

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Page 1510, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **DIVISION H—DOMESTIC MARI-**
2 **TIME WORKFORCE TRAINING**

3 **SECTION 11101. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DOMESTIC**
4 **MARITIME WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDU-**
5 **CATION.**

6 Section 54102 of title 46, United States Code, is
7 amended—

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

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

13 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
14 section (d);

15 (4) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-
16 graph (2), by adding at the end the following:

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

1 (5) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(c) GRANT PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—

5 In this subsection, the term ‘eligible institution’
6 means a postsecondary educational institution as
7 such term is defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
8 kins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006
9 (20 U.S.C. 2302) that offers a 2-year program of
10 study, a 1-year program of training, or is a postsec-
11 ondary vocational institution.

12 “(2) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—

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

23 “(B) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 1 year
24 after the date of enactment of the Maritime Ad-

1 ministration Authorization and Improvement
2 Act, the Secretary shall—

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

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

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

12 “(4) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—

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

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

24 “(ii) the extent to which the project
25 for which the grant proposal is submitted

1 will meet the educational or career training
2 needs of maritime workers in the commu-
3 nity served by the eligible institution;

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

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

11 “(B) COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUIRED.—
12 In order to be considered by the Secretary, a
13 grant proposal submitted by an eligible institu-
14 tion under this subsection shall—

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

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

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

24 “(bb) any future employ-
25 ment opportunities within the

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

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

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

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

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

1 “(III) the extent to which em-
2 ployers, including small- and medium-
3 sized firms within the community,
4 have demonstrated a commitment to
5 employing workers who would benefit
6 from the project for which the grant
7 proposal is submitted.

8 “(5) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—

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

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

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

23 “(iii) an evaluation of prior demand
24 for training programs by workers in the
25 community served by the eligible institu-

1 tion, as well as the availability and capac-
2 ity of existing maritime training programs
3 to meet future demand for training pro-
4 grams; and

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

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

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

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

23 “(B) assessing the impact of each award of
24 a grant under this subsection in a fiscal year

1 preceding the fiscal year referred to in subpara-
2 graph (A) on workers receiving training; and

3 “(C) the performance of the grant awarded
4 with respect to the indicators of performance
5 under section 116(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Workforce
6 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
7 3141(b)(2)(A)(i)).

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

