

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 161 # 4

DIGEST

Education matters. Removes a provision requiring the department of education to adopt rules. Removes a provision concerning low earning outcome degree programs. Requires the department of workforce development, in consultation with the commission for higher education, to establish certain processes concerning workforce training programs.

- 1 Page 1, line 10, delete "and" and insert "**or**".
- 2 Page 3, line 3, delete "December" and insert "**January**".
- 3 Page 3, line 12, delete "is eligible to" and insert "**shall**".
- 4 Page 3, delete lines 31 through 42.
- 5 Page 4, delete lines 1 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:
6 "SECTION 5. IC 22-4.1-4-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section,**
9 "**High skill, high wage, or in demand industry sectors or**
10 **occupations**" means sectors or occupations identified by the state
11 pursuant to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education
12 Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.) and applicable state and local
13 workforce development processes.
- 14 **(b) The department, in consultation with the commission for**
15 **higher education (established under IC 21-18-2-1) shall do the**
16 **following:**
- 17 **(1) Establish a process to identify and approve eligible**
18 **workforce training programs that prepare students for high**
19 **skill, high wage, or in demand industry sectors or occupations**
20 **for workforce Pell grants.**
- 21 **(2) Establish a process for institutions and programs to:**
22 **(A) apply for recognition as an eligible workforce training**
23 **program;**
24 **(B) be approved for workforce Pell grants; and**
25 **(C) appeal denials of workforce Pell grants.**
- 26 **(3) Coordinate certification and oversight of eligible**

1 **workforce training programs with:**
2 **(A) workforce focused agencies;**
3 **(B) workforce related programs; and**
4 **(C) state and federal programs.**

5 **(4) Require eligible workforce training programs to provide**
6 **data required under applicable federal workforce Pell grant**
7 **regulations, including:**

8 **(A) program completion rates;**
9 **(B) job placement rates; and**
10 **(C) graduate earnings.**

11 **(c) The department shall ensure that the implementation of this**
12 **section does not impose requirements more restrictive than, or**
13 **inconsistent with, any applicable federal rules governing the**
14 **workforce Pell grant program.".**

15 Page 5, delete lines 1 through 26.

16 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 161 as introduced.)