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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.