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STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS
2016 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner
House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson
LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill provides for strategic workforce investments.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
defines terms; and
 establishes a process for investing strategically in workforce development through
the development of stackable credentials.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
This bill appropriates:
• to the Department of Administrative Services - Division of Finance Mandated -
Strategic Workforce Investments, as an ongoing appropriation:
• from the Education Fund, \$1,500,000.
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
53B-26-101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
53B-26-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
53B-26-103 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

Section 1. Section **53B-26-101** is enacted to read:

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30	CHAPTER 26. STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT
31	<u>53B-26-101.</u> 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

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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:

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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.		

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114	Item 1 To the Department of Administrative Services - Division of Finance Manda	ted -
115	Strategic Workforce Investments	
116	From Education Fund	\$1,500,000
117	Schedule of Programs:	
118	Strategic Workforce Investments \$1,500,000	
119	The Legislature intends that appropriations under Item 1:	
120	(1) be reallocated in a future appropriations act to eligible partnerships that submit	<u>a</u>
121	proposal that meets the criteria described in Subsection 53B-26-103(4); and	
122	(2) under Section 63J-1-603, not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2017.	