

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR**
3 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE.—In this
5 Act, the term “community college” means an institution
6 of higher education, as defined in section 101(a) of the
7 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)),
8 that—

1 (1) provides a 2-year program of instruction
2 for which the institution awards an associate degree;
3 and

4 (2) primarily awards associate degrees.

5 (b) WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN SUS-
6 TAINABLE ENERGY.—From funds made available under
7 subsection (d), the Secretary of Energy, in coordination
8 with the Secretary of Labor, shall carry out a joint sus-
9 tainable energy workforce training and education pro-
10 gram. In carrying out the program, the Secretary of En-
11 ergy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall
12 award grants to community colleges to provide workforce
13 training and education in industries and practices such
14 as—

15 (1) alternative energy, including wind and solar
16 energy;

17 (2) energy efficient construction, retrofitting,
18 and design;

19 (3) sustainable energy technologies, including
20 chemical technology, nanotechnology, and electrical
21 technology;

22 (4) water and energy conservation;

23 (5) recycling and waste reduction; and

24 (6) sustainable agriculture and farming.

1 (c) AWARD CONSIDERATIONS.—Of the funds made
2 available under subsection (d) for a fiscal year, not less
3 than \$50,000,000 shall be awarded to community colleges
4 with existing (as of the date of the award) sustainability
5 programs that lead to certificates or degrees in 1 or more
6 of the industries and practices described in paragraphs (1)
7 through (6) of subsection (b).

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$100,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through
11 2015.