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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC, BARRETT, BRAUNSTEIN, CAHILL, COLTON, PICHARDO, STIRPE, WEPRIN, GRIFFIN, BRABENEC, DiPIETRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, COOK, HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to creating the community college high-technology investment program (C-CHIP)

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 community  
18 college high-technology investment program (C-CHIP).

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

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

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1     § 3154-a. Community college high-technology investment program. 1. A  
2     community college high-technology investment program (hereafter referred  
3     to as C-CHIP) is hereby created.

4     2. The foundation shall, from appropriations made available for this  
5     purpose or from appropriations for the research development program  
6     authorized under section two hundred nine-p of the executive law, award  
7     grants of up to one hundred thousand dollars to community colleges for  
8     reconstructing, rehabilitating or improving existing laboratory facili-  
9     ties and for acquisition or upgrades of equipment necessary to provide  
10    targeted educational, occupational or training services to students  
11    seeking associate degrees or workers seeking occupation-specific train-  
12    ing in order to obtain or retain employment and for costs incurred by  
13    the institution for salaries and benefits of faculty directly engaged in  
14    relevant educational activities pursuant to this section. Such grants  
15    shall be awarded on a competitive basis to community colleges responding  
16    to requests for proposals issued by the office.

17    3. Applications for grants authorized under this section shall  
18    describe the grant program activities and shall include, but not be  
19    limited to, the following:

20    (a) demonstration of need in the region for skilled workers in the  
21    high-technology fields;

22    (b) evidence of any collaboration with a New York state four-year  
23    institution or New York state business including, (i) a detailed  
24    description of the skill needs of the institution or business; (ii) a  
25    detailed description of equipment and other training resources required;

26    (c) a detailed budget including costs to reconstruct, rehabilitate or  
27    improve existing laboratory facilities, including equipment;

28    (d) a description of matching funds that may include cash or in-kind  
29    services from federal or private sources; and

30    (e) salaries and benefits of faculty directly engaged in relevant  
31    employment, educational and training activities pursuant to this  
32    section.

33    4. The executive director shall submit to the governor, the speaker of  
34    the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate a report on the  
35    program by the first of September, two thousand twenty-two and annually  
36    thereafter. Such report shall include the following for each recipient  
37    under the program:

38    (a) the names of community colleges receiving awards;

39    (b) the amounts of each award and matching funds;

40    (c) a description of equipment purchases and facility upgrades;

41    (d) the number of students or workers participating in training  
42    enabled by the program;

43    (e) employment or other outcomes, including, but not limited to, job  
44    retention, enabled by the award; and

45    (f) any other information deemed appropriate by the executive direc-  
46    tor.

47    § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.