

“We appreciate Senator Hassan’s focus on local partnerships between industry and education to build pathways to careers, and the bipartisan *Gateway to Careers Act* is further strengthened by recognizing the important role wraparound services play in student completion,” **said Mark Rubinstein, Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire.**

“SHRM applauds Senators Hassan and Young for their leadership in reintroducing the Gateway to Careers Act of 2026, a bipartisan effort that strengthens workforce readiness and expands access to career-connected learning opportunities. With employers continuing to face significant talent challenges, this legislation will help align education and training with employer needs and open pathways for workers to reskill, upskill, and succeed in in-demand roles. By investing in work-based learning and short-term credential programs, the legislation will help build a stronger talent pipeline and support economic growth nationwide.” **said Emily M. Dickens, Chief Administrative Officer of the Society of Human Resource Management.**

“Workforce development strategies are most effective when employers, education providers, and workforce organizations partner to help people earn the skills and credentials needed to connect to quality jobs. The bipartisan Gateway to Careers Act will strengthen these partnerships, expand evidence-based career pathways and training programs, and help connect learners and job seekers to critical supports like child care, transportation, and career counseling that are proven to make completion and long-term success possible for more people. Jobs for the Future is proud to support this important legislation.” **said Maria Flynn, President and CEO of Jobs for the Future.**

“Today’s college students are increasingly working adults balancing work, family and life. Supportive services, emergency support and career navigation are proven to help these students succeed, but too few resources are dedicated to making them available. NSC is proud to endorse the Gateways to Careers Act, which bridges that gap by connecting working adults with the supports they need to build valuable skills and succeed in today's economy.” **said Megan Evans, Director of Government Affairs, National Skills Coalition**