OVERVIEW: Sec. 9.14 of S.L. 2017-57 provides that of the funds appropriated to the Community Colleges System Office (System Office) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the System Office must allocate funds to community colleges to support short-term workforce training courses leading to industry credentials. The State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) must adopt an application process for community colleges to apply to receive these funds which are to be allocated at the same full-time equivalent (FTE) value as curriculum courses.

By April 1, 2018, the SBCC must report on the implementation of this section to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the House Appropriations Committee on Education, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.