

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF  
CERTAIN MANUFACTURING PROGRAM PIPELINES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) As used in this section  
2 and sections 2 and 3 of this act:

3 (1) "Public institution of higher education" means the institutions of  
4 higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-1  
5 of the general statutes; and

6 (2) "Qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate program" means  
7 a for-credit or noncredit sub-baccalaureate advanced manufacturing  
8 certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education  
9 in which at least seventy-five per cent of the graduates of such  
10 certificate program are employed in a field related to or requiring such  
11 certificate in the year following such students' graduation.

12 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish a  
13 program to provide supplemental funding grants to support and  
14 expand qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate programs. Such  
15 program shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of  
16 this section and sections 2 and 3 of this act.

17 (c) A public institution of higher education may submit an  
18 application to the Board of Regents for Higher Education for a  
19 supplemental funding grant under this section for each qualifying  
20 advanced manufacturing certificate program offered by such  
21 institution. An application shall be made at such time and in such

22 manner as the board prescribes. An application shall include, but need  
23 not be limited to, documentation substantiating the employment rate  
24 of the graduates of the qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate  
25 programs and an explanation of how such institutions will use such  
26 grant to support or expand its qualifying advancing manufacturing  
27 certificate programs. An institution that receives a supplemental  
28 funding grant under this section shall use such grant for the purpose of  
29 supporting and expanding its qualifying advanced manufacturing  
30 certificate programs.

31 (d) Not later than July 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, the Board of  
32 Regents for Higher Education shall submit a request to the Department  
33 of Revenue Services to segregate, in accordance with the provisions of  
34 section 2 of this act, a portion of the average income tax liability of  
35 graduates of qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate programs  
36 that are employed in a field related to or requiring such certificate in  
37 the year following such students' graduation. For purposes of  
38 calculating the amount of income tax liability to be segregated, the  
39 board shall provide the department with the following data: (1) The  
40 average annual salary of graduates of qualifying advanced  
41 manufacturing certificate programs for the preceding ten-year period,  
42 and (2) the total number of graduates of the qualifying advanced  
43 manufacturing certificate programs for the prior fiscal year that are  
44 employed in a field related to or requiring such certificate.

45 (e) Not later than March 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Board  
46 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report, in accordance  
47 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
48 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
49 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement  
50 regarding the supplemental funding grants program for qualifying  
51 advanced manufacturing certificate programs. Such report shall  
52 include, but need not be limited to, the amount of funds deposited in  
53 the advanced manufacturing certificate programs account established  
54 pursuant to section 3 of this act, the graduation and salary data  
55 described in subsection (d) of this section, how the public institutions

56 of higher education that received supplemental funding grants have  
57 expended such funds and any recommendations for expansion of the  
58 supplemental funding grants program.

59 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education may accept private  
60 donations for the purposes of this section. Any private donations  
61 accepted by the board shall be deposited in the advanced  
62 manufacturing certificate programs account, established pursuant to  
63 section 3 of this act.

64 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) For purposes of the  
65 supplemental funding grants program for qualifying advanced  
66 manufacturing certificate programs established pursuant to section 1  
67 of this act, for the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2019,  
68 and each taxable year thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue  
69 Services shall use the qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate  
70 programs data provided by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
71 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 1 of this act to calculate and  
72 segregate an amount equal to twenty-five per cent of the average  
73 annual income tax liability of graduates of qualifying advanced  
74 manufacturing certificate programs multiplied by the total number of  
75 graduates of such programs that are employed in a field related to or  
76 requiring such certificate for the prior fiscal year. The commissioner  
77 shall annually deposit such segregated funds into the advanced  
78 manufacturing certificate programs account established pursuant to  
79 section 3 of this act.

80 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) There is established an  
81 Advanced Manufacturing Certificate Programs account which shall be  
82 a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Funds  
83 segregated by the Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to  
84 section 2 of this act and any private donations accepted pursuant to  
85 subsection (f) of section 1 of this act shall be deposited in the account.  
86 The moneys in said account shall be expended by the board for the  
87 purpose of providing supplemental funding grants, pursuant to  
88 section 1 of this act, to public institutions of higher education that offer

89 qualifying certificate programs. The State Treasurer shall invest the  
90 proceeds of the account. Investment earnings, after paying any costs  
91 incurred by the State Treasurer in administering the account, shall be  
92 credited to the General Fund. On or before September 1, 2019, and  
93 annually thereafter, the State Treasurer shall notify the Board of  
94 Regents for Higher Education of the total amount deposited in the  
95 account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section