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To authorize the Secretary of Labor to make grants to States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to carry out employment training programs to assist long-term unemployed job hunters obtain the skills and training to reenter the workforce and fill jobs in high-growth sectors of the economy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “New Chance for a New
3 Start in Life Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics,
7 in December 2013, the number of long-term unem-
8 ployed job hunters, persons jobless for 27 weeks or
9 more, exceeded 3.9 million, which constitutes ap-
10 proximately 37.7 percent of the unemployed, among
11 the highest rates in recent history;

12 (2) the Bureau of Labor Statistics also esti-
13 mates that the health care and social assistance sec-
14 tors will account for almost a third of the projected
15 job growth from 2012 to 2022 and that employment
16 in the construction sector is expected to see a large
17 increase, while still not reaching levels the Great Re-
18 cession of 2007, and that manufacturing is projected
19 to experience a slight decline in employment over the
20 projection period; and

21 (3) reducing the number of persons in long-
22 term unemployed status by providing training oppor-
23 tunities to obtain the skills needed to fill the jobs in
24 the employment sectors predicted to experience the
25 greatest rates of growth is an important national
26 goal.

1 **SEC. 3. COMPENSATED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING GRANTS.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to the availability of
3 appropriations for such funds, the Secretary of Labor
4 shall make grants to States, units of local government,
5 and Indian tribes to carry out the activities described in
6 subsection (b). Grants under this section may be made on
7 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may deter-
8 mine.

9 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant under
10 this Act shall use the grant for the following purposes:

11 (1) To create compensated training programs
12 that offer training to assist long-term unemployed
13 persons obtain the skills and training to reenter the
14 workforce and fill jobs in sectors of the economy
15 projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to have
16 the highest rates of demand during the period 2012–
17 2022.

18 (2) To provide compensation to participants in
19 training programs to temporarily aid in their finan-
20 cial distress.

21 (3) To partner with cities and non-profit orga-
22 nizations to provide apprenticeships and internships.

23 (4) To provide training and employment oppor-
24 tunities for veterans.

25 (5) To partner with historically Black colleges
26 and universities and Hispanic serving colleges and

1 universities along with local community college sys-
2 tems to create innovative retraining programs for
3 minorities focused on retooling workers for jobs in
4 the growth sectors of healthcare, biotech, and infor-
5 mation technology.

6 (6) To provide access to public healthcare pro-
7 grams for participants.

8 (7) To create training programs for ex-offend-
9 ers in an effort to reduce recidivism.

10 (8) To aid newly trained participants in secur-
11 ing employment within the field of their newly ac-
12 quired expertise.

13 (c) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of receiving a grant
14 under this Act, a grant recipient shall—

15 (1) comply with nondiscrimination standards of
16 the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

17 (2) allocate not less than 80 percent of the
18 funding allocated under the grant to wages, benefits,
19 and support activities, including child care services
20 to individuals receiving compensated training under
21 such a grant; and

22 (3) institute a program to aid newly trained
23 participants in securing employment in their new
24 area of expertise.

1 (d) INELIGIBILITY OF FOR-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL
2 INSTITUTIONS.—A State, unit of local government, or In-
3 dian tribe receiving a grant under this Act may not part-
4 ner with nor provide any grant funds to a for-profit edu-
5 cational institution for the provision of any of the pro-
6 grams or services described in subsection (b).

7 (e) NO EFFECT ON RECEIPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT
8 COMPENSATION.—An individual may participate in any
9 program or receive any services funded by a grant under
10 this Act, including the receipt of compensation described
11 in subsection (b)(2) notwithstanding the fact that such in-
12 dividual is receiving unemployment compensation. An indi-
13 vidual’s participation or receipt of services or compensa-
14 tion funded by a grant under this Act shall not be a cause
15 for any reduction of the amount of unemployment com-
16 pensation that such individual is otherwise entitled to.

17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
19 necessary to carry out this Act.

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