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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.”.

