

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2286

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to designate certain entities as centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2017

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Domestic Maritime
5 Centers of Excellence Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DOMESTIC MARITIME CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
8 Transportation is authorized to designate community and

1 technical colleges with a maritime training program and
2 maritime training centers operated by or under the super-
3 vision of a State, if located in the United States along
4 the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Arctic
5 Ocean, Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, or Great Lakes, as
6 centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce
7 training and education.

8 (b) ASSISTANCE.—

9 (1) TYPES.—The Secretary may provide to an
10 entity designated as a center of excellence under
11 subsection (a)—

12 (A) technical assistance;

13 (B) surplus Federal equipment and assets;

14 and

15 (C) funding.

16 (2) PURPOSES.—The Secretary may provide as-
17 sistance under paragraph (1)—

18 (A) to support a maritime workforce pro-
19 gram; and

20 (B) to assist an entity designated as a cen-
21 ter of excellence under subsection (a) to expand
22 the capacity of the entity to train the domestic
23 maritime workforce of the United States, in-
24 cluding by—

25 (i) admitting additional students;

- 1 (ii) recruiting and training faculty;
- 2 (iii) expanding facilities;
- 3 (iv) creating new maritime career
- 4 pathways; and
- 5 (v) awarding students credit for prior
- 6 experience, including military service.

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