

STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to strategic workforce investment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ amends the definition of an eligible partnership to include a statewide partnership;
- ▶ requires the Governor's Office of Economic Development to report to the Legislature, the State Board of Regents, and the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees;
- ▶ amends provisions related to a proposal for strategic workforce investment funding;
- ▶ places restrictions on the use of an appropriation for strategic workforce investment; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-26-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 382

53B-26-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 382

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

29 Section 1. Section **53B-26-102** is amended to read:

30 **53B-26-102. Definitions.**

31 As used in this chapter:

32 (1) "CTE" means career and technical education.

33 (2) "CTE region" means an economic service area created in Section **35A-2-101**.

34 (3) "Eligible partnership" means ~~[a partnership]:~~

35 ~~[(a) between at least two of the following:]~~

36 ~~[(i) a technical college;]~~

37 ~~[(ii) a school district or charter school; or]~~

38 ~~[(iii) an institution of higher education; and]~~

39 ~~[(b) that provides educational services within the same CTE region.]~~

40 (a) a regional partnership; or

41 (b) a statewide partnership.

42 (4) "Employer" means a private employer, public employer, industry association, the military,
43 or a union.

44 (5) "Industry advisory group" means:

45 (a) a group of at least five employers that represent the ~~[strategic industry cluster that]~~
46 workforce needs to which a proposal submitted under Section **53B-26-103** ~~[is responsive to]~~
47 responds; and

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

50 (6) "Institution of higher education" means the University of Utah, Utah State University,
51 Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Snow College, Dixie State University, Utah
52 Valley University, or Salt Lake Community College.

53 (7) "Regional partnership" means a partnership that:

54 (a) provides educational services within one CTE region; and

55 (b) is between at least two of the following located in the CTE region:

56 (i) a technical college;

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

58 (iii) an institution of higher education.

59 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) "Stackable sequence of credentials" means a sequence of credentials that:

60 (a) an individual can build upon to access an advanced job or higher wage;

61 (b) is part of a career pathway system;

62 (c) provides a pathway culminating in the equivalent of an associate's or bachelor's degree;

63 (d) facilitates multiple exit and entry points; and

64 (e) recognizes sub-goals or momentum points.

65 (9) "Statewide partnership" means a partnership between at least two regional partnerships.

66 ~~[(8)]~~ (10) "Technical college" means:

67 (a) a college described in Section 53B-2a-105;

68 (b) the School of Applied Technology at Salt Lake Community College established under

69 Section 53B-16-209;

70 (c) Utah State University Eastern established under Section 53B-18-1201; or

71 (d) the Snow College Richfield campus established under Section 53B-16-205.

72 Section 2. Section 53B-26-103 is amended to read:

73 **53B-26-103. GOED reporting requirement -- Proposals -- Funding.**

74 (1) ~~[(The)]~~ Every other year, the Governor's Office of Economic Development shall ~~[publish,~~
75 ~~on a biannual basis, a report detailing]~~ report to the Legislature, the board, and the Utah System of

76 Technical Colleges Board of Trustees on the high demand technical jobs projected to support
77 economic growth in the following high need strategic industry clusters~~[, including]~~:

78 (a) aerospace and defense;

79 (b) energy and natural resources;

80 (c) financial services;

- 81 (d) life sciences;
- 82 (e) outdoor products;
- 83 (f) software development and information technology; ~~[or]~~ and
- 84 (g) any other strategic industry cluster designated by the Governor's Office of Economic
- 85 Development.

86 (2) To receive funding under this section, an eligible partnership shall submit a proposal
 87 containing the elements described in Subsection (3) to the Legislature ~~[(a) on or before July 1, 2016,~~
 88 ~~for fiscal year 2017; or (b)]~~ on or before January 5 for fiscal year 2018 and any succeeding fiscal
 89 year.

90 (3) ~~[The]~~ A proposal described in Subsection (2) shall include:

- 91 (a) a program of ~~[study]~~ instruction that:
- 92 (i) is responsive to the workforce needs ~~[of the CTE region in a high need strategic industry~~
 93 ~~cluster as identified by the Governor's Office of Economic Development under]~~ of a strategic industry
 94 cluster described in Subsection (1)];

95 (A) in one CTE region, for a proposal submitted by a regional partnership; or

96 (B) in at least two CTE regions, for a proposal submitted by a statewide partnership;

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

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

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

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

102 (d) a description of any financial or in-kind contributions for the program from an industry
 103 advisory group;

104 (e) a description of the job opportunities available at each exit point in the stackable
 105 sequence of credentials;

106 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) evidence of an official action in support of the proposal from:

- 107 (i) the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees, if the eligible partnership
- 108 includes a technical college described in Subsection 53B-26-102(10)(a); or
- 109 (ii) the ~~[Board of Regents]~~ board, if the eligible partnership includes:
- 110 (A) an institution of higher education; or
- 111 (B) a college described in Subsection ~~[53B-26-102(8)]~~ 53B-26-102(10)(b), (c), or (d);
- 112 ~~[and]~~
- 113 (g) if the program of instruction described in Subsection (3)(a) requires board approval
- 114 under Section 53B-16-102, evidence of board approval of the program of instruction; and
- 115 ~~[(e)]~~ (h) a funding request, including justification for the request.
- 116 (4) The Legislature shall:
- 117 (a) review a proposal submitted under this section using the following criteria:
- 118 (i) the proposal contains the elements described in Subsection (3);
- 119 (ii) for a proposal from a regional partnership, support for the proposal is widespread within
- 120 the CTE region; and
- 121 (iii) the proposal expands the capacity to meet state or regional workforce needs;
- 122 (b) determine the extent to which to fund the proposal; and
- 123 (c) fund the proposal through the appropriations process.
- 124 (5) An eligible partnership that receives funding under this section:
- 125 (a) shall use the money to deliver the program of instruction described in the eligible
- 126 partnership's proposal; and
- 127 (b) may not use the money for administration.