



A Brief Summary **The Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act, HR 803**

General Information:

- Republican proposal to reauthorize the 1998 Workforce Investment Act, which has not been reauthorized since it expired in 2003.
- Would consolidate 35 existing workforce, education and training programs into a single \$6 billion Workforce Investment Fund.
- Similar to proposal introduced in 112th Congress.

Specifics:

Streamlines and Eliminates Programs

- Consolidates 35 separate programs into one Workforce Investment Fund to serve as a single source of support for employers and job seekers.
- Empowers governors to consolidate or eliminate additional programs at the state level.

Changes to Administration and Reporting

- Mandates that two-thirds of Workforce Board Members be comprised of employers and requires training activities be focused on area industry sectors.
- Eliminates 19 federal mandates regarding board representation and empowers local elected officials to determine board makeup.
- Provides common performance measures and requires program review every five years.

State Authority

- Allows state governors to determine the workforce locations in their states.
- Provides governors the option to submit one annual report to the federal government detailing state-wide workforce efforts.
- Allows states to determine standards for training providers.

Community Colleges and Job Training

- Permits local boards to contract directly with community colleges to provide training programs to large groups.
- Supports access to immediate training for job seekers and mandates that local boards reserve a portion of resources for training.
- Requires service providers to support infrastructure costs of one-stop centers.
- Reforms job-corps program aimed at youth to focus on technology training and mandates high school graduation or GED attainment. Implements competitive grant process for funding/
- Supports adult educational opportunities focused on English and math skills.
- Expands outreach efforts to align individuals with disabilities with employers.

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