

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1641

To require the Secretary of Education to disclose information about career and technical education and funding under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and require FAFSA applications to include a career and technical education acknowledgment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself and Ms. PEREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Student Debt Alter-
5 native and CTE Awareness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
2 **WEBSITE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education (act-
4 ing through the Office of Federal Student Aid) shall—

5 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of en-
6 actment of this Act, publish on the public website of
7 the Office of Federal Student Aid of the Department
8 of Education information on—

9 (A) career and technical education pro-
10 grams, including average completion time, pro-
11 gram cost, and post-graduation employment
12 rate; and

13 (B) opportunities in each State—

14 (i) to pursue such programs; and

15 (ii) for funding to pursue such pro-
16 grams under the Carl D. Perkins Career
17 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
18 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.); and

19 (2) continuously update and maintain the infor-
20 mation published under paragraph (1) to ensure
21 that such information continues to be relevant.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “career
23 and technical education” and “State” have the meanings
24 given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career
25 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

1 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE ON FAFSA APPLICATION.**

2 Section 494(a)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098h(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

4 (1) in clause (i)(II), by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the end;
7 and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(iii) career and technical education
10 programs (as defined in section 3 of the
11 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
12 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302))
13 are a viable alternative to a 4-year degree,
14 and include, to ensure such individuals are
15 made aware of such programs and related
16 career paths at the beginning of the appli-
17 cation—

18 “(I) a one-page summary of the
19 most recent information provided
20 under section 2(a)(1) of the Student
21 Debt Alternative and CTE Awareness
22 Act; and

23 “(II) an acknowledgment signa-
24 ture box;”.

1 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**

2 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
3 priated or otherwise made available to carry out this Act
4 or the amendments made by this Act.

