job training and education program;

14 (6) develop a mentorship program for energy
15 professionals and elementary and secondary edu-
16 cation students;

17 (7) provide support services and career coach-
18 ing; or

19 (8) provide introductory energy workforce devel-
20 opment training.

21 (e) **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.**—In making
22 grants under this section, the Secretary shall consider re-
23 gional diversity.

24 (f) **LIMITATION ON APPLICATIONS.**—An eligible enti-
25 ty may not submit, either individually or as part of a joint

1 application, more than 1 application for a grant under this
2 section during any 1 fiscal year.

3 (g) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The
4 amount of a grant for any 1 year shall not exceed
5 \$1,000,000.

6 (h) COSTS.—

7 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
8 the cost of a job training and education program
9 carried out using a grant under this section shall be
10 not greater than 65 percent.

11 (2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share
13 of the cost of a job training and education pro-
14 gram carried out using a grant under this sec-
15 tion shall consist of not less than 50 percent
16 cash.

17 (B) LIMITATION.—Not greater than 50
18 percent of the non-Federal contribution of the
19 total cost of a job training and education pro-
20 gram carried out using a grant under this sec-
21 tion shall be in the form of in-kind contribu-
22 tions of goods or services fairly valued.

23 (i) REDUCTION OF DUPLICATION.—Prior to submit-
24 ting an application for a grant under this section, each
25 applicant shall consult with the applicable agencies of the

1 Federal Government and coordinate the proposed activi-
2 ties of the applicant with existing State and local pro-
3 grams.

4 (j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
5 provide technical assistance and capacity building to na-
6 tional and State energy partnerships, including the enti-
7 ties described in subsection (b)(1), to leverage the existing
8 job training and education programs of the Department
9 of Energy.

10 (k) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to Con-
11 gress and make publicly available on the website of the
12 Department of Energy an annual report on the program
13 established under this section, including a description of—

14 (1) the entities receiving grants;

15 (2) the activities carried out using the grants;

16 (3) best practices used to leverage the invest-
17 ment of the Federal Government;

18 (4) the rate of employment for participants
19 after completing a job training and education pro-
20 gram carried out using a grant; and

21 (5) an assessment of the results achieved by the
22 program.

23 (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
24 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
25 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019.

1 (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term “commu-
3 nity college” means a junior or community college
4 (as defined in section 312(f) of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f))).

6 (2) PROGRAM.—The term “program” means
7 the pilot program established under subsection (a).

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Energy.

10 (4) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—The
11 term “veterans service organization” means an orga-
12 nization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
13 fairs for the representation of veterans under section
14 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

