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HOUSE BILL NO. 950

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BECK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 178.585, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vocational and technical education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 178.585, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 178.585, to read as follows:

178.585. 1. Under rules and regulations of the state board of education, the commissioner of education, in cooperation with the director of the division of workforce development of the department of economic development, shall establish procedures to provide grants to public high schools, vocational-technical schools, State Technical College of Missouri, and community colleges solely for the purpose of new programs, curriculum enhancement, equipment and facilities, **and the promotion of programs designed to assist members of the public in developing skills related to high-demand occupations, based on data derived under the provisions of section 167.902**, so as to upgrade vocational and technical education in the state.

2. Each vocational-technical school, community college, State Technical College of Missouri, and school district of any public high school receiving a grant authorized by this section shall have an advisory committee composed of local business persons, labor leaders, parents, senior citizens, community leaders and teachers to establish a plan to ensure that students who graduate from the vocational-technical school, community college, State Technical College of Missouri, or public high school proceed to a four-year college or high-wage job with workplace-skill development opportunities.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 3. The director of the department of economic development shall provide annually to the
18 commissioner of education a listing of demand occupations in the state including substate
19 projections. The listing shall include those occupations for which, in the judgment of the
20 director of the department of economic development, there is a critical shortage to meet present
21 or future employment needs necessary to the economic growth and competitiveness of the state.

22 4. In any fiscal year, at least seventy-five percent of all moneys for the grant awards
23 authorized by this section shall be to public high schools, vocational-technical schools, State
24 Technical College of Missouri, or community colleges for new programs, curriculum
25 enhancement or equipment necessary to address demand occupations identified [~~pursuant to~~]
26 **under** subsection 3 of this section.

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