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AN ACT to create the community college and board of cooperative educational services partnership act

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "community college and board of cooperative educational services partnership act".

S 2. The state university of New York and the department of education are hereby authorized and directed to create a high technology job training program to explore the feasibility and benefits of building educational partnerships between community colleges and boards of cooperative educational services to assist students in meeting qualifications for employment in the high technology sector. 1. Participating community colleges shall receive capital grants for high technology equipment to assist in job training for students attending a board of cooperative educational services program.

2. Participating community colleges and boards of educational services shall be selected from applications submitted to the state university of New York. Applications for participation shall be developed by the state university of New York and shall require applicants to submit a proposal describing:

(a) how the partnership shall be formed between the community college and board of cooperative educational services; and

(b) how the high technology equipment will be integrated into the community college setting; and

(c) how the high technology equipment will assist students attending boards of cooperative educational services in meeting job requirements. Community college and board of cooperative educational services partnerships that are selected for participation shall receive the necessary

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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capital grants for high technology equipment for up to a two year period; provided, however that if at any time the state university of New York determines that a community college and board of cooperative educational services partnership is not complying with the conditions of the program it may withdraw the state's support for its participation in the program.

S 3. Participating community colleges are authorized and directed to offer appropriate college level academic credits to board of cooperative educational services students participating in the program.

S 4. The state university of New York is authorized and directed to conduct a study of the program during its second year period. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. an assessment of the extent to which the program assists board of cooperative educational services students in reaching the training needed to enter the high technology workforce; and

2. assess whether and how further investment into the program is appropriate for the state. Such study and recommendations shall be submitted to the legislature no later than one year following the completion of the program's first year tenure.

S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to the academic school year next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.