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AN ACT to create the high technology manufacturing workforce development 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 "High Technology Manufacturing Workforce Development Act".

S 2. The state university of New York is hereby authorized and directed to create a high technology manufacturing job training program at community colleges to explore the feasibility and benefits of retraining displaced manufacturing workers. 1. Participating community colleges are authorized to access state funded capital grants to purchase high technology manufacturing equipment to maximize the use of such equipment to retrain displaced manufacturing workers to reenter the workforce.

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

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

(b) how the program and high technology manufacturing equipment will assist participants of the program in retraining to reenter the manufacturing workforce. Community colleges selected for participation by the state university of New York shall receive the necessary capital grants

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

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for high technology manufacturing equipment for up to a two year period; provided, however that if at anytime the university determines that a community college is not complying with the conditions of the program it may withdraw the state's support for its participation in the program.

S 3. The state university of New York is directed to provide fifty percent tuition reimbursement to students participating in the high technology manufacturing job training program.

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

(a) an assessment of the extent to which the program assists displaced manufacturing workers in reaching the retraining needed to reenter the workforce; and

(b) assess whether and how further investment into high technology manufacturing equipment 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.