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116TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants for new agricultural education programs in secondary schools.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FINKENAUER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Growing Opportunities  
5 in Agriculture Act” or the “GO Ag Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR NEW AGRICULTURAL EDU-**  
2 **CATION PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 114 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Tech-  
4 nical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2324) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (f), in the matter preceding  
7 paragraph (1), by inserting “(other than subsection  
8 (g))” after “section”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(g) GRANT PROGRAM FOR NEW AGRICULTURAL  
11 EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

12 “(1) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
14 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible  
15 entities to support the creation of new agricul-  
16 tural education programs in secondary schools.

17 “(B) GRANT DURATION.—A grant awarded  
18 under this subsection may not exceed a 5-year  
19 grant period.

20 “(2) APPLICATION.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant  
22 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall  
23 submit an application to the Secretary at such  
24 time, in such manner, and containing such in-  
25 formation as the Secretary may require, includ-  
26 ing—

1           “(i) an identification and the role with  
2           respect to each program to be funded  
3           under the grant of any eligible partners of  
4           the eligible entity, including an assurance  
5           the grant under this subsection will not be  
6           used to prepare students for employment  
7           with solely one or more of such eligible  
8           partners;

9           “(ii) an assurance that each program  
10          that will receive assistance under the grant  
11          is not yet in operation and such grant will  
12          be used to start such program;

13          “(iii) a description of the grant budg-  
14          et, how each program will fund necessary  
15          expenses for the program not covered by  
16          the grant (such as any funds to be pro-  
17          vided by State, local, or private entities),  
18          and how the eligible entity will continue  
19          each such program after the grant is ex-  
20          hausted;

21          “(iv) a description of how grant will  
22          directly benefit students, including special  
23          populations, served by the eligible entity;

24          “(v) a description of how each such  
25          program will be coordinated with the ac-

1 activities carried out under section 124 or  
2 135;

3 “(vi) a description of how each such  
4 program reflects the needs of regional,  
5 State, or local employers, as demonstrated  
6 by the comprehensive needs assessment  
7 under section 134(c) carried out by the eli-  
8 gible entity; and

9 “(vii) an assurance that the eligible  
10 entity will—

11 “(I) provide information to the  
12 Secretary, as requested, for the eval-  
13 uation under paragraph (4) and any  
14 evaluations that the Secretary may  
15 carry out; and

16 “(II) make data available to  
17 third parties for validation, in accord-  
18 ance with applicable data privacy  
19 laws, including section 444 of the  
20 General Education Provisions Act (20  
21 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly known as  
22 the ‘Family Educational Rights and  
23 Privacy Act of 1974’).

24 “(B) PROCESS.—The Secretary shall cre-  
25 ate a process for evaluating applications sub-

1           mitted under subparagraph (A) and deter-  
2           mining the amount of each grant for successful  
3           applications, except that in no case may an eli-  
4           gible entity receive a grant exceeding \$100,000.

5           “(3) USES OF FUNDS.—Each eligible entity re-  
6           ceiving a grant under this subsection shall use such  
7           grant for the creation of new agricultural education  
8           programs in secondary schools, which may include—

9                   “(A) curriculum development and delivery,  
10                  including classroom or laboratory instruction,  
11                  work-based learning, and leadership education  
12                  delivered through career and technical student  
13                  organizations;

14                  “(B) the purchase of equipment, tech-  
15                  nology, and course materials; and

16                  “(C) other costs the Secretary may deter-  
17                  mine to be eligible.

18           “(4) EVALUATION AND ANNUAL REPORT.—  
19           Each eligible entity receiving a grant under this sub-  
20           section shall provide for an independent evaluation  
21           of the activities carried out using such grant and  
22           submit to the Secretary an annual report that in-  
23           cludes—

24                   “(A) a description of how the grant was  
25                  used;

1           “(B) the performance of each program as-  
2           sistance with such grant with respect to, at a  
3           minimum, the performance indicators described  
4           under section 113, as applicable, and  
5           disaggregated—

6           “(i) by subgroups of students de-  
7           scribed in section 1111(c)(2)(B) of the El-  
8           ementary and Secondary Education Act of  
9           1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(c)(2)(B)); and

10           “(ii) by each special population; and

11           “(C) a quantitative analysis of the effec-  
12           tiveness of each such program.

13           “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
14           There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
15           this subsection \$5,000,000, to remain available  
16           through fiscal year 2025.

17           “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

18           “(A) AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.—The  
19           term ‘agricultural education’ means career and  
20           technical education that is focused on agri-  
21           culture, including classroom or laboratory in-  
22           struction, work-based learning, and leadership  
23           education delivered through career and tech-  
24           nical student organizations.

1           “(B) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eli-  
2           ble entity’ has the meaning given the term ‘eli-  
3           gible recipient’ in section 3(21)(A) of the Carl  
4           D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act  
5           of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(21)(A)).

6           “(C) ELIGIBLE PARTNER.—The term ‘eli-  
7           gible partner’ means—

8                   “(i) an institution of higher education  
9                   or a consortium of such institutions; or

10                   “(ii) a community stakeholder rel-  
11                   evant to a program to be funded under  
12                   this subsection, including a labor organiza-  
13                   tion, a local or regional business or indus-  
14                   try, or a local workforce development  
15                   board.”.