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House Bill No. 5434

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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE COOPERATIVE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) Not later than September
2 1, 2014, the regional community-technical college system shall
3 collaborate with the technical high school system to develop a
4 cooperative agreement pursuant to which each regional community-
5 technical college and its neighboring technical high school may (1)
6 share space, equipment, materials or instructors, and (2) allow
7 technical high school students to earn college credit from the regional
8 community-technical college. Such collaboration shall consider the
9 necessity for a memorandum of understanding between each such
10 college and neighboring technical high school in order to facilitate such
11 agreement.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the
13 regional community-technical college system shall report on the status

14 of (1) the cooperative agreement developed pursuant to subsection (a)
15 of this section, and (2) the relationship between each regional
16 community-technical college and its neighboring technical high school
17 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
18 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
19 advancement in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
20 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2014	New section

HED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the State Department of Education as they may already enter into agreements concerning shared facilities/equipment and student enrollments.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5434*****AN ACT REQUIRING A TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGE COOPERATIVE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the regional community-technical college (CTC) system to collaborate and develop a cooperative agreement with the technical high school system by September 1, 2014. This agreement may (1) allow each CTC and its neighboring technical high school to share space, equipment, material, or instructors and (2) permit the high school students to earn college credit from the CTC. The bill requires the two systems to consider whether a memorandum of understanding between each CTC and neighboring technical high school is needed to facilitate the agreement.

Under the bill, the CTC system must annually report to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, beginning January 1, 2015, on (1) the status of the cooperative agreement and (2) the relationship between each CTC and its neighboring technical high school.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)