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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 845
(As Passed the House)

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 AND PROVIDING SUPPORT TO EXISTING INDUSTRIES WHO
9 MAY LOSE EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF THE NEW BUSINESS LOCATING IN THE
10 AREA; TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR A GRANT; TO
11 PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ABOUT THE PROGRAM FOR THE OFFICE OF
12 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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



23 locating in the area. The grant program shall be funded from
24 monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

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

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

31 (b) How the funds will be used by the community or
32 junior college to support the training needs of the new business
33 and how the funds will be used by the existing industry to support
34 its training needs or other needs that may have arisen as a result
35 of the new business locating in the area; and

36 (c) Any other information that the office determines is
37 necessary.

38 (3) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of
39 five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the
40 administration of the program.

41 (4) The Office of Workforce Development shall submit a
42 quarterly report on the grant program to the Governor, the
43 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
44 the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the
45 Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee.
46 The report shall contain a detailed explanation of how the funds
47 appropriated for the program were awarded, how those grants were



48 used by the existing industry, how those grants were used by the
49 community or junior college or existing industry to support the
50 training needs of the new business, and whether more funds are
51 needed for the program. The community or junior college that
52 received grants from the program shall assist the office in
53 completing the reporting requirement.

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

