

HR.2733 - Counseling for Career Choice Act

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The *Counseling for Career Choice Act* amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (H.R. 2733) to provide grants to states to help implement statewide career counseling frameworks developed in coordination with community stakeholders, including schools and local businesses.

Career counselors are most effective in supporting students when they are up to date on the latest information on workforce development programs and trends in the local job market. This bipartisan bill will leverage input from local educators, businesses, and community leaders to build and improve statewide career counseling frameworks, ensuring school counselors have the resources and training they need to help their students succeed.

States will use these grant funds to carry out the following activities:

- Develop and implement comprehensive school career counseling programs that align with the statewide career counseling framework
- Identify regional workforce trends in collaboration with state and regional workforce partners and establish partnerships between counselors and states' *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* One-Stop Centers
- Identify and assess school counseling activities and postsecondary options for learners, including out-of-school youth and adults, such as non-degree certificate programs, internships, apprenticeships, and two-year and four-year degree programs
- Develop and implement professional development and certification programs for counselors
- Support the statewide career counseling framework by leveraging technologies and developing a process for counselors to access information and resources

Through this legislation, grants would be used by states or local education agencies to assess current counseling programs and create new counseling frameworks. School counselors, guidance and career development professionals play an essential role in the career and technical education system. Students trust these professionals to help them make informed decisions and plan for their futures, and these grants will help strengthen these critical student services.

The Counseling for Career Choice Act has the support of both the Alliance for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and the American School Counselor's Association (ASCA). Supporting the Counseling for Career Choice Act is vital to the well-being of our students and counselors. Thank you for your support!

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