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:

TITLE VII—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 7001. ENERGY WORKFORCE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, shall establish a pilot program to award grants on a competitive basis to eligible entities for job training to obtain an industry-recognized credential.

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

(1) includes an advisory board of proportional participation, as determined by the Secretary, of relevant organizations, including—

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

(B) labor organizations; and

(C) elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education organizations;
(2) demonstrates experience in implementing and operating job training and education programs;

(3) demonstrates the ability to recruit and support individuals who plan to work in the energy industry in the successful completion of relevant job training and education programs; and

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

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

(d) PRIORITY.—In selecting eligible entities to receive grants under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize applicants that—

(1) house the job training and education programs in—

(A) a community college or institution of higher education that includes basic science and math education in the curriculum of the community college, institution of higher education; or

(B) an apprenticeship program registered with the Department of Labor;
(2) work with the Secretary of Defense or veterans organizations to transition members of the Armed Forces and veterans to careers in the energy sector;

(3) apply as a State or regional consortia to leverage best practices already available in the State or region in which the community college or institution of higher education is located;

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

(5) include an apprenticeship program registered with the Department of Labor as part of the job training and education program;

(6) develop a mentorship program for energy professionals and elementary and secondary education students;

(7) provide support services and career coaching; or

(8) provide introductory energy workforce development training.

(e) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall consider regional diversity.

(f) LIMITATION ON APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity may not submit, either individually or as part of a joint
application, more than 1 application for a grant under this
section during any 1 fiscal year.

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

(h) COSTS.—

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

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

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

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

(i) REDUCTION OF DUPLICATION.—Prior to submit-
ting an application for a grant under this section, each
applicant shall consult with the applicable agencies of the
Federal Government and coordinate the proposed activities of the applicant with existing State and local programs.

(j) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance and capacity building to national and State energy partnerships, including the entities described in subsection (b)(1), to leverage the existing job training and education programs of the Department of Energy.

(k) **REPORT.**—The Secretary shall submit to Congress and make publicly available on the website of the Department of Energy an annual report on the program established under this section, including a description of—

1. the entities receiving grants;
2. the activities carried out using the grants;
3. best practices used to leverage the investment of the Federal Government;
4. the rate of employment for participants after completing a job training and education program carried out using a grant; and
5. an assessment of the results achieved by the program.

(l) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019.
(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term “community college” means a junior or community college (as defined in section 312(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1058(f))).

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

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

(4) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—The term “veterans service organization” means an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.