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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to creating the mobile high-technology training facilities program

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

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section 361 to read as follows:

§ 361. Mobile high-technology training facilities program. 1. The division is hereby authorized to create a mobile high-technology training facilities program. The purpose of the program is to award one to one matching grants on a competitive basis to qualified applicants for the design, development and/or outfit of mobile high-technology training facilities that complement certificate, degree or other recognized credentialing programs. Such program shall be established by the division within ninety days from the effective date of this section.

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Qualified applicant" means any educational or not-for-profit institution providing certificate, degree or other credentialing programs in high-technology fields including, but not limited to, nanotechnology, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing processes and information technology or any other field defined as an emerging technology by paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section thirty-one hundred two-e of the public authorities law.

(b) "Division" means the division of science, technology and innovation.

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

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3. Applicants shall submit an application to the division comprising a plan including, but not limited to:

(a) demonstration that funds and/or other in-kind contributions are encumbered in an amount not less than twenty percent of requested grant amount;

(b) the design and implementation of a facility including the use of simulation-based education and training resources including the types of machinery, equipment and staffing level required;

(c) demonstration of a flexible program which would allow for diversified job training skills within a particular industry;

(d) evidence that a need for employees related to the industry associated with the applicant exists;

(e) development of a curriculum to deliver such mobile training facility to each regionally defined location in the state lacking similar training opportunities including the period of time required to adequately train an individual and the estimated number of participants utilizing such facility in a given year;

(f) demonstration of a collaborative and/or cooperative working relationship with private employers to ensure that facilities meet industry-specific job training requirements; and

(g) demonstration of an ability to maintain such mobile facility on an on-going basis, including but not limited to self-sustainability regarding staffing, operating, maintenance and adaptability.

4. The division shall establish any additional criteria to be used in the evaluation of applications.

5. The division shall submit a report, within one year from the effective date of this section and annually thereafter, to the governor and the legislature regarding the outcomes of the program including, but not limited to grant recipients, purpose of mobile training facility, locations visited, number of participants utilizing facility and actual employment obtained through the use of such facility.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.