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on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the  
retrain and employ unemployed persons program

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6303-b  
2     to read as follows:

3     S 6303-B. RETRAIN AND EMPLOY UNEMPLOYED PERSONS PROGRAM.     1.     DEFI-  
4     NITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE  
5     FOLLOWING MEANINGS.

6     (A) "GRANT PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN THE RETRAIN AND EMPLOY UNEMPLOYED  
7     PERSONS PROGRAM OR THE RE-UP NEW YORK PROGRAM.

8     (B) "TRAINING PROGRAM OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN THE  
9     COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS CREATED OR IMPROVED PURSUANT TO THE GRANT  
10    PROGRAM.

11    (C) "BOCES" SHALL MEAN BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AS  
12    DEFINED IN ARTICLE FORTY OF THIS CHAPTER.

13    2. BY NO LATER THAN JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN THE STATE  
14    UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES  
15    SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP TRAIN-  
16    ING PROGRAMS OR IMPROVE EXISTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE  
17    PURPOSES OF TRAINING UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS FOR JOBS IN THE REGIONS  
18    SURROUNDING SUCH COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

19    3. GRANTS SHALL BE AWARDED PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION IN AN AMOUNT UP  
20    TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT CAN DEMON-  
21    STRATE THAT SUCH TRAINING PROGRAMS OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
22    WILL PROVIDE THE REQUISITE TRAINING REQUIRED FOR JOB PLACEMENT IN BUSI-  
23    NESSES AND INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE REGION THAT LACK THE NECESSARY WORK-  
24    FORCE OR THAT ARE SEEKING EMPLOYEES WITH NEW SKILLS IN AN AREA WHERE JOB  
25    OPENINGS CURRENTLY EXIST OR WHERE JOB GROWTH IS ANTICIPATED IN THE NEAR  
26    FUTURE.

27    4. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUST ALSO  
28    DEMONSTRATE THAT SUCH COMMUNITY COLLEGE: (A) HAS PARTNERED WITH REGIONAL

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

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1 BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES TO DETERMINE AREAS WHERE JOBS ARE AVAILABLE OR  
2 ARE ANTICIPATED TO BECOME AVAILABLE AND A SKILLED WORKFORCE IS NEEDED;  
3 AND (B) CONSULTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO TARGET UNEMPLOYED INDI-  
4 VIDUALS WHO SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY PLACEMENT INTO SUCH TRAINING  
5 PROGRAMS OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

6 5. UPON SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM OR WORKFORCE DEVELOP-  
7 MENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, LOCAL BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES PARTNERING  
8 WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES PURSUANT TO THIS GRANT PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE  
9 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR ONE-THIRD OF THE COST OF SUCH EMPLOYEE TRAIN-  
10 ING.

11 6. COMMUNITY COLLEGES MAY SEEK TO PROVIDE ON-SITE TRAINING OR MAY SEEK  
12 TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS TRAINED ON JOB SITES.

13 7. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, IN CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL BUSINESS OR  
14 INDUSTRY, SHALL DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF SUCH TRAINING OR WORKFORCE  
15 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE COMPETENCY  
16 FOR A PARTICULAR BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY NEED. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF  
17 SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL BE SIGNIFIED BY THE RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF  
18 COMPLETION, HOWEVER, TRAINING OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS NEED NOT  
19 LEAD TO DEGREES OR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR  
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

21 8. BEGINNING IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN AND THEREAFTER, PURSU-  
22 ANT TO APPROPRIATION AND BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, COMMUNITY  
23 COLLEGES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY THOUSAND  
24 DOLLARS IN ANY YEAR THAT MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL GRANT PROGRAM  
25 PARTICIPANTS TRAINED BECOME EMPLOYED.

26 9. SUNY AND CUNY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES SHALL ALSO CONSULT WITH REGIONAL  
27 BOCES TO DEVELOP OR IMPROVE CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT WILL PARTNER  
28 WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND BUSINESS INDUSTRIES TO TRAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
29 OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS  
30 SUBDIVISION, SUCH CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS SHALL RESULT IN HIGH SCHOOL  
31 GRADUATION AND ENROLLMENT IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR PARTICIPATION IN A  
32 RE-UP NEW YORK TRAINING OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. A PORTION OF  
33 THE FUNDING FOR THE BOCES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP  
34 MAY BE FUNDED BY THE PARTICIPATING BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY.

35 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.