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WIOA PASSES THE HOUSE

~Building a stronger future workforce~

(MIAMI, July 10, 2014) – WIOA passes the House. Now onto President Obama’s desk- With a vote of 411-6, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) passed the U.S. House of Representatives with bipartisan support with only 40 minutes of debate and no amendments. The Senate passed WIOA with a 95-3 vote on June 25th, and now WIOA now heads to the President to be signed into law.

This bipartisan, bicameral bill will reauthorize the ever important Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which funds critical job training for adults and youth, and expired in 2003. This legislation provides increased flexibility, stronger connections between literacy and work, and an emphasis on both out-of-school youth and individuals with disability. WIOA will ensure that the workforce system can continue to address the critical issues of long term unemployment, up-skilling workers with credentials that lead to good jobs, and aligning investments in education, training, economic development, and the workforce that lead to measurable outcomes.

“CareerSource South Florida is very excited for the House passage of WIOA,” says said Rick Beasley, executive director for CareerSource South Florida. “Today is a great day in America for jobseekers looking for good jobs and employers seeking skilled workers.”

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