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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 845

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
 2 TRAINING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE  
 3 OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE  
 4 USED BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE MISSISSIPPI  
 5 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTING AS THE FISCAL AGENT, FOR  
 6 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
 7 FOR THE TRAINING NEEDS THAT MAY ARISE WHEN NEW BUSINESSES LOCATE  
 8 IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR A  
 9 GRANT; TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR THE  
 10 OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi New  
 13 Economic Development Training Assistance Grant Program to be  
 14 administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant  
 15 program shall be used by the Office of Workforce Development, with  
 16 the Mississippi Department of Employment Security acting as the  
 17 fiscal agent, for the purpose of providing support to community  
 18 and junior colleges for the training needs that may arise when new  
 19 businesses locate in Mississippi. The grant program shall be  
 20 funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that  
 21 purpose.



22           (2) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the  
23 terms and conditions of grants awarded under the program. In  
24 order to receive a grant under the program, a community or junior  
25 college must provide the following information to the Office of  
26 Workforce Development:

27                   (a) The total amount of funds that will be required;

28                   (b) How the funds will be used by the community or  
29 junior college to support the training needs of the new business;  
30 and

31                   (c) Any other information that the office determines is  
32 necessary.

33           (3) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of  
34 five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the  
35 administration of the program.

36           (4) The Office of Workforce Development shall submit a  
37 quarterly report on the grant program to the Governor, the  
38 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
39 the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the  
40 Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee.  
41 The report shall contain a detailed explanation of how the funds  
42 appropriated for the program were awarded, how those grants were  
43 used by the community or junior college to support the training  
44 needs of the new business, and whether more funds are needed for  
45 the program. The community or junior college that received grants



46 from the program shall assist the office in completing the  
47 reporting requirement.

48           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
49 and after July 1, 2023.

