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To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to train individuals in construction trades and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BYNUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to train individuals in construction trades and for other purposes.

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 “Homebuilders Corps
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. HOMEBUILDERS CORPS.**

7 (a) RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE.—Sec-
8 tion 148 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

1 (29 U.S.C. 3198) is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(f) RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVE.—In
4 carrying out the activities under this subtitle, the Sec-
5 retary shall prioritize the expansion of training programs
6 in residential construction trades, including carpentry,
7 plumbing, electrical trades, masonry, and heating, ventila-
8 tion, and air conditioning.”.

9 (b) EMPLOYER INCENTIVES FOR HIRING JOB CORPS
10 GRADUATES.—Section 148 of the Workforce Innovation
11 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3198) is further amended
12 by adding at the end the following:

13 “(g) EMPLOYER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR HIRING
14 JOB CORPS GRADUATES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
16 the date of enactment of the Homebuilders Corps
17 Act of 2026, the Secretary, in consultation with the
18 Secretary of the Treasury, shall establish a program
19 to provide grants to residential construction firms
20 that—

21 “(A) hire a graduate of a Job Corps resi-
22 dential construction program within 6 months
23 of the graduate completing such program; and
24 “(B) employ such graduate for a consecu-
25 tive 12-month period.

1 “(2) AMOUNT.—A grant awarded under this
2 Act shall be in an amount equal to \$5,000.

3 “(3) CERTIFICATION.—To be eligible to receive
4 a grant under this Act, the residential construction
5 firm shall submit to the Secretary at such time, in
6 such manner, and containing such information as
7 the Secretary may require, including a W-2, payroll
8 tax filings, or any other documentation to verify the
9 firm employed the Job Corps graduate for a con-
10 secutive 12-month period.”.

11 (c) INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS; AUTHORIZATION OF
12 APPROPRIATIONS.—Subtitle C of the Workforce Innova-
13 tion and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by redesignating section 162 as section 163;
16 (2) by inserting after section 161 the following:
17 **“SEC. 162. INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP AND CURRICULA**
18 **ALIGNMENT.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall facilitate
20 agreements between the Secretary and large trade associa-
21 tions that operate in the residential construction industry
22 for such associations to accept Job Corps graduates into
23 registered apprenticeship programs related to residential
24 construction.

1 “(b) CURRICULA UPDATE.—Not later than 24
2 months after the date of enactment of the Homebuilders
3 Corps Act of 2026, and for each 24-month period there-
4 after, the Secretary shall ensure that each workforce coun-
5 cil reviews and updates residential construction curricula
6 to incorporate new construction technologies.”.

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

8 "SEC. 164. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RES-

9 IDENTICAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

10 "There are authorized to be appropriated
11 \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 to carry out—

12 “(1) the grant program described in section
13 148(g);

14 “(2) the prioritization requirement described in
15 section 148(f); and

16 “(3) the activities described in section 162.”.