

**THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 1979**

\*\*\*\*\* 388.1661c.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

**388.1661c.added CTE skilled trades initiative.**

Sec. 61c. (1) From the general fund appropriation in section 11, there is allocated for 2016-2017 an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 to career education planning districts for the CTE skilled trades initiative under this section.

(2) To be eligible to receive funding under this section, each CEPD shall apply in a form and manner determined by the department. Funding to each CEPD shall be equal to the quotient of the allocation under subsection (1) and the sum of the number of cooperating educational policy districts applying for funding under this section.

(3) The funding allocated to each CEPD shall be used to update equipment in current CTE programs that are supporting and driving economic development in their individual communities, or for new and emerging certified CTE programs to allow CEPD administrators to provide programming in communities that will enhance economic development. The funding for equipment should be used to support and enhance community areas that have sustained job growth, and act as a commitment to build a more qualified and skilled workforce.

(4) The allocation of funds at the local level shall be determined by CEPD administrators using data from the state, region, and local sources to make well-informed decisions on program equipment improvements. Grants awarded by CEPD administrators for capital infrastructure shall be used to ensure that CTE programs can deliver educational programs in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations. Each CEPD shall continue to ensure that program advisory boards make recommendations on needed improvements for equipment that support job growth and job skill development and retention for both the present and the future.

(5) Not later than September 15 of each fiscal year, each CEPD receiving funding under this section shall annually report to the department, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state school aid, and the senate and house fiscal agencies and legislature on equipment purchased under this section. In addition, the report shall identify growth data on program involvement, retention, and development of student skills.

(6) In addition to the funds allocated under subsection (1), from the funds appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for 2016-2017 an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 to a district to support a mechatronics program that operated in 2015-2016 for updating mechatronics program equipment. To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, a program shall be a flexible learning program that offered in 2015-2016 both classroom and hands-on training in mechatronics.

(7) As used in this section, "CEPD" means a career education planning district described in this section.

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