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S. 4903

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to require youth representation on each State workforce development board, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2024

Ms. BUTLER (for herself and Mr. KAINE) 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 “Generation Now Work-
5 force Representation Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION**
7 **AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

8 Section 101 of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
9 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3111) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(C)(iii)—

2 (A) in subclause (I)(bb), by striking “and”
3 at the end;

4 (B) by redesignating subclause (II) as sub-
5 clause (IV); and

6 (C) by inserting after subclause (I) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(II) shall include not less than
9 one representative of youth in the
10 State who is selected in coordination
11 with the State educational agency of
12 the State and—

13 “(aa) is—

14 “(AA) an out-of-school
15 youth; or

16 “(BB) not younger
17 than age 16 or older than
18 age 24 and disconnected
19 from school and work; or

20 “(bb) has successfully com-
21 pleted a program of youth work-
22 force investment activities under
23 subtitle B or activities under sec-
24 tion 171;

1 “(III) shall include not less than
 2 one representative from a youth-serv-
 3 ing nonprofit organization in the
 4 State that—

5 “(aa) is described in section
 6 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-
 7 enue Code of 1986 and exempt
 8 from taxation under section
 9 501(a) of such Code; and

10 “(bb) provides supportive
 11 services to youth; and”;

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

13 “(i) STANDING YOUTH WORKFORCE COMMITTEE.—
 14 The State board shall have a standing youth workforce
 15 committee of members of the State board that shall pro-
 16 vide recommendations to the full State board regarding
 17 youth workforce investment activities under subtitle B or
 18 activities under section 171.”.

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