

260C.18A Workforce training and economic development funds.

1. *a.* A workforce training and economic development fund is created for each community college. Moneys shall be deposited and expended from a fund as provided under this section.

b. Moneys in the funds shall consist of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly and any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the department of economic development from federal sources or private sources for placement in the funds. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the funds at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to any other fund but shall remain in the funds for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

2. On July 1 of each year for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and for every fiscal year thereafter, moneys from the grow Iowa values fund created in section 15G.108 are appropriated to the department of economic development for deposit in the workforce training and economic development funds in amounts determined pursuant to subsection 3. Moneys deposited in the funds and disbursed to community colleges for a fiscal year shall be expended for the following purposes, provided seventy percent of the moneys shall be used on projects in the areas of advanced manufacturing, information technology and insurance, and life sciences which include the areas of biotechnology, health care technology, and nursing care technology:

a. Projects in which an agreement between a community college and an employer located within the community college's merged area meet all of the requirements of the accelerated career education program under chapter 260G.

b. Projects in which an agreement between a community college and a business meet all the requirements of the Iowa jobs training Act under chapter 260F.

c. For the development and implementation of career academies designed to provide new career preparation opportunities for high school students that are formally linked with postsecondary career and technical education programs. For purposes of this section, "*career academy*" means a program of study that combines a minimum of two years of secondary education with an associate degree, or the equivalent, career preparatory program in a nonduplicative, sequential course of study that is standards based, integrates academic and technical instruction, utilizes work-based and worksite learning where appropriate and available, utilizes an individual career planning process with parent involvement, and leads to an associate degree or postsecondary diploma or certificate in a career field that prepares an individual for entry and advancement in a high-skill and reward career field and further education. The department of economic development, in conjunction with the state board of education and the division of community colleges and workforce preparation of the department of education, shall adopt administrative rules for the development and implementation of such career academies pursuant to section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph "*h*", section 260C.1, and Title II of Pub. L. No. 105-332, Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998.

d. Programs and courses that provide vocational and technical training, and programs for in-service training and retraining under section 260C.1, subsections 2 and 3.

e. Job retention projects under section 260F.9.

3. Of the moneys appropriated in this section, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2006, the following amounts shall be designated for the purposes of funding job retention projects under section 260F.9:

a. One million dollars for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

b. One million dollars for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

