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RAHALL ANNOUNCES LEGISLATION TO BOLSTER TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION IN W.VA.

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Rahall believes the bill, which was recently introduced, will help West Virginia and could possibly create new jobs.

"Technology related jobs are proliferating across America," Rahall said. "There is no reason why West Virginia cannot become a center of technological industry. This bill would make us more attractive when firms are looking to locate."

According to Rahall, the act earmarks existing discretionary funds and will not require new appropriations. The Congressman added that if passed, state officials should not pass the opportunity to educate people in technological fields.

"Here in Congress we can provide the funds for the states to set up the necessary training programs," Rahall said. "However, it will be up to the respective state governments to apply for and implement the actual classes. The funds will be available and all the states have to do is ask. West Virginia cannot pass up such an opportunity."



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