

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to pass “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/22/2021)

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** urging Congress to pass the “National
2 Apprenticeship Act of 2021.”
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4 **WHEREAS**, Apprenticeships helped build the economy of the United
5 States and continue to assist in American economic development;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that 94 percent of individuals who complete
8 an apprenticeship retain employment at an average salary of
9 \$70,000 per year; and
10 **WHEREAS**, A Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), first started
11 in Wisconsin in 1911, is an option available to individuals seeking
12 an apprenticeship; and
13 **WHEREAS**, RAPs are structured programs sponsored by an employer
14 or a group of employers to apply industry standards to the training
15 and education of the registered apprentices; and
16 **WHEREAS**, Federal funds are available to employers who sponsor
17 RAPs to help reduce costs associated with instructional needs, on-
18 the-job training, and recruitment; and
19 **WHEREAS**, Upon completion of a RAP, an apprentice receives a
20 certification that is recognized nationwide and allows the apprentice
21 to be considered a journeyman in the profession for which that
22 individual received certification; and
23 **WHEREAS**, RAPs gained federal recognition in 1937 under the
24 National Apprenticeship Act, which authorized the United States
25 Department of Labor to formulate and promote the furtherance of
26 labor standards required to protect the welfare of apprentices, and
27 originally focused on manufacturing, construction and utilities
28 industries before expanding to other professionals such as police,
29 firefighters, and emergency medical technicians; and
30 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Apprenticeship Program was established
31 to create and expand on existing pre-apprenticeship and
32 apprenticeship programs that are registered with the United States
33 Department of Labor; and
34 **WHEREAS**, Federal legislation, H.R. 447, the “National
35 Apprenticeship Act of 2021,” was introduced in the 117th Congress
36 to reauthorize the National Apprenticeship Act; and
37 **WHEREAS**, The federal bill invests more than \$3.5 billion over a
38 period of five years to expand opportunities and access to RAPs;
39 and
40 **WHEREAS**, There is bipartisan support for the bill in the current
41 Congress; now, therefore,
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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
44 *State of New Jersey:*
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46 1. The State of New Jersey urges the 117th Congress to pass
47 the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021,” and for the bill to be
48 signed into law by the President.

1 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
2 shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of
3 the General Assembly to each member of Congress elected from
4 this State, to the Secretary of the United States Department of
5 Labor, to the Secretary of the New Jersey Department of Labor and
6 Workforce Development, and the leadership of the Office of
7 Apprenticeship in the New Jersey Department of Labor and
8 Workforce Development.

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10 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
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13 STATEMENT
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15 This joint resolution urges the 117th Congress to pass, and for
16 the President to sign, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021.”

17 Apprenticeships helped build the U.S. economy and continue to
18 provide assistance in American economic development. An option
19 available for individuals seeking apprenticeships is a Registered
20 Apprenticeship Program (RAP). First started in Wisconsin in 1911,
21 RAPs are structured programs sponsored by an employer or a group
22 of employers to apply industry standards to the training and
23 education of the registered apprentices. Upon completion of a RAP,
24 an apprentice receives a certification that is recognized nationwide
25 and allows the apprentice to be considered a journeyman in the
26 profession for which that individual received certification. RAPs
27 are recognized federally by the U.S. Department of Labor, which is
28 authorized under federal law to promote the furtherance of labor
29 standards required to protect the welfare of apprentices.

30 The State established the New Jersey Apprenticeship Program to
31 create and expand on existing pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship
32 programs that are registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.
33 Current federal legislation, H.R. 447, the “National Apprenticeship
34 Act of 2021,” invests more than \$3.5 billion over a period of five
35 years to expand opportunities and access to RAPs and enjoys
36 bipartisan support.