DIVISION H—DOMESTIC MARITIME WORKFORCE TRAINING

SECTION 11101. CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR DOMESTIC MARITIME WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

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

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “of Transportation”;

(2) in subsection (b), in the subsection heading, by striking “Assistance” and inserting “Cooperative Agreements”;

(3) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d);

(4) in subsection (d), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Transportation.”; and
(5) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-
ing:

“(c) GRANT PROGRAM.—

“(1) Definition of eligible institution.—

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

“(2) Grant authorization.—

“(A) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Maritime Ad-
ministration Authorization and Improvement Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
retary of Labor and the Secretary of Education, may award maritime career training grants to eligible institutions for the purpose of develop-
oping, offering, or improving educational or ca-
reer training programs for American workers related to the maritime workforce.

“(B) Guidelines.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Maritime Ad-
administration Authorization and Improvement Act, the Secretary shall—

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

“(ii) publish and maintain such guidelines on the website of the Department of Transportation.

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

“(4) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution that desires to receive a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary a grant proposal that includes a detailed description of—

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

“(ii) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted
will meet the educational or career training needs of maritime workers in the community served by the eligible institution;

“(iii) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted fits within any overall strategic plan developed by an eligible community; and

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

“(B) COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUIRED.—In order to be considered by the Secretary, a grant proposal submitted by an eligible institution under this subsection shall—

“(i) demonstrate that the eligible institution—

“(I) reached out to employers to identify—

“(aa) any shortcomings in existing maritime educational and career training opportunities available to workers in the community; and

“(bb) any future employment opportunities within the
community and the educational
and career training skills re-
quired for workers to meet the
future maritime employment de-
mand; and

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

“(ii) include a detailed description
of—

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

“(II) the extent to which the
project for which the grant proposal is
submitted will contribute to meeting
any shortcomings identified under
clause (i)(I)(aa) or any maritime edu-
cational or career training needs iden-
tified under clause (i)(I)(bb); and
“(III) the extent to which employers, including small- and medium-sized firms within the community, have demonstrated a commitment to employing workers who would benefit from the project for which the grant proposal is submitted.

“(5) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the appropriation of funds, the Secretary shall award a grant under this subsection based on—

“(i) a determination of the merits of the grant proposal submitted by the eligible institution to develop, offer, or improve maritime educational or career training programs to be made available to workers;

“(ii) an evaluation of the likely employment opportunities available to workers who complete a maritime educational or career training program that the eligible institution proposes to develop, offer, or improve;

“(iii) an evaluation of prior demand for training programs by workers in the community served by the eligible institu-
tion, as well as the availability and capacity of existing maritime training programs to meet future demand for training programs; and

“(iv) any prior designation of an institution as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education.

“(B) Matching Requirements.—A grant awarded under this subsection may not be used to satisfy any private matching requirement under any other provision of law.

“(6) Public Report.—Not later than December 15 in each of the calendar years 2021 through 2023, the Secretary shall make available on a publicly available website a report and provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives—

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

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

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

“(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
this subsection $200,000,000.”.