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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



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

27 (2) Each workforce investment area shall pay a grant to each  
28 community college in an amount equal to One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
29 (\$150.00) per credit hour per student for each student who is  
30 enrolled in a dual enrollment course that meets the definition of  
31 a priority sector strategy as determined by the office. The  
32 grants shall be used by the community colleges to pay for the  
33 costs of educating a career and technical education dual  
34 enrollment student. The Office of Workforce Development shall  
35 prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program.

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

- 43 (a) The number of students being served by the program;  
44 (b) The increase, if any, in the number of dual  
45 enrollment students;  
46 (c) The courses being most and least utilized with the  
47 program;  
48 (d) The number of students who are enrolled in dual  
49 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.

