AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) On or before January 1, 2020, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish a pilot program for the expansion of the advanced manufacturing certificate programs offered by the regional community-technical colleges to eight public high schools in the state, which will function as satellite locations of the advanced manufacturing centers located at such colleges. The board shall (1) prescribe the form and manner in which local or regional boards of education may apply to the board to participate in the pilot program, (2) establish the criteria to be used by the board in selecting the public high schools to participate in the pilot program, which shall include, but need not be limited to, prioritizing the placement of such advanced manufacturing certificate programs in areas of the state where (A) there is a need for a workforce trained in advanced manufacturing, (B) there are economically distressed municipalities, (C) residents do not have access to advanced manufacturing certificate programs within close proximity, and (D)
there is sufficient space in a public high school to operate an advanced
manufacturing certificate program, and (3) explore the means of
funding the pilot program through public-private partnerships, grant
programs, federal funds or state funds through the Workforce
Investment Boards, the Department of Economic and Community
Development's college connections program, the Manufacturing
Innovations Fund and the Office of Apprenticeships.

(b) Any local or regional board of education, separately or jointly
with other local or regional boards of education in the surrounding
area, may apply to participate in the pilot program in the form and
manner prescribed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Each
local or regional board of education selected to participate in the pilot
program, whether separately or jointly, shall enter into a
memorandum of understanding for the operation of the advanced
manufacturing center satellite location with the regional community-
technical college that serves the area in which the board is located, as
such areas are described in section 10a-78 of the general statutes. Such
memorandum of understanding shall include, but need not be limited
to, (1) the number of high school and college credits the students
enrolled in the advanced manufacturing certificate program may earn
after successful completion of such program, (2) operating hours and
staffing levels for the advanced manufacturing center satellite location,
and (3) the standards for student admission and the process for
application to the advanced manufacturing certificate program.

(c) Not later than the start of the fall semester in 2020, and for each
academic semester thereafter, each advanced manufacturing center
satellite location approved by the Board of Regents for Higher
Education shall enroll (1) public high school students in grade eleven
or twelve from the school districts of the local or regional board or
boards of education that have entered into the memorandum of
understanding pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to
simultaneously earn high school credits from the public high school in
which the student is enrolled and college credits and an advanced
manufacturing certificate from the regional community-technical college that operates the advanced manufacturing center satellite location, and (2) adults for classes during the evening and weekend hours to earn an advanced manufacturing certificate from the regional community-technical college that operates the advanced manufacturing center satellite location.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement on the operation and effectiveness of the pilot program and any recommendations to expand the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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**Statement of Purpose:**
To establish a pilot program to expand advanced manufacturing certificate programs offered by regional community-technical colleges to eight public high schools throughout the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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