



# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 161, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 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.

- 1           **(2) Establish a process for institutions and programs to:**
- 2               **(A) apply for recognition as an eligible workforce training**
- 3               **program;**
- 4               **(B) be approved for workforce Pell grants; and**
- 5               **(C) appeal denials of workforce Pell grants.**
- 6           **(3) Coordinate certification and oversight of eligible**
- 7           **workforce training programs with:**
- 8               **(A) workforce focused agencies;**
- 9               **(B) workforce related programs; and**
- 10              **(C) state and federal programs.**
- 11           **(4) Require eligible workforce training programs to provide**
- 12           **data required under applicable federal workforce Pell grant**
- 13           **regulations, including:**
- 14               **(A) program completion rates;**
- 15               **(B) job placement rates; and**
- 16               **(C) graduate earnings.**
- 17           **(c) The department shall ensure that the implementation of this**
- 18           **section does not impose requirements more restrictive than, or**
- 19           **inconsistent with, any applicable federal rules governing the**
- 20           **workforce Pell grant program."**
- 21           Page 5, delete lines 1 through 26.
- 22           Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 161 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 3.

**Senator Raatz, Chairperson**