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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 14, Section 1 provides:

The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.

Rapid technological advances and global economic competition demand increased levels of skilled technical education preparation and readiness on those entering the work force.

A combination of non-traditional school-to-work technical education programs, using state of the art equipment and appropriate technologies, will provide students with skills in the liberal and practical arts and in basic academics, with the intense technical preparation necessary for finding a position in a changing workplace.

It will also reduce the dropout rate for high school students in the country and will produce youths who are mature, responsible, and motivated to build good lives for themselves.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a program of grants to consortia of public high schools and state universities and colleges for the purpose of providing technical preparation education.*

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* This bill was originally filed during the Thirteenth Congress, First Regular Session.

1 (B) To provide, in a systematic manner, strong, comprehensive links between secondary
2 schools and colleges.

3 SECTION 4. *Program Authorized.* – The Secretary of Education shall make grants to pay
4 the cost of activities carried out under this Act to consortia of —

5 (A) Public secondary schools or area vocational schools serving secondary school
6 students; and

7 (B) State colleges and universities, including post secondary vocational technical
8 schools.

9 SECTION 5. *Technical Preparation Education Programs.* –

10 (A) *General Authority.* – Each grant recipient shall use amounts paid under this Act to
11 develop and operate a 4-year technical preparation education program.

12 (B) *Contents of Program.* – Each such program shall

13 (1) Be carried out under an articulation agreement between the participants in the
14 consortium;

15 (2) Consist of the 2 years of secondary school preceding graduation and 2 years
16 of higher education, with a common core of required proficiency in
17 mathematics, science, communications and technologies designed to lead to
18 an associate degree in a specific career field;

19 (3) Include the development of technical preparation education program
20 curriculum appropriate to the needs of the consortium participants; and

21 (4) Include in-service training for teachers that—

22 (a) Is designed to train teachers to implement effectively technical
23 preparation education curriculum;

24 (b) Provides for joint training for teachers from all participants in the
25 consortium; and

26 (c) May provide such training in weekend, evening and summer sessions,
27 institutes or workshops.

28 (C) *Additional Authorized Activities.* – Each such program may—

- 1 (1) Provide for training programs for counselors designed to enable
2 counselors to more effectively recruit students for technical preparation
3 education programs, and ensure their successful completion of such
4 programs and their placement in appropriate employment; and
5 (2) Provide for the acquisition of technical preparation program equipment.

6 SECTION 6. *Applications.* –

7 (A) *In General.* – Each consortium that desires to receive a grant under this section shall
8 submit an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall
9 prescribe.

10 (B) *Five-Year Plan.* – Each application submitted under this section shall contain a 5-year
11 plan for the development and implementation of activities under this Act.

12 (C) *Approval.* – The Secretary shall approve applications based on their potential to
13 create an effective technical preparation education program as described in section 5.

14 (D) *Special Consideration.* – The Secretary shall give special consideration to applicants
15 whose applications—

- 16 (1) Provide for effective employment placement activities or transfer of students
17 to four-year baccalaureate degree programs;
18 (2) Demonstrate commitment to continue the program after the termination of
19 assistance under this Act; and
20 (3) Are developed in consultation with business, industry and labor unions.

21 (E) *Equitable Distribution of Assistance.* – In making grants, the Secretary shall ensure
22 an equitable distribution of assistance among the regions and among a cross-section of urban and
23 rural consortium participants.

24 SECTION 7. *Reports.* – Each grant recipient shall, with respect to assistance received
25 under this Act, submit to the Secretary such reports as may be required by the Secretary to ensure
26 that such grant recipient is complying with the requirements of this Act.

1 SECTION 8. *Authorization of Appropriations.* – There are authorized to be appropriated
2 such sums as may be necessary in each fiscal year to carry out the provisions of this Act.

3 SECTION 9. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
4 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
5 valid and subsisting.

6 SECTION 10. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
7 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
8 with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

9 SECTION 11. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,