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SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are the following:

- (1) **To increase**, for individuals in the United States, particularly those individuals with barriers to employment, **access to and opportunities** for the employment, education, training, and support services they need to succeed in the labor market.
- (2) **To support the alignment** of workforce investment, education, and economic development systems in support of a comprehensive, accessible, and high-quality workforce development system in the United States.
- (3) **To improve the quality and labor market relevance of workforce investment, education, and economic development efforts** to provide America's workers with the skills and credentials necessary to secure and advance in employment with family-sustaining wages and to provide America's employers with the skilled workers the employers need to succeed in a global economy.
- (4) **To promote improvement in the structure of and delivery of services** through the United States workforce development system to better address the employment and skill needs of workers, jobseekers, and employers.
- (5) **To increase the prosperity of workers and employers** in the United States, the economic growth of communities, regions, and States, and the global competitiveness of the United States.
- (6) For purposes of subtitle A and B of title I, **to provide workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce development systems, that increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants, and increase attainment of recognized postsecondary credentials by participants, and as a result, improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, increase economic self-sufficiency, meet the skill requirements of employers, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation.**

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