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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2024*):

4 (b) During the five-year period beginning January 1, 2020, and during
5 each five-year period thereafter, the board shall evaluate each existing
6 technical education and career school trade program in accordance with
7 a schedule which the board shall establish. A trade program may be
8 reauthorized for a period of not more than five years following each
9 evaluation on the basis of: The projected employment demand for
10 students enrolled in the trade program, including consideration of the
11 employment of graduates of the program during the preceding five
12 years; anticipated technological changes; the availability of qualified
13 instructors; the existence of similar programs at other educational
14 institutions; and student interest in the trade program. As part of the
15 evaluation, the board shall consider geographic differences that may

16 make a trade program feasible at one school and not another and
17 whether certain combinations of program offerings shall be required.
18 Prior to any final decision on the reauthorization of a trade program, the
19 board shall consult with the [craft] program advisory committees for the
20 trade program being evaluated.

21 Sec. 2. Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

23 The Technical Education and Career System board shall include in
24 the report required pursuant to section 10-95k, a summary of the
25 following:

26 (1) Admissions policies for the Technical Education and Career
27 System;

28 (2) Recruitment and retention of faculty;

29 (3) Efforts to strengthen consideration of the needs of and to develop
30 greater public awareness of the Technical Education and Career System;
31 and

32 (4) Efforts to strengthen the role of [career and technical education]
33 program advisory committees and increase employer participation.

34 Sec. 3. Section 10-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

36 The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System
37 may indemnify and hold harmless any person, as defined in section 1-
38 79, who makes a gift of tangible property or properties with a fair
39 market value in excess of one thousand dollars to the Technical
40 Education and Career System for instructional purposes. Any
41 indemnification under this section shall be solely for any damages
42 caused as a result of the use of such tangible property, provided there
43 shall be no indemnification for any liability resulting from (1)
44 intentional or wilful misconduct by the person providing such tangible
45 property to [the department or] the Technical Education and Career

46 System, or (2) hidden defects in such tangible property that are known
47 to and not disclosed by the person providing such tangible property to
48 [the department or] the Technical Education and Career System at the
49 time the gift is made.

50 Sec. 4. Section 10-66p of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

52 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-98, 4-212 to 4-219,
53 inclusive, 4a-51 and 4a-57, the Commissioner of Education may allocate
54 funds to allow regional educational service centers and state education
55 organizations to provide professional development services, technical
56 assistance and evaluation activities to local and regional boards of
57 education, state charter schools, technical education and career schools,
58 school readiness providers and other educational entities, as
59 determined by the commissioner. Regional educational service centers
60 and state education organizations shall expend such funds in
61 accordance with procedures and conditions prescribed by the
62 commissioner. For purposes of this section, state education
63 organizations may include, but not be limited to, organizations or
64 associations representing superintendents, boards of education and
65 elementary and secondary schools.

66 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-98, 4-212 to 4-219,
67 inclusive, 4a-51 and 4a-57, the executive director of the Technical
68 Education and Career System may allocate funds to allow regional
69 educational service centers to provide professional development
70 services, technical assistance, special education services and evaluation
71 activities to technical education and career schools.

72 Sec. 5. Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the
73 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

74 There is established a state-wide system of technical education and
75 career schools to be known as the Technical Education and Career
76 System. The Technical Education and Career System shall offer (1) full-
77 time comprehensive secondary education at technical high schools

78 located throughout the state, and [may offer] (2) part-time, [and]
79 evening [,] and extracurricular programs in vocational, technical,
80 technological and postsecondary education and training.

81 Sec. 6. Section 10-95p of the general statutes is repealed and the
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

83 (a) There is established a division of postsecondary educational
84 programs within the Technical Education and Career System. The
85 division shall administer any postsecondary educational program that
86 (1) was offered at a technical education and career school during the
87 school year commencing July 1, 2016, or (2) is approved by the Technical
88 Education and Career System board. [on or after July 5, 2017.]

89 (b) Any student admitted for enrollment in a postsecondary
90 educational program administered by the division shall have a high
91 school diploma or its equivalent, or [be twenty-one years of age or older]
92 have completed the school year in which such student reaches twenty-
93 two years of age.

94 Sec. 7. Section 10-76q of the general statutes is repealed and the
95 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

96 (a) The Technical Education and Career System, established pursuant
97 to section 10-95, as amended by this act, shall: (1) Provide the
98 professional services necessary to identify, in accordance with section
99 10-76a, children requiring special education who are enrolled at a
100 technical education and career school; (2) identify each such child; (3)
101 determine the appropriateness of the technical education and career
102 school for the educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an
103 appropriate educational program for each such child; (5) maintain a
104 record thereof; and (6) annually evaluate the progress and
105 accomplishments of special education programs provided by the
106 Technical Education and Career System.

107 (b) For each child requiring special education who is enrolled at a
108 technical education and career school, the local or regional board of

109 education for the town in which such child resides shall provide (1)
 110 transition services, as defined in section 10-74o, for such child who has
 111 completed all academic and trade requirements at the technical
 112 education and career school, (2) placement outside of a technical
 113 education and career school as determined by such child's planning and
 114 placement team, and (3) transportation in accordance with section 10-
 115 97.

116 [(b)] (c) Where it is deemed appropriate that a child enrolled in a
 117 technical education and career school receive special education, the
 118 parents or guardian of such child shall have a right to the hearing and
 119 appeal process as provided for in section 10-76h.

120 [(c)] (d) Prior to a student's enrollment in a technical education and
 121 career school, the local or regional board of education for the town in
 122 which such student resides shall convene a planning and placement
 123 team meeting, except the planning and placement team meeting for a
 124 student who has been educated in a home shall be convened by the
 125 Technical Education and Career System. The purpose of such meeting
 126 shall be to address such student's transition to such technical education
 127 and career school and ensure that such student's individualized
 128 education program reflects the current supports and services that such
 129 student requires in order to access a free and appropriate public
 130 education in the least restrictive environment. A representative from
 131 such technical education and career school shall be invited to such
 132 meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-95i(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-95j
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-96c
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10-66p
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	10-95
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	10-95p
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-76q

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) update references to obsolete committees to "program advisory committee", (2) remove an obsolete reference to the Department of Education, (3) allow allocation of funds for regional educational service centers to provide certain services, and (4) detail the programs offered by, and the special education duties of, the Technical Education and Career System.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]