



30 CHAPTER 26. STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

31 **53B-26-101. Title.**

32 This chapter is known as "Strategic Workforce Investment."

33 Section 2. Section **53B-26-102** is enacted to read:

34 **53B-26-102. Definitions.**

35 As used in this chapter:

36 (1) "College of applied technology" means:

37 (a) a college described in Section [53B-2a-105](#);

38 (b) the School of Applied Technology at Salt Lake Community College established  
39 under Section [53B-16-209](#);

40 (c) Utah State University Eastern established under Section [53B-18-1201](#); or

41 (d) the Snow College Richfield campus established under Section [53B-16-205](#).

42 (2) "CTE" means career and technical education.

43 (3) "CTE Region" means an economic service area created in Section [35A-2-101](#).

44 (4) "Eligible partnership" means a partnership:

45 (a) between at least two of the following:

46 (i) a college of applied technology;

47 (ii) a school district or charter school; or

48 (iii) an institution of higher education; and

49 (b) that provides educational services within the same CTE region.

50 (5) "Employer" means a private employer, public employer, industry association, the  
51 military, or a union.

52 (6) "Industry advisory group" means:

53 (a) a group of at least five employers that represent the strategic industry cluster that a  
54 proposal submitted under Section [53B-26-103](#) is responsive to; and

55 (b) a representative of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, appointed by  
56 the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

57 (7) "Institution of higher education" means the University of Utah, Utah State

58 University, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Snow College, Dixie State  
59 University, Utah Valley University, and Salt Lake Community College.

- 60 (8) "Stackable sequence of credentials" means a sequence of credentials that:  
61 (a) an individual can build upon to access an advanced job or higher wage;  
62 (b) is part of a career pathway system;  
63 (c) provides a pathway culminating in the equivalent of an associate's or bachelor's  
64 degree;  
65 (d) facilitates multiple exit and entry points; and  
66 (e) recognizes sub-goals or momentum points.

67 Section 3. Section **53B-26-103** is enacted to read:

68 **53B-26-103. GOED reporting requirement -- Proposals -- Funding.**

69 (1) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall publish, on a biannual  
70 basis, a report detailing the high demand technical jobs projected to support economic growth  
71 in high need strategic industry clusters, including:

- 72 (a) aerospace and defense;  
73 (b) energy and natural resources;  
74 (c) financial services;  
75 (d) life sciences;  
76 (e) outdoor products;  
77 (f) software development and information technology; or  
78 (g) any other strategic industry cluster designated by the Governor's Office of  
79 Economic Development.

80 (2) To receive funding under this section, an eligible partnership shall submit a  
81 proposal containing the elements described in Subsection (3) to the Legislature:

- 82 (a) on or before July 1, 2016, for fiscal year 2017; or  
83 (b) on or before January 5 for fiscal year 2018 and any succeeding fiscal year.  
84 (3) The proposal shall include:  
85 (a) a program of study that:

86 (i) is responsive to the workforce needs of the CTE region in a high need strategic  
87 industry cluster as identified by the Governor's Office of Economic Development under  
88 Subsection (1);

89 (ii) leads to the attainment of a stackable sequence of credentials; and

90 (iii) includes a non-duplicative progression of courses that include both academic and  
91 CTE content;

92 (b) expected student enrollment, attainment rates, and job placement rates;

93 (c) evidence of input and support for the proposal from an industry advisory group;

94 (d) evidence of an official action in support of the proposal from:

95 (i) the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, if the eligible  
96 partnership includes a college described in Section 53B-2a-105; or

97 (ii) the Board of Regents, if the eligible partnership includes:

98 (A) an institution of higher education; or

99 (B) a college described in Subsection 53B-26-102(1)(b), (c), or (d); and

100 (e) a funding request, including justification for the request.

101 (4) The Legislature shall:

102 (a) review a proposal submitted under this section using the following criteria:

103 (i) the proposal contains the elements described in Subsection (3);

104 (ii) support for the proposal is widespread within the CTE region; and

105 (iii) the proposal expands the capacity to meet regional workforce needs;

106 (b) determine the extent to which to fund the proposal; and

107 (c) fund the proposal through the appropriations process.

108 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

109 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
110 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money  
111 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
112 previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
113 addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

