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# H. R. 145

To amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include workforce investment programs on the Internet.

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Mr. HOLT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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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 The Act may be cited as the “Online Job Training  
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS ON THE**  
7 **INTERNET.**

8 Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998  
9 (29 U.S.C. 2916) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1       “(f) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS ON THE  
2 INTERNET.—

3           “(1) GRANTS TO STATES.—The Secretary shall  
4       make 1 grant of not more than \$100,000 to each  
5       State to demonstrate progress in implementing  
6       workforce investment programs that enable individ-  
7       uals to take courses on the Internet to enhance em-  
8       ployment opportunities within its workforce invest-  
9       ment system under subtitle B. A State may use such  
10      grant to leverage other Federal, State, local, and  
11      private resources, in order to expand the participa-  
12      tion of businesses, employees, and individuals in  
13      such workforce investment programs.

14           “(2) GRANT TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL  
15      INSTITUTION.—

16           “(A) DESCRIPTION OF GRANT.—The Sec-  
17      retary shall make 1 grant of not more than  
18      \$1,000,000 to 1 eligible postsecondary edu-  
19      cational institution to provide the services de-  
20      scribed in this paragraph.

21           “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
22      ceive a grant under this subsection, a postsec-  
23      ondary educational institution shall—

24                   “(i) have a proven record of working  
25                   with State and local workforce investment

1 boards in developing and evaluating work-  
2 force investment programs described in  
3 paragraph (1) for statewide and local  
4 workforce investment systems under sub-  
5 title B;

6 “(ii) have demonstrated ability to dis-  
7 seminate research on best practices for im-  
8 plementing such workforce investment pro-  
9 grams; and

10 “(iii) be a national leader in pro-  
11 ducing cutting-edge research on technology  
12 related to workforce investment systems  
13 under subtitle B.

14 “(C) SERVICES.—The postsecondary edu-  
15 cational institution that receives a grant under  
16 this subsection shall use such grant—

17 “(i) to collaborate with, and to pro-  
18 vide technical assistance to, States that re-  
19 ceive grants under paragraph (1);

20 “(ii) to conduct and to disseminate re-  
21 search on best practices for implementing  
22 workforce investment programs described  
23 in paragraph (1) to such States; and

1                   “(iii) to demonstrate and to share cut-  
2                   ting-edge technological innovations in skills  
3                   training with such States.”.

4 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.**

5           The authority under the amendments made by this  
6 Act shall be effective only to the extent, and in such  
7 amounts as, provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

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