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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 ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "High Tech-  
2     nology Manufacturing Workforce Development Act".  
3     S 2. The state university of New York is hereby authorized and  
4     directed to create a high technology manufacturing job training program  
5     at community colleges to explore the feasibility and benefits of  
6     retraining displaced manufacturing workers. 1. Participating community  
7     colleges are authorized to access state funded capital grants to  
8     purchase high technology manufacturing equipment to maximize the use of  
9     such equipment to retrain displaced manufacturing workers to reenter the  
10    workforce.  
11    2. Participating community colleges shall be selected for capital  
12    grants from applications submitted by community colleges to the state  
13    university of New York. Applications for participation shall be devel-  
14    oped by the university and shall require applicants to submit a proposal  
15    describing:  
16    (a) how the high technology manufacturing equipment will be integrated  
17    into the community college setting; and  
18    (b) how the program and high technology manufacturing equipment will  
19    assist participants of the program in retraining to reenter the manufac-  
20    turing workforce. Community colleges selected for participation by the  
21    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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1 for high technology manufacturing equipment for up to a two year period;  
2 provided, however that if at anytime the university determines that a  
3 community college is not complying with the conditions of the program it  
4 may withdraw the state's support for its participation in the program.

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

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

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

15 (b) assess whether and how further investment into high technology  
16 manufacturing equipment is appropriate for the state. Such study and  
17 recommendations shall be submitted to the legislature no later than one  
18 year following the completion of the program's first year tenure.

19 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
20 it shall have become a law.