

STATE SENATOR TERRY GERRATANA

Creating Jobs for the New Innovation Economy

This year, I supported a number of new initiatives* to focus on the new innovation economy so we are building jobs for the next generation. From the Industrial Revolution to the modern jet engine and the financial industry, our state has been at the forefront of the nation's economy. But as the business world changes, we must once again reinvent our economy to continue to lead. These new initiatives **use our economic strengths—a highly educated and productive workforce, top-tier universities and existing businesses—to capture future job growth at the startup level** and others ready for growth.

- **Develops and attracts entrepreneurs** who create new start-ups and jobs and helps **grow successful startups into large firms**
- **Establishes Innovation Places**—dense, local networks of innovators and entrepreneurs—**where new businesses can grow faster together**
- **Connects colleges and universities with the private sector** to convert research into new businesses
- **Incentivizes more private funding** to support growing companies



- **Trains more software developers, programmers and other applicants for in-demand tech jobs** through apprenticeship and other programs
- Invests in **night classes at vo-tech schools** for high school students and adults looking to change careers or learn new job skills in areas like plumbing, electrical, tech support, and other skilled trades
- **Coordinates community colleges and local employers** to match direct jobs needs in manufacturing

*Senate Bill 502, Senate Bill 503 and the "300 Days, 300 Jobs" program

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This year, I led passage of a number of laws to leverage **innovation and entrepreneurship for jobs** in the new economy for future generations.

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