



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 153

February Session, 2024



**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*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 Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 Section 10-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the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] subsection, 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, as determined by the
72 executive director. Regional educational service centers shall expend
73 such funds in accordance with procedures and conditions prescribed by
74 the executive director.

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 Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

77 There is established a state-wide system of technical education and
78 career schools to be known as the Technical Education and Career

79 System. The Technical Education and Career System shall offer (1) full-
80 time comprehensive secondary education at technical high schools
81 located throughout the state, and [may offer] (2) part-time, [and]
82 evening [,] and extracurricular programs in vocational, technical,
83 technological and postsecondary education and training.

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 Section 10-95p of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

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

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 Section 10-76q of the general statutes is repealed and the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

99 (a) The Technical Education and Career System, established pursuant
100 to section 10-95, as amended by this act, shall: (1) Provide the
101 professional services necessary to identify, in accordance with section
102 10-76a, children requiring special education who are enrolled at a
103 technical education and career school; (2) identify each such child; (3)
104 determine the appropriateness of the technical education and career
105 school for the educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an
106 appropriate educational program for each such child, including, but not
107 limited to, transition programs, as defined in section 10-74o; (5)
108 maintain a record thereof; and (6) annually evaluate the progress and
109 accomplishments of special education programs provided by the

110 Technical Education and Career System.

111 (b) Where it is deemed appropriate that a child enrolled in a technical
112 education and career school receive special education, the parents or
113 guardian of such child shall have a right to the hearing and appeal
114 process as provided for in section 10-76h.

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

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