

**The Supporting Knowledge and Investing in  
Lifelong Skills (SKILLS) Act (H.R. 803)**  
*(Passed House on 3/15/13)*

Amends the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) to revise requirements and reauthorize appropriations for: (1) WIA title I, workforce investment systems for job training and employment services; and (2) WIA title II, adult education and family literacy education programs.

**Key Provisions**

**Streamlining of Programs**

- The bill streamlines and eliminates 35 existing job training programs that support similar activities to aid individuals in finding and retaining employment. The programs include: (1) WIA Adult Program; (2) WIA Youth Activities; (3) WIA Dislocated Workers; (4) Employment Services(ES)/Wagner-Peyser Funded Activities; (5) Community-Based Job Training Grants; (6) Veterans Workforce Investment Program; (7) National Farmworker Jobs Program—U.S. Department of Labor; (8) Native American Employment and Training; (9) WIA National Emergency Grants; (10) Reintegration of Ex-Offenders; (11) Grants to States for Training for Incarcerated Individuals; (12) YouthBuild; (13) Conservation Activities by Youth Service Organizations (Youth Conservation Corps); (14) 21st Century Workforce Commission; (15) SNAP (aka Food Stamps) Employment and Training; (16) Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP); (17) Brownfield Job Training Cooperative Agreements (Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants); (18) Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO); (19) Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative; (20) Refugee and Entrant Assistance—Targeted Assistance Grants; (21) Refugee and Entrant Assistance—Social Services Program; (22) Refugee and Entrant Assistance—Targeted Assistance Discretionary; (23) Projects with Industry; (24) State-Supported Employment Services Program; (25) Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Program—U.S. Department of Education; (26) Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program; (27) Local Veterans Employment Representative Program; (28) WIA Pilot and Demonstration Projects; (29) Workforce Innovation Fund; (30) ES Statistical Programs; (31) Green Jobs Act; (32) National Institute for Literacy; (33) Youth Opportunity Job Grants; (34) Recreational Programs; and (35) In-Service Training of Rehabilitation Personnel.

**Planning**

- For a State to be eligible to receive allotments for the core programs, the Governor must submit to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education for consideration by the Secretaries, a unified State plan. The unified State plan shall outline a 4-year strategy for the core programs of the State and meet the requirements set forth in the bill.
- Allows states to continue submitting a unified statewide workforce development plan to the federal government for all employment and training services and related programs. The bill also allows governors to consolidate additional programs into their state Workforce Investment Fund for the express purpose of providing greater administrative flexibility and reducing overly burdensome paperwork requirements. If a state decides to consolidate additional programs, it will still be responsible for meeting the goals and requirements of