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SENATE BILL ***152-FN***

AN ACT relative to New Hampshire workforce training programs.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Goley, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of education to establish a marine trades pathway at a regional career technology center, establishes a career and technical education workforce development and innovation fund, and establishes an offshore wind industry workforce training center committee in the department of business and economic affairs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to New Hampshire workforce training programs.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Department of Education; Career and Technical Education; Regional Programs; New
2 Hampshire Workforce Training; Funding.

3 I. The department of education shall establish a marine trades pathway at a regional career
4 technology center, upon application from a regional technology center demonstrating need for
5 workforce development, and planning for any funding needed for space, equipment, and instructional
6 time. The proposal shall include coordination and participation of businesses and industries related
7 to marine trades.

8 II. The commissioner of the department of education may increase the project fund reserve
9 in New Hampshire state plan under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st
10 Century Act (Perkins V) to 15 percent to support program development and other grants.

11 2 New Subdivision; Workforce Development and Innovation Fund. Amend RSA 188-E by
12 inserting after section 29 the following new subdivision:

13 Workforce Development and Innovation Fund.

14 188-E:30 Workforce Development and Innovation Fund Established.

15 I. There is established a nonlapsing fund in the department of education to be known as the
16 career and technical education workforce development and innovation fund.

17 II. The fund may include the commissioner of education's project fund reserve under the
18 New Hampshire state plan, and shall include state appropriations designated for the purposes of the
19 fund, federal and other grants designated for the purposes of the fund, including proceeds designated
20 for workforce development by the federal government from Gulf of Maine offshore wind lease
21 auctions, as allocated to the state of New Hampshire, contributions from businesses and industries,
22 designated for the purposes of the fund, and any other sources. The commissioner of education is
23 authorized to establish procedures for the use of funds and to disburse funds as recommended by the
24 offshore wind industry workforce training center committee in RSA 12-O:51-a.

25 III. The commissioner shall consult with the Business and Industry Association, the labor
26 department, CTE directors, the community college system of New Hampshire, CTE sector partners,
27 and others, on workforce needs that can be met through innovative programming and program
28 expansion at the career and technical education centers, and through partnerships with business
29 and industry, the community college system of New Hampshire, union training and apprenticeship
30 programs, and other entities offering workforce training partnerships. Program expansion may

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1 include emerging industries, such as the offshore wind industry and other renewable energy
2 industries.

3 IV. The commissioner shall report annually by November 1 to the speaker of the house of
4 representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairs of the house and senate education
5 committees, and the chair of the career and technical education advisory council on the fund's
6 income and expenditures.

7 3 New Section; Offshore Wind Industry Workforce Training Center Committee. Amend RSA 12-
8 O by inserting after section 51 the following new section:

9 12-O:51-a Offshore Wind Industry Workforce Training Center Committee.

10 I. The offshore wind industry workforce training center committee is established in the
11 department of business and economic affairs. The committee shall consist of:

12 (a) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.

13 (b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.

14 (c) The commissioner of the labor department, or designee.

15 (d) The executive director of fish and game department, or designee for marine
16 programs.

17 (e) A representative of the New Hampshire coastal program under RSA 485-I, appointed
18 by the commissioner of environmental services.

19 (f) Two representatives of public utilities, selected by the utilities.

20 (g) Three representatives of organized labor, selected by the commissioner of labor upon
21 recommendation by organized labor.

22 (h) The president of Great Bay community college, or designee.

23 (i) The department of education CTE director.

24 (j) The director of the New Hampshire port authority.

25 (k) The director of the office of offshore wind industry under RSA 12-P:7.

26 (l) A representative of the Portsmouth Collaborative Chamber of Commerce.

27 (m) The President of Granite Shore Power, or designee.

28 II. The committee shall examine workforce needs of the Gulf of Maine offshore wind
29 industry, and shall make recommendations on workforce training, including coordination of
30 programs with union and other apprentice and workforce training programs. The committee shall
31 study the need to build and staff an offshore wind industry workforce training center convenient to
32 the Port of Portsmouth, including high need fields such as electricians and welders. The study shall
33 include a plan for inclusion of the seacoast region career and technical education centers, Great Bay
34 community college, and union apprenticeship and training programs. The study shall include a
35 consideration of lease or capital expenditures for facilities, equipment, instructional costs, and
36 transportation costs for students from seacoast region career and technical education centers. The
37 committee shall study criteria for agreements of partners and for the use of any funding available

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1 from the career and technical education workforce development and innovation fund established in
2 RSA 188-E:30, state appropriations, federal funding and grants, the offshore wind industry, unions,
3 or other sources.

4 III. The committee shall report annually by November 1 to the governor, the chair of the
5 New Hampshire offshore wind and port development commission under RSA 374-F:10, and the
6 president of the Business and Industry Association.

7 4 New Subparagraph; Application of Receipts; Dedicated Funds. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by
8 inserting after subparagraph (387) the following new subparagraph:

9 (388) Moneys deposited in the career and technical education workforce development
10 and innovation fund established in RSA 188-E:30.

11 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

SB 152-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☒ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Workforce Development and Innovation Fund			

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, effective July 1, 2023, would require the Department of Education to develop a career pathway in marine trades at a regional technology center upon application demonstrating need for workforce development, and establishes a career and technical education workforce development and innovation fund. As this bill makes no appropriation to the newly established dedicated fund and it cannot be predicted how many (if any) applications may be received, the Department is unable to provide an estimate as to this bill's impact on state and local revenue or expenditures at this time.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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