

*Jon K Ernst*

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To establish a grant program for training wind technicians.

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*McConnell*  
*for*

AMENDMENT N<sup>o</sup> 1419

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To:

*Amdt. No. 1407*

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by  
Ms. Ernst to the amendment (No.  
\_\_\_\_\_) proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI

Viz:

- 1 At the end of subtitle C of title II, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 23. WIND ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**
- 3 (a) WIND TECHNICIAN TRAINING GRANT PRO-
- 4 GRAM.—
- 5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title XI of the Energy Pol-
- 6 icy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16411 et seq.) is amend-
- 7 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 1107. WIND TECHNICIAN TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this sec-  
3 tion, the term ‘eligible entity’ means a community college  
4 or technical school that offers a wind training program.

5 “(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall estab-  
6 lish a program under which the Secretary shall award  
7 grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to pur-  
8 chase large pieces of wind component equipment (such as  
9 nacelles, towers, and blades) for use in training wind tech-  
10 nician students.

11 “(c) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available to  
12 the Secretary for administrative expenses to carry out  
13 other programs under the authority of the Secretary, the  
14 Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$2,000,000  
15 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.”.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
17 tents for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law  
18 109–58; 119 Stat. 601) is amended by inserting  
19 after the item relating to section 1106 the following:  
“Sec. 1107. Wind technician training grant program.”.

20 (b) VETERANS IN WIND ENERGY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title XI of the Energy Pol-  
22 icy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16411 et seq.) (as  
23 amended by subsection (a)(1)) is amended by adding  
24 at the end the following:

1   **“SEC. 1108. VETERANS IN WIND ENERGY.**

2           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
3   program to prepare veterans for careers in the wind en-  
4   ergy industry that shall be modeled off of the Solar Ready  
5   Vets pilot program formerly administered by the Depart-  
6   ment of Energy and the Department of Defense.

7           “(b) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available to  
8   the Secretary for administrative expenses to carry out  
9   other programs under the authority of the Secretary, the  
10   Secretary shall use to carry out this section \$2,000,000  
11   for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025.”.

12           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
13   tents for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law  
14   109–58; 119 Stat. 601) (as amended by subsection  
15   (a)(2)) is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
16   ing to section 1107 the following:

          “Sec. 1108. Veterans in wind energy.”.

17           (c) STUDY AND REPORT ON WIND TECHNICIAN  
18   WORKFORCE.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convene  
20   a task force comprised of 1 or more representatives  
21   of each of the stakeholders described in paragraph  
22   (2) that shall—

23           (A) conduct a study to assess the needs of  
24   wind technicians in the workforce;

25           (B) create a comprehensive list that—

1 (i) lists each type of wind technician  
2 position available in the United States; and

3 (ii) describes the skill sets required  
4 for each type of position listed under  
5 clause (i); and

6 (C) not later than 1 year after the date of  
7 enactment of this Act, make publicly available  
8 and submit to Congress a report that—

9 (i) describes the results of that study;

10 (ii) includes the comprehensive list de-  
11 scribed in subparagraph (B); and

12 (iii) provides recommendations—

13 (I) for creating a credentialing  
14 program that may be administered by  
15 community colleges, technical schools,  
16 and other training institutions; and

17 (II) that reflect best practices for  
18 wind technician training programs, as  
19 identified by representatives of the  
20 wind industry.

21 (2) STAKEHOLDERS DESCRIBED.—The stake-  
22 holders referred to in paragraph (1) are—

23 (A) the Department of Defense;

24 (B) the Department of Education;

25 (C) the Department of Energy;

1 (D) the Department of Labor;

2 (E) the Department of Veterans Affairs;

3 (F) technical schools and community col-  
4 leges that have wind technician training pro-  
5 grams; and

6 (G) the wind industry.

7 (3) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available  
8 to the Secretary for administrative expenses to carry  
9 out other programs under the authority of the Sec-  
10 retary, the Secretary shall use to carry out this sub-  
11 section \$500,000.