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Introduced by M. of A. MAGNARELLI, GABRYSZAK, PERRY, LIFTON, LUPARDO, RAMOS, BARRON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to creating the technology employment community hub (TECH) centers program

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that
2 significant employment opportunities exist in growing fields where
3 complex technologies require advanced skills. Access to modern, effi-
4 cient facilities and equipment will provide students with the ability to
5 learn about, develop and apply new technologies. Having access to these
6 modern facilities and equipment will provide students with the knowledge
7 and skill required for employment in the ever-expanding high-technology
8 sector or in other sectors of the economy, including manufacturing and
9 service, that utilize advanced, high-technology-related processes. The
10 legislature finds that it is proper and essential for the state to
11 support efforts that will provide students with updated and modern
12 facilities and equipment where skills can be learned in a setting that
13 best matches the workplaces for which the students are being prepared.
14 The legislature also finds and declares that a well-trained and skilled
15 workforce will attract businesses seeking to enhance production, modern-
16 ize or expand as well as start up or relocate to New York state.

17 The legislature hereby authorizes the creation of the technology
18 employment community hub (TECH) centers program.

19 S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
20 3154-a to read as follows:

21 S 3154-A. TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYMENT COMMUNITY HUB (TECH) CENTERS PROGRAM.

22 1. A TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYMENT COMMUNITY HUB (TECH) CENTERS PROGRAM (HERE-
23 AFTER REFERRED TO AS TECH) IS HEREBY CREATED.

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

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1 2. THE FOUNDATION SHALL, FROM APPROPRIATIONS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS
2 PURPOSE OR FROM APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
3 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-P OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, AWARD
4 GRANTS OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR
5 RECONSTRUCTING, REHABILITATING OR IMPROVING EXISTING LABORATORY FACILI-
6 TIES AND FOR ACQUISITION OR UPGRADES OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE
7 TARGETED EDUCATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL OR TRAINING SERVICES TO STUDENTS
8 SEEKING ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR WORKERS SEEKING OCCUPATION-SPECIFIC TRAIN-
9 ING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN EMPLOYMENT AND FOR COSTS INCURRED BY
10 THE INSTITUTION FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF FACULTY DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN
11 RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. SUCH GRANTS
12 SHALL BE AWARDED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES RESPONDING
13 TO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE.

14 3. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
15 DESCRIBE THE GRANT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
16 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

17 (A) DEMONSTRATION OF NEED IN THE REGION FOR SKILLED WORKERS IN THE
18 HIGH-TECHNOLOGY FIELDS;

19 (B) EVIDENCE OF ANY COLLABORATION WITH A NEW YORK STATE FOUR-YEAR
20 INSTITUTION OR NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS INCLUDING, (I) A DETAILED
21 DESCRIPTION OF THE SKILL NEEDS OF THE INSTITUTION OR BUSINESS; (II) A
22 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT AND OTHER TRAINING RESOURCES REQUIRED;

23 (C) A DETAILED BUDGET INCLUDING COSTS TO RECONSTRUCT, REHABILITATE OR
24 IMPROVE EXISTING LABORATORY FACILITIES, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT;

25 (D) A DESCRIPTION OF MATCHING FUNDS THAT MAY INCLUDE CASH OR IN-KIND
26 SERVICES FROM FEDERAL OR PRIVATE SOURCES; AND

27 (E) SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF FACULTY DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN RELEVANT
28 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THIS
29 SECTION.

30 4. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF
31 THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE A REPORT ON THE
32 PROGRAM BY THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND ANNUALLY
33 THEREAFTER. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH RECIPIENT
34 UNDER THE PROGRAM:

35 (A) THE NAMES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES RECEIVING AWARDS;

36 (B) THE AMOUNTS OF EACH AWARD AND MATCHING FUNDS;

37 (C) A DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND FACILITY UPGRADES;

38 (D) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS OR WORKERS PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING
39 ENABLED BY THE PROGRAM;

40 (E) EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER OUTCOMES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, JOB
41 RETENTION, ENABLED BY THE AWARD; AND

42 (F) ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIREC-
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44 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.