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# H. R. 7502

To direct the Secretary of Labor to provide for data collection and dissemination of information regarding programs under the national apprenticeship system, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. MOLINARO) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## 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 “Apprenticeship Pro-  
5        gram National Scorecard Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION.**

2 The Secretary of Labor shall provide for data collec-  
3 tion and dissemination of information regarding programs  
4 under the national apprenticeship system, including—

5 (1) not later than 1 year after the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act, establishing and supporting a  
7 single information technology infrastructure to sup-  
8 port data collection and reporting from State Ap-  
9 prenticeship Agencies, State Offices of Apprentice-  
10 ship, grantees, program sponsors, and program ad-  
11 ministrators under the national apprenticeship sys-  
12 tem by providing for a data infrastructure that—

13 (A) is developed and maintained by the  
14 Secretary, with input from national data and  
15 privacy experts, is informed by best practices on  
16 public provision of credential information, and  
17 to the extent practicable, aligns with the tech-  
18 nology infrastructure for related Federal pro-  
19 grams, such as the technology infrastructure  
20 used under the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
21 portunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.);

22 (B) best meets the needs of the national  
23 apprenticeship system stakeholders reporting  
24 data to the Secretary or State Apprenticeship  
25 Agencies, including through the provision of  
26 technical assistance and financial assistance as

1           necessary to ensure reporting systems are  
2           equipped to report into a single information  
3           technology infrastructure; and

4                   (C) is aligned with data from the perform-  
5           ance data as required by the Secretary; and

6           (2) providing for data sharing that includes  
7           making nonpersonally identifiable apprenticeship  
8           data available on a publicly accessible website that  
9           is searchable and comparable, through the use of  
10          common, linked, open-data description language,  
11          such as the credential transparency description lan-  
12          guage or a substantially similar resource, so that in-  
13          terested parties can become aware of apprenticeship  
14          opportunities and of program outcomes that best  
15          meets the needs of youth apprentices, pre-appren-  
16          tices, and apprentices, employers, education and  
17          training providers, program sponsors, and relevant  
18          stakeholders, including—

19                   (A) information on program offerings  
20                  under the national apprenticeship system based  
21                  on geographical location and apprenticeable oc-  
22                  cupation;

23                   (B) information on education and training  
24                  providers providing opportunities under such  
25                  system, including whether programs under such

1 system offer dual or concurrent enrollment pro-  
2 grams, articulation agreements, and recognized  
3 postsecondary credentials as part of the pro-  
4 gram offerings;

5 (C) information about the educational and  
6 occupational credentials and related com-  
7 petencies of programs under such system; and

8 (D) information based on the most recent  
9 data available to the Secretary that is con-  
10 sistent with national standards and practices.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) APPRENTICESHIP.—The term “apprentice-  
14 ship” or “apprenticeship program” means an ap-  
15 prenticeship—

16 (A) registered with the Department of  
17 Labor under the Act of August 16, 1937 (com-  
18 monly known as the “National Apprenticeship  
19 Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50  
20 et seq.), or State Apprenticeship Agency recog-  
21 nized by the Department of Labor; and

22 (B) that complies with the requirements of  
23 subpart A of part 29, and part 30 of title 29,  
24 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on  
25 September 18, 2020).

1           (2) NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.—The  
2 term “national apprenticeship system” means the  
3 apprenticeship programs, youth apprenticeship pro-  
4 grams, and pre-apprenticeship programs registered  
5 under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly re-  
6 ferred to as the National Apprenticeship Act).

7           (3) RECOGNIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDEN-  
8 TIAL.—The term “recognized postsecondary creden-  
9 tial” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of  
10 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29  
11 U.S.C. 3102), except that such term does not in-  
12 clude a certificate of completion of an apprentice-  
13 ship.

14           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of Labor.

16 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

17           Any funds appropriated under this Act shall only be  
18 used for, or provided to, programs under the national ap-  
19 prenticeship system, including any funds awarded for the  
20 purposes of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements,  
21 or the development, implementation, or administration, of  
22 programs under the national apprenticeship system.

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