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1 AN ACT Relating to career and technical education programs in
2 middle schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.700 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.700
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
9 instruction shall allocate grants to middle schools for career and
10 technical education programs. Grant funds must be allocated on a one-
11 time basis and must be used to refurbish or upgrade technology and
12 equipment to meet industry standards in new or existing programs.
13 Priority in allocating the funds must be given to programs that
14 develop and improve skills that have direct applicability in
15 construction trades.

16 (2) Middle schools, in applying for grant funds under this
17 section, must, in accordance with other requirements determined by
18 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, demonstrate
19 how the technology and equipment purchases funded with the grant
20 would be employed and improve the rigor and quality of a proposed or
21 existing career and technical education program.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The office of the superintendent of
2 public instruction shall examine barriers to increased participation
3 in career and technical education programs by middle school students.
4 Examined barriers may include, but are not limited to, shortages of
5 qualified educators with career and technical education teaching
6 certificates.

7 (b) In addition to determining and describing participation
8 barriers, the examination must include a three-year strategy for
9 increasing: The number and quality of career and technical education
10 programs available to middle school students; and the number of
11 middle school students participating in career and technical
12 education programs. The examination may also include recommendations
13 for modifications to certification requirements governing career and
14 technical education educators.

15 (2) The report required by this section, including findings and
16 recommendations, and any draft legislation, must be provided to the
17 governor and, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, the education
18 committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December
19 1, 2017.

20 (3) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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