

118TH CONGRESS
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S. 3537

To require the Secretary of Education to disclose information about career and technical education and funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and require FAFSA applications to include a career and technical education acknowledgment.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “CTE Awareness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
2 **WEBSITE.**

3 The Secretary of Education (acting through the Of-
4 fice of Federal Student Aid of the Department of Edu-
5 cation) shall—

6 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of en-
7 actment of this Act, publish on the public website of
8 the Office of Federal Student Aid information on—

9 (A) career and technical education pro-
10 grams, including average completion time, pro-
11 gram cost, and post-graduation employment
12 rate; and

13 (B) opportunities in each State—

14 (i) to pursue such programs; and

15 (ii) for funding to pursue such pro-
16 grams under the Carl D. Perkins Career
17 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
18 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

19 (2) continuously update and maintain the infor-
20 mation published under paragraph (1) to ensure
21 that such information continues to be relevant.

22 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE ON FAFSA APPLICATION.**

23 Section 494(a)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
24 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098h(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

25 (1) in clause (i)(II), by striking “and” after the
26 semicolon; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(iii) career and technical education
3 (as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Per-
4 kins Career and Technical Education Act
5 of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302)) programs are a
6 viable alternative to a 4-year degree, and
7 include, to ensure such individuals are
8 made aware of such programs and related
9 career paths at the beginning of the appli-
10 cation—

11 “(I) a one-page summary of the
12 most recent information provided
13 under section 3(1) of the CTE Aware-
14 ness Act; and

15 “(II) an acknowledgment signa-
16 ture box; and”.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 The terms “career and technical education” and
19 “State” have the meanings given the terms in section 3
20 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
21 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

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