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To establish a grant program to support career and technical education schools in their efforts to advocate for career and technical education programs and promote public awareness thereof.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Ohio 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 “Career and Technical
5 Education Advocacy Grant Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE AND FINDING.**

7 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
8 lish a grant program to enable career and technical edu-

1 cation schools to advocate for the value and benefits of
2 career and technical education programs and to increase
3 public awareness of the opportunities and advantages
4 these programs offer.

5 (b) FINDING.—Congress recognizes the importance
6 of career and technical education in preparing students
7 for successful careers and fostering economic growth.

8 **SEC. 3. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY**
9 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION AND USES.—Subject to
11 the availability of funds appropriated under subsection (f),
12 the Secretary shall award grants on a competitive basis
13 to eligible entities for the following purposes:

14 (1) ADVOCACY INITIATIVES.—To support activi-
15 ties and campaigns aimed at advocating for the im-
16 portance of career and technical education (in this
17 Act referred to as “CTE”) programs to students,
18 parents, educators, employers, and policymakers.

19 (2) PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS.—To de-
20 velop and carry out a public awareness campaign
21 that highlights the benefits of CTE programs and
22 showcases student success stories.

23 (3) OUTREACH PROGRAMS.—To facilitate part-
24 nerships and outreach efforts that engage local busi-

1 nesses, community organizations, and government
2 agencies in support of CTE initiatives.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY ENTITY.—In this Act, the term “eli-
4 gible entity” means a public or private entity that offers
5 a career and technical education program.

6 (c) APPLICATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a
8 grant under this Act, an eligible entity shall submit
9 an application at such time, in such manner, and
10 containing such information as the Secretary may
11 require, including information on the specific initia-
12 tives the eligible entity intends to carry out to raise
13 public awareness regarding CTE programs.

14 (2) APPLICATION EVALUATION.—The Secretary
15 shall establish, through the Office of Career, Tech-
16 nical, and Adult Education, eligibility criteria, appli-
17 cation procedures, and a review process for selecting
18 eligible entities to receive grants.

19 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after receiving
20 a grant, and on an annual basis thereafter for each year
21 that an eligible entity receives a grant, the eligible entity
22 shall submit to the Secretary a report on the progress and
23 outcomes of the activities supported by the grant under
24 this Act.

25 (e) EVALUATION AND REVIEW.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, through
2 the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Edu-
3 cation, periodically evaluate and review any program
4 carried out with grant funds under this Act to as-
5 sess the impact and effectiveness of such a program,
6 which may include an assessment of the needs of the
7 community being served by such a program.

8 (2) ADJUSTMENTS.—On the basis of a review
9 carried out under paragraph (1), the Secretary may
10 require an eligible entity to make adjustments to the
11 program such entity is carrying out with the grant
12 funds under this Act.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
14 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fis-
15 cal years 2025 through 2030 to carry out this Act.
16 Amounts appropriated pursuant to such authorization of
17 appropriation are authorized to remain available until ex-
18 pended.

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The
22 term “career and technical education” has the
23 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Carl D.
24 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
25 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Education.

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