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To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 1412

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO
2 PILOT THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR CAREER AND
3 TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF
4 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE ANY FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE
5 PROGRAM TO THE DELTA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA, THE TWIN DISTRICTS
6 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA, THE MISSISSIPPI PARTNERSHIP WORKFORCE
7 INVESTMENT AREA AND THE SOUTHCENTRAL MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE
8 INVESTMENT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES
9 AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WHERE SUCH COURSES QUALIFY AS A PRIORITY
10 SECTOR STRATEGY, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE; TO PROVIDE THE
11 AMOUNT OF THE GRANT; TO PROVIDE WHAT THE GRANT MAY BE USED FOR; TO
12 PROVIDE A REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
13 THE FUNDS THAT SHALL BE USED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
14 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** (1) Subject to appropriation, the Office of
17 Workforce Development, shall pilot the Mississippi Workforce Dual
18 Enrollment for Career and Technical Education Grant Program. The
19 Office of Workforce Development shall distribute any funds
20 received for the program to the Delta Workforce Investment Area,
21 the Twin Districts Workforce Investment Area, the Mississippi
22 Partnership Workforce Investment Area and the Southcentral
23 Mississippi Workforce Investment Area for the purpose of funding
24 dual enrollment courses at community colleges, where such courses



qualify as a priority sector strategy, as established by the office.

(2) Each workforce investment area shall pay a grant to each community college in an amount equal to One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per credit hour per student for each student who is enrolled in a dual enrollment course that meets the definition of a priority sector strategy as determined by the office. The grants shall be used by the community colleges to pay for the costs of educating a career and technical education dual enrollment student. The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program.

(3) On or before October 1 of each year, the Office of Workforce Development shall submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees, the Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee on the following:

- (a) The number of students being served by the program;
- (b) The increase, if any, in the number of dual enrollment students;
- (c) The courses being most and least utilized with the program;
- (d) The number of students who are enrolled in dual enrollment as a result of the program who are interested in



50 furthering their training in the program after the course ends;
51 and

52 (e) Any other information as deemed appropriate by the
53 chairmen of the committees or the office.

54 (4) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of
55 one percent (1%) of funds for the program for the administration
56 of the program, and the planning and development districts may use
57 a maximum of two percent (2%) of funds for the program for the
58 administration of the program.

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 2025.

