

Proposal on Comparable High Wage

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I respectfully submit this proposed language. It replaces "comparable occupation" with "comparable high wage". This offers a greater clarification of Congressional intent of these funds than we have in WIOA, while not requiring states to match SIP-SOC codes to qualify programs (though that is where this regulation and other efforts are helpfully moving).

(B) A job placement rate of at least 70 percent, calculated as the percentage of students who are employed in the occupation for which the program prepares students (as identified through the process established under 34 C.F.R. 690.93 (b)) or **who are employed in another high-demand occupation which requires comparable high-skills or that has a comparable high-wage** ~~a comparable high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupation~~ during the second quarter after successfully completing the program, as determined through a certification from the Governor, based on the Governor's analysis using available administrative data, including wage records.