AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE OPERATION OF MOBILE MANUFACTURING TRAINING LABS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than October 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in collaboration with the Labor Commissioner and the Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board, established under section 32-7n of the general statutes, shall develop and issue a request for proposals for the operation of one or more mobile manufacturing training labs that shall support manufacturing careers by providing services that may include, but need not be limited to, continuing education for manufacturing employees and demonstration of advanced manufacturing to middle and high school students. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32-7o of the general statutes, any such proposal selected by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and subsequently approved by the Manufacturing Innovation Advisory Board shall be paid for from the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund, established under said section.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report on the result of the request for proposals to the joint standing committee of the
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General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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