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HOUSE BILL 1154

Short Title: CC Critical Tech. Workforce Fund. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Roberson, Saine, and Szoka (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 31, 2022

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
3 CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES WORKFORCE FUND.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by  
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115D-44. Community College Critical Technologies Workforce Fund.**

8 (a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term "critical technologies" refers to  
9 any of the following:

10 (1) A clean energy or clean transportation technology, including the  
11 manufacturing of semiconductors.

12 (2) Cybersecurity technology.

13 (3) Technology essential to supporting, maintaining, or constructing the domestic  
14 electrical grid or for proper handling or management of recycling or reusing  
15 decommissioned renewable energy equipment.

16 (4) Drinking water infrastructure.

17 (5) Any materials or components directly used in the technologies listed in this  
18 subsection.

19 (b) There is established the Community College Critical Technologies Workforce Fund  
20 to be administered by the Community Colleges System Office. The Fund shall consist of all  
21 monies appropriated to the Fund and any interest accrued thereon. The Fund shall be used to  
22 support workforce development programs in community colleges related to critical technologies  
23 in order to enhance the economic competitiveness of the State and promote national security and  
24 energy independence from foreign energy sources. Monies appropriated to the Fund shall not  
25 revert but shall remain available until expended. The State Board of Community Colleges shall  
26 adopt a formula for the distribution of the monies in the Fund based on the number of full-time  
27 equivalent students enrolled in a community college."

28 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Community  
29 College Critical Technologies Workforce Fund the sum of one million five hundred thousand  
30 dollars (\$1,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be used in accordance  
31 with G.S. 115D-44, as enacted by Section 1 of this act.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.

