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Finds that skill centers provide students with high quality educational opportunities through programs that combine academics with career and technical education.

Finds that skill centers provide extremely valuable support to local businesses seeking skilled entry-level employees and to communities attempting to enhance local economic development opportunities.

Finds that the funding formula used for skill center students needs to be revised to ensure that a student who is taking classes at a skill center and high school simultaneously generates full funding for the instruction that each provides to the student.