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Introduced by M. of A. BRONSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to the empire state apprenticeship grant program for small business and not-for-profit corporations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 813-a to read as follows:

§ 813-a. Empire state apprenticeship grant program for small business and not-for-profit corporations. 1. The department shall establish a grant program designed to encourage the adoption of apprenticeships administered by small businesses and not-for-profit corporations. The department shall provide grants within available appropriations, on a competitive basis, in response to a request for proposals from eligible entities. The program shall provide one to one state matching funds to eligible entities not to exceed fifty thousand dollars annually. An eligible entity shall include a business employing and/or training an apprentice pursuant to an apprenticeship agreement registered with the department pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section eight hundred eleven of this article which is a resident in this state, independently owned and operated, and employs twenty-five or less persons, or a not-for-profit organization employing and/or training an apprentice pursuant to an apprenticeship agreement as defined by section eight hundred sixteen of this article and registered with the department. An eligible entity shall not include an employer who is a contractor or subcontractor who is a partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability company, association or other legal entity permitted by law to do business within the state who engages in construction. For purposes of this section, the term "construction" means constructing, reconstructing,

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

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altering, maintaining, moving, rehabilitating, repairing, renovating, fabricating, servicing, or demolition of any building, structure, or improvement, or component, or relating to the excavation of or other development or improvement to land. Grant recipients may use grant funds only for costs related to apprenticeship programs for capital and/or operating expenses, and to support dedicated mentors for apprentices. The commissioner is directed to establish guidelines and an application process. Total statewide expenditures for the grant program shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars per year.

2. The state apprenticeship and training council shall review requests for proposals and will recommend project applications deemed to meet the intent of the program to the department.

3. The department shall report on or before October first, two thousand twenty and annually thereafter to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, and chairs of the assembly committee on labor and the legislative commission on skills development and career education on activities and progress of the grant. Such report shall contain the names, addresses and descriptions of any eligible entity issued a grant under this section, the amount of the grant awarded to the employer, for what purposes, the number of apprentices and their trade or trades, and whether each apprenticeship is a new job created after being issued a grant pursuant to this program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.