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**Raised Bill No. 7089**

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING AND EXPANSION OF  
CERTAIN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (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 subdivision (2) of section 10a-1 of the  
5 general statutes;

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 requiring such certificate in  
11 the year following such students' graduation; and

12 (3) "Student cohort" has the same meaning as provided in section  
13 10a-57a of the general statutes.

14 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish a  
15 program to provide supplemental funding grants to public institutions  
16 of higher education for the support or expansion of qualifying  
17 advanced manufacturing certificate programs offered by such  
18 institutions. Such program shall be administered in accordance with  
19 the provisions of this section and sections 2 and 3 of this act.

20 (c) A public institution of higher education may submit an  
21 application to the Board of Regents for Higher Education for a  
22 supplemental funding grant under this section for each qualifying  
23 advanced manufacturing certificate program offered by such  
24 institution. An application shall be made at such time and in such  
25 manner as the board prescribes. An application shall include, but need  
26 not be limited to, documentation substantiating the employment rate  
27 in the prior fiscal year of the graduates of the qualifying advanced  
28 manufacturing certificate program in a field requiring such certificate  
29 and an explanation of how the institution will use the supplemental  
30 funding grant to support or expand the qualifying advanced  
31 manufacturing certificate program. An institution that receives a  
32 supplemental funding grant under this section shall use such grant for  
33 the purpose of supporting or expanding the qualifying advanced  
34 manufacturing certificate program.

35 (d) Not later than July 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Board of  
36 Regents for Higher Education shall submit a request to the Department  
37 of Revenue Services to segregate, in accordance with the provisions of  
38 section 2 of this act, fifty per cent of the average income tax liability of  
39 the preceding two student cohorts who graduate from qualifying  
40 advanced manufacturing certificate programs and are employed in a  
41 field requiring such certificate. To assist the Department of Revenue  
42 Services in calculating the amount of income tax liability to be  
43 segregated, the board shall provide the department with the following  
44 data: (1) The average annual salary in the prior fiscal year for the  
45 preceding two student cohorts who graduate from qualifying  
46 advanced manufacturing certificate programs, which shall be based on  
47 available Labor Department statistics of the average salary for

48 occupations requiring such certificate, and (2) the total number of  
49 graduates of the qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate  
50 programs in the prior fiscal year who are employed in a field requiring  
51 such certificate.

52 (e) Not later than March 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Board  
53 of Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report, in accordance  
54 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
55 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
56 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement  
57 regarding the supplemental funding grant program for qualifying  
58 advanced manufacturing certificate programs. Such report shall  
59 include, but need not be limited to, the amount of funds deposited in  
60 the advanced manufacturing certificate programs account established  
61 pursuant to section 3 of this act, the graduation and salary data  
62 described in subsection (d) of this section, the manner in which public  
63 institutions of higher education have expended supplemental funding  
64 grants and any recommendations for expansion of the supplemental  
65 funding grant program.

66 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education may accept private  
67 donations for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this  
68 section. Any private donations accepted by the board shall be  
69 deposited in the advanced manufacturing certificate programs  
70 account, established pursuant to section 3 of this act.

71 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) For purposes of the  
72 supplemental funding grant program for qualifying advanced  
73 manufacturing certificate programs established pursuant to section 1  
74 of this act, for the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2020,  
75 and each taxable year thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue  
76 Services shall use the qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate  
77 programs data provided by the Board of Regents for Higher Education  
78 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 1 of this act to calculate and  
79 segregate an amount equal to fifty per cent of the average annual  
80 income tax liability of the preceding two student cohorts who graduate

81 from qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate programs  
82 multiplied by the total number of graduates of the qualifying  
83 advanced manufacturing certificate programs in the prior fiscal year  
84 who are employed in a field requiring such certificate. The  
85 commissioner shall annually deposit such segregated funds into the  
86 advanced manufacturing certificate programs account established  
87 pursuant to section 3 of this act.

88 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) There is established an  
89 advanced manufacturing certificate programs account which shall be a  
90 separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Funds  
91 segregated by the Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to  
92 section 2 of this act and any private donations accepted pursuant to  
93 subsection (f) of section 1 of this act shall be deposited in the account.  
94 The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Board of Regents  
95 for Higher Education for the purpose of providing supplemental  
96 funding grants to public institutions of higher education that offer  
97 qualifying advanced manufacturing certificate programs pursuant to  
98 section 1 of this act. The State Treasurer shall invest the proceeds of the  
99 account. Investment earnings, after paying any costs incurred by the  
100 State Treasurer in administering the account, shall be credited to the  
101 General Fund. On or before September 1, 2020, and annually  
102 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall notify said board of the total  
103 amount deposited in the account.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide a means of additional funding for advanced manufacturing certificate programs that have a high graduate employment rate.

*[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.]*

