

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 901 entitled “An act relating to expanding access to adult
4 technical education equipment funding” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 33a, as amended by 2018 Acts
8 and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 21, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,
9 Sec. 33, is further amended to read:

10 Sec. 33a. ADULT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
11 EQUIPMENT GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

12 (a) The General Assembly hereby establishes a pilot grant program to
13 authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the State Workforce
14 Development Board, to administer the Adult Career and Technical Education
15 Equipment Grant Pilot Program to support the purchase of equipment
16 necessary for the delivery of occupational training for students enrolled in a
17 postsecondary course offered by Vermont’s Career and Technical Education
18 Centers or the Vermont State Colleges.

19 (b) Career and Technical Education Centers and the Vermont State
20 Colleges are the only eligible applicants for grants awarded under the Program.

1 Not more than 50 percent of the allocated funding under this provision may be
2 awarded to the Vermont State Colleges.

3 (c) Grants may only be awarded to applicants who demonstrate how use of
4 the grant-funded equipment;

5 (1) in the case of a Career and Technical Education Center, will be
6 shared with at least one other Career and Technical Education Center, the
7 Department of Corrections, or an accredited post-secondary college or
8 university located in Vermont; or

9 (2) in the case of a Vermont State College, will be shared with at least on
10 other Career and Technical Education Center, or if not shared, will align with
11 programming offered at a Career and Technical Education Center that results
12 in an expanded career pathway in partnership with an adult career and
13 technical education program.

14 (e) (d) An applicant's training program shall qualify for a grant described in
15 subsection (a) of this section if it includes all of the following requirements:

16 (1) meets current occupational demand, as evidenced by current labor
17 market information;

18 (2) aligns with a career pathway or set of stackable credentials involving
19 a college or university accredited in Vermont;

20 (3) is supported with a business or industry partnership;

1 (4) sets forth how equipment will be maintained, insured, shared, and
2 transported, if applicable; and

3 (5) is endorsed by the Adult Career and Technical Education
4 Association.

5 ~~(d)~~ (e) Grants awarded under this program shall be used to purchase capital-
6 eligible equipment. Grants shall not be used to support curriculum
7 development, instruction, or program administration.

8 ~~(e)~~ (f) On or before July 15, 2018, the Department shall develop and publish
9 a simplified grant application that meets the criteria described in ~~subsection (b)~~
10 ~~of this section~~. The Department shall consult with the Agency of Education
11 and the State Workforce Development Board in reviewing applications and
12 selecting grantees.

13 ~~(f)~~ (g) Grantees shall have ownership over any share of equipment
14 purchased with the use of these funds. Any equipment purchased from this
15 program may also be used by secondary career technical education programs.

16 ~~(g)~~ (h) On or before February 15, 2019, the Department of Labor shall
17 submit a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and
18 the Senate Committee on Institutions that includes the following:

19 (1) how the funds were used, expected outcomes, recommended
20 performance metrics to ensure success of the program, and any other relevant
21 information that would inform future decisions about the use of this program;

1 (2) assessment of the functionality and accessibility of shared-
2 equipment agreements; and

3 (3) how, and the extent to which, the program shall be funded in the
4 future.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.

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14 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE