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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the strategic partnership for industrial resurgence program

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

- 1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 239-b  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 239-B. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR INDUSTRIAL RESURGENCE PROGRAM. 1.  
4     THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, A  
5     STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR INDUSTRIAL RESURGENCE PROGRAM, HEREAFTER  
6     REFERRED TO AS "THE PROGRAM." SUCH PROGRAM IS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES  
7     OF STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S SMALL AND MID-SIZED BUSINESSES BY HELPING  
8     THEM TO ADDRESS ENGINEERING PROBLEMS AND PROCESSES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE  
9     INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE NEW YORK STATE  
10    COMPANIES WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WITH THE  
11    APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR WHICH  
12    THEY ARE ELIGIBLE.  
13    2. THE CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL DETERMINE  
14    THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE ENGINEERING SCHOOLS OF THE STATE UNIVER-  
15    SITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY, BINGHAMTON, BUFFALO AND STONY BROOK. ADDI-  
16    TIONAL ENGINEERING SCHOOLS IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK CAN BE  
17    ADDED IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. THE EXISTING RELATIVE FUNDING  
18    ALLOCATIONS TO THE INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITIES WILL BE MAINTAINED.  
19    3. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MAY INVOLVE ANY DEPARTMENT IN THE SCHOOL/COLLEGE  
20    OF ENGINEERING AT THE PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES.  
21    4. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS SHALL INCLUDE ONLY PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE  
22    GOALS OF STUDENT EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS DETERMINED BY  
23    THE DEAN OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OR AN EQUIVALENT FACULTY MEMBER  
24    AT EACH ENGINEERING SCHOOL. ALL PROJECTS SHALL HAVE WELL-DEFINED DELIV-  
25    ERABLES AND TIMEFRAMES.

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

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1 5. ANY NEW YORK STATE TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR TECHNOLOGY-DEPENDENT COMPANY  
2 IN THE MANUFACTURING, PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR  
3 SERVICE SECTOR WITH FEWER THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY EMPLOYEES IS ELIGIBLE  
4 TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROGRAM. PROGRAM FUNDS MAY SUPPORT UP TO  
5 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT. COMPANIES SHALL COVER  
6 AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE PROJECT THROUGH COMPANY OR  
7 OTHER EXTERNAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING FEDERAL RESOURCES. ALLOWABLE  
8 EXPENSES UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE COMPENSATION AND TUITION  
9 ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS WORKING DIRECTLY ON  
10 THE PROJECT IN ADDITION TO ANY STUDENT TRAVEL DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE  
11 PROJECT.

12 6. THE PROGRAM MAY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF COMPANIES TO DEVELOP  
13 PROPOSALS FOR THE "SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM," AS  
14 ENACTED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 97-219 REGARDING THE SMALL BUSINESS INNO-  
15 VATION DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1982, OR THE "SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANS-  
16 FER PROGRAM," AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW 102-564 REGARDING THE SMALL BUSI-  
17 NESS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1992, WHICH PROVIDE  
18 FUNDS TO SMALL BUSINESSES TO CONDUCT INNOVATIVE RESEARCH HAVING COMMER-  
19 CIAL APPLICATION.

20 7. THE CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL SUBMIT A  
21 REPORT, ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND ANNUALLY THERE-  
22 AFTER, TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF  
23 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCORPO-  
24 RATE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM AT EACH ENGINEERING SCHOOL AND INCLUDE:

25 A. A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS AT EACH SCHOOL;

26 B. INFORMATION ON ANY COLLABORATIONS, AND ANY FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED;

27 C. INFORMATION ON THE PROJECTED ECONOMIC IMPACT, INCLUDING COMPANY  
28 PRODUCTIVITY AND ANY JOBS CREATED, RETAINED OR PROJECTED TO BE CREATED  
29 OR RETAINED; AND

30 D. SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE CHANCELLOR DEEMS NECESSARY.

31 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.