

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

Kentucky Career and Technical Education (CTE) Funding Study Report (March 2015)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

Statutes: KRS 158.810, KRS 157.069, KRS 156.802, KRS 157.360

Regulations: 705 KAR 2:140, 702 KAR 1:130

History/Background:

Existing Policy. Kentucky funds CTE programs in comprehensive high schools, locally-operated technical centers (CTCs) and state-operated Area Technology Centers (ATCs) utilizing a combination of federal Perkins funding and state SEEK and General Fund dollars.

This report extends the work of several recent studies on the state's CTE programs and funding policies by:

- summarizing and analyzing the various ways Kentucky's CTE programs, technical centers and schools are funded with state and federal dollars;
- defining what is adequate and equitable CTE funding; and
- exploring what it means to have a unified world-class CTE system and what resources, policies and questions must be addressed to move in that direction.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

State CTE Advisory Committee

This group was supportive of the report findings and has recommended that a sub-committee be developed to provide funding models for consideration by the advisory committee at its August 2015 meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Adequate and equitable funding is critical for successful implementation of Kentucky's CTE programs. CTE funding supports essential requirements, such as the purchase and maintenance of 21st century equipment and technology, student assessment and technical skill attainment needs, and professional learning. Without such support, Career and Technical Education (CTE) students are less likely to demonstrate college and career readiness, which is aligned to the goals of SB 1 (2009) and SB 38 (2012).

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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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