

# **BRINGING GOOD JOBS BACK TO MICHIGAN**

## **National Skilled Trades Training Act (Youth and Veterans)**

**Students and Veterans deserve a path to a meaningful job—not just a college track.**

### **REAL TRAINING FOR REAL JOBS**

National Skilled Trades Training Act (Youth and Veterans) creates partnerships between middle schools, high schools, veteran organizations and private companies to train students in the skills employers actually need.

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## **“National Skilled Trades Training Act”**

### **Short Summary**

#### **What This Bill Does**

Creates a national program to bring skilled trades training to middle school, high schools and our veteran organizations - funded entirely by private companies, not taxpayers.

#### **The Problem**

- Over 430,000 good-paying manufacturing jobs sit empty because workers don't have the right skills
- Companies move jobs overseas or to other states where they can find skilled workers
- Too many kids graduate high school only prepared for college, not the trades
- Students rack up college debt for jobs that many times pay less than skilled trades

#### **The Solution**

**Middle school students, High school students and veterans learn real job skills in:**

- Auto repair and manufacturing
- Construction and electrical work
- Plumbing and HVAC
- Welding and machining
- Computer technology and cybersecurity

## How It Works

1. **Private companies partner with middle schools, high schools and veteran organizations** - they provide equipment, training, and job opportunities
2. **Students and Veterans get hands-on experience** using the same tools they'll use on the job
3. **Students graduate and Veterans receive industry certifications** - ready to work immediately or continue training
4. **No federal tax dollars** - companies invest because they need these workers

## Why Michigan First

Michigan becomes the **pilot state** to test and perfect this program, showing the nation how it's done. This attracts:

- Companies looking for skilled workers
- Investment in Michigan communities
- National attention to our workforce

## Benefits

- **Graduate debt-free** with marketable skills
- **Start earning immediately** - often more than college graduates
- **Multiple pathways** - work right away, enter apprenticeships, or continue education
- **Portable skills** - certifications recognized nationwide

## Economic Benefits

- **Companies invest where skilled workers are** - this keeps jobs in America
- **Reduces worker shortages** in critical industries
- **Strengthens local economies** through good-paying jobs
- **Keeps young people in their communities** instead of leaving for opportunities elsewhere

## What's Different

- **100% private funding** - no burden on taxpayers
- **Real partnerships** with businesses and unions who need these workers
- **Actual job training** - not just classroom theory

- **Immediate employment** upon graduation

## **The Result**

A stronger, more competitive American workforce that keeps jobs at home and gives students and veterans a path to success - without adding to the national debt.