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Mr. VOINOVICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Workforce Innovation
3 in Regional Economic Development Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to provide State and local
6 governments with greater flexibility in administering the
7 workforce investment systems, through Workforce Innova-
8 tion in Regional Economic Development (referred to in
9 this Act as “WIRED”) activities—

10 (1) so that the workforce investment systems
11 give the State and local governments additional flexi-
12 bilities that are needed to confront challenges in ad-
13 justing to the global economy and that are based on
14 the particular strengths of regional and local econo-
15 mies;

16 (2) so that entities operating the workforce in-
17 vestment systems actively collaborate with busi-
18 nesses, entities operating government economic de-
19 velopment efforts, entities operating private eco-
20 nomic development efforts, and education partners
21 to ensure systems that meet the needs of both work-
22 ers and businesses, and operate to educate and train
23 workers for employment opportunities that exist
24 today and in the future;

25 (3) so that the use of workforce development
26 funds to carry out the workforce investment systems

1 provides flexibility to State and local governments
 2 that have developed workforce development and re-
 3 lated strategies for regional economies, allowing for
 4 the adoption of innovative policies across the work-
 5 force development, economic development, and edu-
 6 cation systems; and

7 (4) in order to better integrate workforce devel-
 8 opment, economic development, and education sys-
 9 tems through increased alignment of these systems.

10 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF WIRED FRAMEWORK.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Workforce Investment Act of
 12 1998 is amended by inserting after section 192 (29 U.S.C.
 13 2942) the following new section:

14 **“SEC. 192A. WORKFORCE INNOVATION IN REGIONAL ECO-
 15 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

16 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—The term ‘com-
 18 munity college’ means an institution of higher edu-
 19 cation, as such term is defined in section 102 of the
 20 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002),
 21 that provides not less than a 2-year program.

22 “(2) IMPLEMENTING ENTITY.—The term ‘im-
 23 plementing entity’ means the entity specified under
 24 subsection (b)(2)(B)(i).

1 “(3) WIRED.—The term ‘WIRED’ means
2 Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Devel-
3 opment.

4 “(b) WORKFORCE INNOVATION IN REGIONAL ECO-
5 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after con-
7 sultation with the other Federal agency heads re-
8 sponsible for the administration of programs de-
9 scribed in paragraphs (4)(D) and (5)(D) and in-
10 cluded in a WIRED plan submitted under this sub-
11 section, may approve such plan for a region to sup-
12 port the development of human capital in the re-
13 gional economy in order to—

14 “(A) foster economic development;

15 “(B) expand employment and advancement
16 opportunities for workers; and

17 “(C) promote the creation of high-skill and
18 high-wage opportunities.

19 “(2) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—To obtain approval
20 of a WIRED plan under this subsection, 1 or more
21 Governors shall submit the plan to the Secretary at
22 such time, in such manner, and containing such in-
23 formation as the Secretary may require, including—

24 “(A)(i) information identifying the multi-
25 county region in which the activities provided

1 under the plan will be carried out, including
2 identification of the communities in the region
3 that share common characteristics, and a de-
4 scription of why the economy of the area in-
5 volved comprises a regional economy; and

6 “(ii) in the event that the establishment of
7 the region would result in the division of an
8 area serving as a local area on the date of the
9 submission of the plan, information describ-
10 ing—

11 “(I) the local board, one-stop oper-
12 ator, one-stop partners, and other entities
13 that will serve the remainder of the local
14 area; and

15 “(II) the transition that will occur to
16 ensure that the requirements of this Act
17 are carried out in the remainder;

18 “(B)(i) information specifying an imple-
19 menting entity to carry out the plan; and

20 “(ii) a description of a broad-based re-
21 gional partnership that has been created for the
22 region identified under subparagraph (A)—

23 “(I) that represents the major assets
24 of the region, including businesses, edu-
25 cational institutions, research and develop-

1 ment facilities and programs, technology
2 infrastructure, and physical infrastructure,
3 consistent with the requirements of para-
4 graph (3); and

5 “(II) that assists in developing the
6 economic goals described in subparagraph
7 (D) and the strategies described in sub-
8 paragraph (E), and provides a forum for
9 regional economic decisionmaking;

10 “(C)(i) a description of the major assets of
11 the region, based on a regional assessment; and

12 “(ii) a description of information identi-
13 fying the strengths of, weaknesses of, opportu-
14 nities in, and risks facing, the region;

15 “(D) a description of economic goals for
16 the region, based on the assets and strengths
17 identified and described under subparagraph
18 (C), and evidence of support for those goals
19 from the broad-based regional partnership de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (B);

21 “(E) a description of workforce develop-
22 ment and related strategies to achieve the eco-
23 nomic goals for the region as described under
24 subparagraph (D), including describing the ac-

1 activities to be carried out under this subsection,
2 consistent with paragraphs (4) and (5);

3 “(F) information on the workforce develop-
4 ment programs that will be integrated in the re-
5 gion and that will provide funds that will be in-
6 tegrated to carry out the strategies described
7 under subparagraph (E), in accordance with the
8 requirements of paragraph (4), for an inte-
9 grated workforce development program, includ-
10 ing—

11 “(i) information identifying the pro-
12 grams to be integrated;

13 “(ii) of the resources available under
14 each of the programs to the local area or
15 other service area affected, the amount and
16 proportion that will be used in the region
17 to carry out the strategies described under
18 subparagraph (E);

19 “(iii) a description of how the re-
20 sources will be used to accomplish the
21 goals described under subparagraph (D),
22 including a description of the services to be
23 provided, and how such services will be
24 provided, consistent with clause (iv) and
25 paragraph (4);

1 “(iv) assurances that, for purposes of
2 carrying out the WIRED plan, the inte-
3 grated workforce development program will
4 include—

5 “(I) a regional workforce invest-
6 ment board (which may include indi-
7 viduals who are members of a local
8 board, or entities that are local
9 boards, on the date of submission of
10 the plan) for the region—

11 “(aa) that substantially
12 meets (as determined by the Gov-
13 ernors involved) the requirements
14 for local boards described in sub-
15 sections (a), (b), and (c) (and (i)
16 as applicable) of section 117;

17 “(bb) that submits to the
18 Governors involved for approval a
19 plan for the region that is sub-
20 stantially similar (as so deter-
21 mined) to the local plans required
22 under section 118; and

23 “(cc) that will carry out
24 functions, and be subject to limi-
25 tations, that are substantially

1 similar (as so determined) to the
2 functions and limitations de-
3 scribed in subsections (d), (e),
4 (f), and (g) of section 117;

5 “(II) an implementing entity,
6 which will ensure the maintenance of
7 a one-stop delivery system for the re-
8 gion that is consistent with the re-
9 quirements of section 121 for a local
10 area;

11 “(III) service to populations con-
12 sistent with the populations served by
13 the programs being integrated, and
14 universal access to core services de-
15 scribed in section 134(d)(2);

16 “(IV) compliance with the vet-
17 erans’ priority of service requirement
18 under section 4215 of title 38, United
19 States Code;

20 “(V) coordination of services with
21 employment-related programs not in-
22 cluded in the integrated workforce de-
23 velopment program; and

24 “(VI) compliance with require-
25 ments under this title relating to wage

1 and labor standards (including non-
2 displacement provisions), grievance
3 procedures and judicial review, and
4 nondiscrimination; and

5 “(v) an assurance that, for purposes
6 of carrying out the WIRED plan, not more
7 than 10 percent of the funds expended
8 under the integrated workforce develop-
9 ment program each year will be expended
10 on the costs of administration (as defined
11 by the Secretary);

12 “(G) information on the community and
13 economic development programs (including por-
14 tions of programs), if any, that will be inte-
15 grated in the region and that will provide funds
16 that will be integrated to carry out the strate-
17 gies described in subparagraph (E), in accord-
18 ance with the requirements of paragraph (5),
19 for the integrated workforce development pro-
20 gram, including—

21 “(i) information identifying the com-
22 munity and economic development pro-
23 grams (including portions of programs) to
24 be integrated;

1 “(ii) of the resources available under
2 each of the programs to the service area
3 affected, the amount and proportion that
4 will be used in the region to carry out the
5 strategies described under subparagraph
6 (E); and

7 “(iii) a description of how the re-
8 sources will be used to accomplish the
9 goals described under subparagraph (D),
10 including a description of the activities to
11 be carried out, and how such activities will
12 be carried out, consistent with paragraph
13 (5); and

14 “(H) in addition to the resources described
15 under subparagraphs (F) and (G), information
16 identifying other resources that will be used to
17 carry out the strategies described under sub-
18 paragraph (E), from a wide range of sources,
19 including resources of foundations, private in-
20 vestment from sources such as venture capital,
21 and resources of Federal, State, and local gov-
22 ernments.

23 “(3) BROAD-BASED REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP.—
24 For purposes of this subsection, a broad-based re-
25 gional partnership—

1 “(A) shall include—

2 “(i) representatives of the local work-
3 force investment systems in the region
4 identified under paragraph (2)(A), such as
5 a chairperson or executive director of a
6 local board in such region;

7 “(ii) representatives of the education
8 system in the region, including representa-
9 tives from—

10 “(I) local educational entities;

11 “(II) community colleges; and

12 “(III) 4-year institutions of high-
13 er education, as defined in section 102
14 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
15 (20 U.S.C. 1002);

16 “(iii) representatives of businesses
17 and industry associations in the region;
18 and

19 “(iv) representatives of local and re-
20 gional economic development agencies in
21 the region; and

22 “(B) may include—

23 “(i) representatives of local elected of-
24 ficials in the region;

1 “(ii) representatives of the philan-
2 thropic community;

3 “(iii) representatives of postsecondary
4 education and training providers in the re-
5 gion, in addition to the providers described
6 in subparagraph (A)(ii);

7 “(iv) representatives of private invest-
8 ment entities and private investors, such as
9 seed and venture capital organizations, in-
10 vestor networks, and entrepreneurs;

11 “(v) representatives of faith-based and
12 community-based organizations; and

13 “(vi) representatives of other Federal,
14 State, or local entities or organizations
15 that may enhance the carrying out of the
16 activities of the partnership.

17 “(4) INTEGRATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOP-
18 MENT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—

19 “(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR INTEGRA-
20 TION.—In carrying out this subsection, the Sec-
21 retary, after consultation with the other Federal
22 agency heads responsible for the administration
23 of the workforce development programs de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (D) that are included
25 in a WIRED plan, shall, upon the approval of

1 the plan, authorize the implementing entity for
2 the plan to integrate programs as described in
3 subparagraph (B) to assist in implementing
4 such plan.

5 “(B) INTEGRATION.—The authorization
6 shall give the implementing entity the authority
7 to integrate, in accordance with such approved
8 plan, the programs described in subparagraph
9 (D) that are included in the approved plan (in-
10 cluding the funds provided under the pro-
11 grams). The implementing entity shall integrate
12 the programs into a single, coordinated, com-
13 prehensive integrated workforce development
14 program to achieve the economic goals identi-
15 fied in such plan for the region.

16 “(C) EFFECT ON PROGRAM FUNDS.—The
17 funds integrated under subparagraph (B) may
18 be used, consistent with paragraph (2)(F), to
19 carry out any of the activities authorized under
20 any of the programs described in subparagraph
21 (D), or activities described in subparagraph
22 (E), that are included in the plan.

23 “(D) INCLUDED WORKFORCE DEVELOP-
24 MENT PROGRAMS.—

1 “(i) MANDATORY PROGRAMS.—A
2 WIRED plan authorized under this sub-
3 section shall include programs (to be inte-
4 grated into the integrated workforce devel-
5 opment program) consisting of—

6 “(I) the program of workforce in-
7 vestment activities for adults author-
8 ized under chapter 5 of subtitle B;
9 and

10 “(II) the program of workforce
11 investment activities for dislocated
12 workers authorized under chapter 5 of
13 subtitle B.

14 “(ii) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.—In ad-
15 dition to the programs described in clause
16 (i), a WIRED plan may include programs
17 (to be integrated into the integrated work-
18 force development program) consisting
19 of—

20 “(I) the program of workforce in-
21 vestment activities for youth author-
22 ized under chapter 4 of subtitle B;

23 “(II) the program for the provi-
24 sion of employment services author-

1 ized under the Wagner-Peyser Act (29
2 U.S.C. 49 et seq.); or

3 “(III) any of the other programs
4 or activities provided by required one-
5 stop partners as described in section
6 121(b)(1)(B).

7 “(E) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVI-
8 TIES.—In implementing a WIRED plan and an
9 integrated workforce development program, the
10 implementing entity shall provide for workforce
11 development activities that shall include—

12 “(i) job training and related activities
13 for workers to assist the workers in gain-
14 ing the skills and competencies needed to
15 obtain or upgrade employment in indus-
16 tries or economic sectors projected to expe-
17 rience significant growth in the region
18 identified under paragraph (2)(A), which
19 may include—

20 “(I) activities supporting work-
21 force development related to entrepre-
22 neurship and small business develop-
23 ment; and

1 “(II) the purchase of equipment
2 to train job seekers and workers for
3 high-growth occupations;

4 “(ii) activities to enhance the training
5 and related activities described in clause (i)
6 and to promote workforce development in
7 the region identified under paragraph
8 (2)(A), which may include—

9 “(I) the development and imple-
10 mentation of model activities, such as
11 developing appropriate curricula to
12 build core competencies and train
13 workers in the region;

14 “(II) identifying and dissemi-
15 nating career and skill information re-
16 lating to the region;

17 “(III) developing or purchasing
18 regional data tools or systems to deep-
19 en understanding of the regional econ-
20 omy and labor market involved; and

21 “(IV) integrated regional plan-
22 ning, such as increasing the integra-
23 tion of community college activities
24 with activities of businesses and the
25 regional workforce investment system

1 to meet the training needs of high-
2 growth industries in the region; and
3 “(iii) appropriate employment-related
4 activities and services, authorized under
5 the workforce development programs that
6 are integrated under the plan in accord-
7 ance with subparagraph (B) that will as-
8 sist in achieving the economic goals de-
9 scribed under paragraph (2)(D) and in im-
10 plementing the strategies described under
11 paragraph (2)(E).

12 “(5) INTEGRATION OF COMMUNITY AND ECO-
13 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—

14 “(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR INTEGRA-
15 TION.—In carrying out this subsection, the Sec-
16 retary, after consultation with the Federal
17 agency heads responsible for the administration
18 of the community and economic development
19 programs described in subparagraph (D) that
20 are included in a WIRED plan, if any, shall,
21 upon the approval of the plan, authorize the im-
22 plementing entity for the plan to integrate por-
23 tions of programs, or entire programs, as de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (B) to assist in imple-
25 menting such plan.

1 “(B) INTEGRATION.—The authorization
2 shall give the implementing entity the authority
3 to integrate, in accordance with such approved
4 plan, portions of programs, or entire programs,
5 described in subparagraph (D) that are in-
6 cluded in the approved plan (including the
7 funds provided under the portions or entire pro-
8 grams, as appropriate) to carry out the commu-
9 nity and economic development activities de-
10 scribed in paragraph (2)(G). The implementing
11 entity shall integrate those portions or entire
12 programs into the integrated workforce develop-
13 ment program as described in paragraph
14 (4)(B).

15 “(C) EFFECT ON PROGRAM REQUIRE-
16 MENTS.—The funds integrated under subpara-
17 graph (B) may be used, consistent with para-
18 graph (2)(G), to carry out any of the activities
19 authorized under any of the programs described
20 in subparagraph (D) that are included in the
21 plan.

22 “(D) INCLUDED COMMUNITY AND ECO-
23 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.—A WIRED
24 plan authorized under this subsection may in-
25 clude portions of programs, or entire programs

1 (to be integrated into the integrated workforce
2 development program) consisting of—

3 “(i) community development block
4 grants authorized under title I of the
5 Housing and Community Development Act
6 of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

7 “(ii) community services block grants
8 authorized under the Community Services
9 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9901 et. seq.);

10 “(iii) public works and economic de-
11 velopment grants authorized under section
12 201 of the Public Works and Economic
13 Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
14 3141);

15 “(iv) rural business enterprise grants
16 or rural educational network grants au-
17 thorized under section 310B(c) of the Con-
18 solidated Farm and Rural Development
19 Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(c));

20 “(v) rural business opportunity grants
21 authorized under section 306(a)(11)(A) of
22 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
23 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(11)(A));

24 “(vi) grants authorized under section
25 108(q) of the Housing and Community De-

1 velopment Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.
2 5308(q)) (relating to economic develop-
3 ment); and

4 “(vii) rural housing and economic de-
5 velopment grants described in the Depart-
6 ments of Veterans Affairs and Housing
7 and Urban Development, and Independent
8 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, the
9 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility
10 Act of 1998, or an amendment made by ei-
11 ther of those Acts.

12 “(6) PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND REPORT-
13 ING.—

14 “(A) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
16 shall establish performance measures that
17 will be used to evaluate the performance of
18 activities carried out under this subsection.

19 “(ii) CORE INDICATORS OF PERFORM-
20 ANCE.—The performance measures shall
21 be based on indicators of performance, in-
22 cluding core indicators of performance con-
23 sisting of the following:

24 “(I) Entry into employment.

25 “(II) Retention in employment.

1 “(III) Earnings.

2 “(B) RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING.—

3 Each implementing entity carrying out an ap-
4 proved plan under this subsection shall ensure
5 that records are maintained and reports are
6 submitted, in such form and containing such in-
7 formation as the Secretary may require, regard-
8 ing the performance of activities carried out
9 under this subsection, including performance re-
10 lating to the performance measures established
11 under subparagraph (A) (and any measures
12 adopted by the Governors or regional board in-
13 volved).

14 “(7) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EVALUA-
15 TION.—

16 “(A) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-
17 retary shall provide such staff training, tech-
18 nical assistance, and other activities as the Sec-
19 retary determines to be appropriate to support
20 the implementation of this subsection.

21 “(B) EVALUATION.—The Secretary may
22 require, as appropriate, each State with an ap-
23 proved plan under this subsection and imple-
24 menting entity carrying out such a plan to par-
25 ticipate in an evaluation of activities carried out

1 under this subsection, including an evaluation
2 using the techniques described in section
3 172(c).

4 “(8) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS.—

5 “(A) SEPARATE RECORDS NOT RE-
6 QUIRED.—Nothing in this subsection shall be
7 construed as requiring a State or implementing
8 entity to maintain separate records tracing any
9 services or activities conducted under an ap-
10 proved WIRED plan to the programs under
11 which funds were originally authorized, nor
12 shall a State or implementing entity be required
13 to allocate expenditures among such programs.

14 “(B) SINGLE AUDIT ACT.—Nothing in this
15 section shall be construed to interfere with the
16 ability of the Secretary to fulfill responsibilities
17 for the safeguarding of Federal funds pursuant
18 to the amendments made by the Single Audit
19 Act of 1984.

20 “(9) FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—

21 “(A) INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UN-
22 DERSTANDING.—Not later than 90 days after
23 the date of enactment of the Workforce Innova-
24 tion in Regional Economic Development Act of
25 2008, the Secretary and the other Federal

1 agency heads responsible for the administration
2 of programs described in paragraphs (4)(D)
3 and (5)(D) shall enter into an interdepart-
4 mental memorandum of agreement providing
5 for the implementation of WIRED plans with
6 respect to the integration of programs and
7 funds administered by the Secretary and the
8 Federal agency heads.

9 “(B) INTERAGENCY FUNDS TRANSFERS
10 AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary and the Federal
11 agency heads are authorized to take such action
12 as may be necessary to provide for intra-agency
13 or interagency transfers of funds otherwise
14 available to a State, or an entity within a State,
15 in order to further the purposes of this sub-
16 section.

17 “(10) EFFECT ON PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—
18 The requirements of the statutes authorizing the
19 programs included in an approved plan shall not
20 apply, except as specified in this subsection. The
21 Secretary may issue regulations to carry out this
22 subsection, including paragraph (2).

23 “(c) WIRED SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—

24 “(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
25 ‘WIRED activities’ includes—

1 “(A) WIRED planning activities, includ-
2 ing—

3 “(i) identifying a region described in
4 subsection (b)(2)(A);

5 “(ii) creating a broad-based regional
6 partnership described in subsection
7 (b)(2)(B);

8 “(iii) conducting the assessment and
9 obtaining the information described in sub-
10 section (b)(2)(C);

11 “(iv) developing economic goals de-
12 scribed in subsection (b)(2)(D);

13 “(v) developing strategies described in
14 subsection (b)(2)(E) and corresponding im-
15 plementation plans that identify specific
16 goals and tasks and provide a blueprint for
17 how to achieve the economic goals for the
18 region; and

19 “(vi) identifying resources to support
20 the plan of the region; and

21 “(B) activities described in clause (i) or
22 (ii) of subsection (b)(4)(E).

23 “(2) GRANTS.—From funds available under
24 section 286(s)(2) of the Immigration and Nation-

1 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(s)(2)), the Secretary may
2 award grants—

3 “(A) to implementing entities to provide
4 activities that will assist the entities in imple-
5 menting WIRED plans approved under sub-
6 section (b); and

7 “(B) to States to enable the States to
8 carry out WIRED activities.

9 “(3) APPLICATIONS.—For an implementing en-
10 tity or State to be eligible to receive a grant under
11 this subsection, the Governors involved shall submit
12 an application to the Secretary at such time, in such
13 manner, and containing such information as the Sec-
14 retary may require, including—

15 “(A)(i) for a grant to an implementing en-
16 tity, a description of the workforce development
17 activities relating to the WIRED plan approved
18 or submitted under subsection (b), including ac-
19 tivities described in subsection (b)(4)(E), that
20 will be carried out with the funds provided
21 under the grant; and

22 “(ii) for a grant to a State, a description
23 of the WIRED activities that will be carried out
24 with such funds; and

1 “(B)(i) for a grant to an implementing en-
2 tity, a description of the need for the grant
3 funds to assist in the implementation of the
4 WIRED plan under subsection (b); and

5 “(ii) for a grant to a State, a description
6 of the need for the grant funds to carry out the
7 WIRED activities.

8 “(4) PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—A
9 State or implementing entity that receives grant
10 funds under this subsection shall comply, with re-
11 spect to activities carried out under this subsection,
12 with any requirement applicable under paragraph
13 (6)(B) or (7)(B) of subsection (b) to an imple-
14 menting entity carrying out an approved plan under
15 that subsection.

16 “(d) AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL
17 WIRED ACTIVITIES UNDER WIA.—

18 “(1) AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF CERTAIN
19 FUNDS UNDER WIA.—Subject to paragraph (2),
20 funds available under sections 128, 133, and 171
21 may be used by recipients and subrecipients of those
22 funds for WIRED activities (as defined in subsection
23 (c)) in addition to the other activities for which such
24 funds are authorized to be used.

1 “(2) LIMITATION.—In using the funds attrib-
2 utable to workforce investment activities for such
3 WIRED activities, the recipients and subrecipients
4 shall be subject to the requirements that apply to
5 those workforce investment activities.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 286(s)(2)
7 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1356(s)(2)) is amended by inserting “and grants author-
9 ized under section 192A(c) of the Workforce Investment
10 Act of 1998” before the period.

11 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
12 section 1(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29
13 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the
14 item relating to section 192 the following:

“Sec. 192A. Workforce innovation in regional economic development.”.

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