

CHAPTER 137

AN ACT concerning the establishment of green job certification programs and supplementing chapters 54 and 64A of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:54-24.1 “Green job” defined, certification program.

1. a. As used in this section, “green job” means those aspects of employment that deal with renewable energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and energy sustainability.

b. A county vocational school district may enter into a partnership with one or more private entities to develop and establish a green jobs certification program. Under the program the county vocational school district shall identify needed skills, develop training programs, and train workers for green jobs in one or more industries including, but not limited to, energy efficient building, construction and retrofits, renewable electric power, energy efficient vehicles, biofuels, and manufacturing that produces sustainable products and uses sustainable processes and materials. The county vocational school district shall issue a green jobs certification to each person who successfully completes the training program.

c. A county vocational school district may review national standards established by various industries in developing a green jobs certification program.

d. A county vocational school district may consult with the Department of Community Affairs in developing a green jobs certification program.

C.18A:64A-81 County colleges to establish green job certification programs.

2. a. As used in this section, “green job” means those aspects of employment that deal with renewable energy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and energy sustainability.

b. A county college may enter into a partnership with one or more private entities to develop and establish a green jobs certification program. Under the program the county college shall identify needed skills, develop training programs, and train workers for green jobs in one or more industries including, but not limited to, energy efficient building, construction and retrofits, renewable electric power, energy efficient vehicles, biofuels, and manufacturing that produces sustainable products and uses sustainable processes and materials. The county college shall issue a green jobs certification to each person who successfully completes the training program.

c. A county college may review national standards established by various industries in developing a green jobs certification program.

d. A county college may consult with the Department of Community Affairs in developing a green jobs certification program.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved November 7, 2011.