

## S 3273

ACCESS to Careers Act of 2020

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 13, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 11, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Assisting Community Colleges in Educating Skilled Students to Careers Act of 2020 or the ACCESS to Careers Act of 2020**

This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to award competitive grants to community and technical colleges and to states for education and career training programs and related activities.

Specifically, the bill requires ED to award grants to community and technical colleges and consortia of such colleges to (1) carry out student support services, such as child care, transportation, direct financial assistance, and case management services; and (2) carry out certain program activities, such as developing programs that accelerate learning, expand career pathways to postsecondary credentials, or expand dual or concurrent enrollment programs.

Additionally, ED must award grants to states to establish statewide systemic reforms that support education and career training programs. States receiving such grants must (1) use such funds to implement statewide policies, such as policies to support the expansion of education and career training programs for in-demand industry sectors or occupations, and (2) provide subgrants to community college partnerships to carry out program activities and student support services.

Grant recipients must submit an annual report to ED.

Further, ED must (1) contract with an independent third party to perform an evaluation of the grants awarded under the bill, (2) provide technical assistance, and (3) submit an annual report to Congress.

### **Actions Timeline**

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