

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4945

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to raise public awareness for skilled trade programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. KILMER) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Creating Opportunities
5 to Thrive and Advance Act” or the “COTA Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAREER GUIDANCE AND PUBLIC AWARENESS FOR**
7 **SKILLED TRADE PROGRAMS.**

8 Section 223(a)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and
9 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3303(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as sub-
2 paragraph (O); and

3 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(M) Providing guidance on career options
6 in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry
7 sectors or occupations in current or emerging
8 professions (including skilled trades).

9 “(N) Raising public awareness and con-
10 ducting public service announcements about ca-
11 reer and technical education programs and com-
12 munity-based organizations, including through
13 social media campaigns and other endeavors,
14 focused on programs that prepare students for
15 high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry
16 sectors or occupations in current or emerging
17 professions (including skilled trades).”.

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