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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

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