AMENDMENT TO
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Page 2005, after line 2, insert the following:

TITLE V—CRITICAL SUPPLY CHAIN SECTORS APPRENTICESHIPS GRANTS

SEC. 90501. GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Authority.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Labor may award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities on a competitive basis for the purposes of expanding the offerings of apprenticeship programs registered under the national apprenticeship system in sectors across the national supply chain with workforce shortages.

(2) Coordination and technical assistance.—For the purposes of carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor shall coordinate with State Offices of Apprenticeship to provide technical assistance, and take additional actions as warranted to support the workforce needs of such sectors.
(b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary of Labor at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require. At a minimum, each application shall include a proposal to—

(1) serve employers and workers in sectors across the national supply chain that have workforce shortages and for whom access to a skilled workforce is critical to the function of the United States supply chain; and

(2) provide opportunities in only nontraditional apprenticeship occupations that are suitable for apprenticeship programs.

(d) DURATION.—Each grant awarded under this title shall be for a period not to exceed 4 years.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided, any term used in this title that is defined in section 2 of the National Apprenticeship Act, as amended by section 90103 of this Act shall have the meaning given the term in such section.

(2) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship
program registered under the national apprenticeship system.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) a program sponsor of an apprenticeship program;

(B) a State workforce development board or State workforce agency, or a local workforce development board or local workforce development agency;

(C) an education and training provider, or a consortium of such providers;

(D) if the applicant is in a State with a State apprenticeship agency, such State apprenticeship agency;

(E) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization;

(F) an industry or sector partnership, a group of employers, a trade association, or a professional association that sponsors or participates in an apprenticeship program;

(G) a Governor of a State;

(H) a labor organization or joint labor-management organization; or

(I) a qualified intermediary.
(4) WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.—The term “workforce shortage” means there are an insufficient number of individuals with the required skills and competencies needed for a particular occupation to meet the current and future demands of employers, as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023 and each of the succeeding 4 fiscal years.