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Amendment

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"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 public high schools in the state, which public high schools shall function as satellite locations of the advanced manufacturing centers located at such colleges. In any year the board may select not more than one public high school in which to establish an advanced manufacturing certificate program. 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 a public high school 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 to their homes, 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, any relevant
program of the Department of Economic and Community
Development, the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund and
the Labor Department's office of apprenticeship training.

(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 lease and 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 school district which
the board governs is located, as such areas are described in section 10a-
78 of the general statutes. Notwithstanding chapter 59 of the general
statutes and subdivision (15) of subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the
general statutes, the Board of Regents for Higher Education may enter
into a lease and a memorandum of understanding with a local or
regional board of education for the purposes of this section without
being subject to the provisions of section 4b-23 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) Beginning in 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 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
matters relating to higher education and employment advancement
and education 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:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2019 | New section |