

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Consent Item:**

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 - Rights, Responsibilities and Liabilities and Kentucky State Plan for FY17

#### **Commissioner's Recommendation**

It is recommended that the board agree to the rights, responsibilities, and liabilities of the eligible agency and approve the revisions to the state plan.

#### **Rationale:**

The adoption of the state plan is required in order for the Kentucky Department of Education to receive federal funds.

#### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education agree to rights, responsibilities, and liabilities related to the “eligible agency” of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, and accept the revisions to the Kentucky State Plan for FY17?

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 12.020 and 20 U.S.C. 2302(12)

#### **History/Background:**

**Existing Policy:** The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act was first authorized by the federal government in 1984 and reauthorized in 1998. Named for Carl D. Perkins (U.S. Representative from Kentucky), the act aims to increase the quality of technical education within the United States in order to promote the economy. On August 12, 2006, President George W. Bush signed into law the reauthorization of the Act of 1998. The new law, the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006**, was passed almost unanimously by Congress in late July 2006. The law included new requirements for “programs of study” that linked academic and technical content across secondary and postsecondary education, and strengthened local accountability provisions that ensured continuous program improvement.

**Summary:** Each year the state is allowed to request revisions to the state plan. The revisions usually include the funding split between secondary and postsecondary institutions, as well as performance indicators and performance levels. For FY17, Kentucky will request the following revisions to the state plan:

1. The secondary/postsecondary funding split will be 51/49%. The split is determined based on full-time enrollment (FTE) data as self-reported by schools in the Technical Education Data System (TEDS). The proposed Perkins budget for FY 17 is attached for your reference.
2. The definitions for a secondary career and technical education concentrator is being changed.

Old language:

*“**Secondary Concentrators** are students who have successfully completed 50 percent of the four credits and are enrolled in the third or fourth credit course of a career and technical education program that requires at least four credits to complete the program.”*

New language:

A **“Secondary CTE Concentrator”** student has completed two (2) credits and is enrolled in the third credit within an approved CTE pathway.

- **“Completed two”** means on the transcript the student has passed and received 2 credits from valid course(s) as part of the pathway.
- **“Enrolled in the third credit”** means the student is scheduled to take the third credit sometime during the academic year. It is expected the student will successfully complete the credit bearing course(s) during the year. If the student withdraws or fails the third credit course(s) (must receive a credit on the student transcript), his/her status must be changed from preparatory back to exploring.

3. The Federal Agreed Upon Levels of Performance (FAUPL) have been adjusted at secondary and postsecondary levels. The postsecondary levels were adjusted to account for increased numbers of enrollment and adjustments made in the data collection process. The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) will negotiate with OCTE to arrive at the final goals for 2016-2017. The requested accountability goals for FY17 are outlined in a separate attachment.

A link to the current state Perkins plan can be found here:

[http://education.ky.gov/CTE/Documents/KY%20State%20Plan%202009%202013%20%284%29\\_FINAL%20Final\\_KDE\\_2%20Revisions.pdf](http://education.ky.gov/CTE/Documents/KY%20State%20Plan%202009%202013%20%284%29_FINAL%20Final_KDE_2%20Revisions.pdf).

**Budget Impact:** The Perkins Act provides almost \$1.3 billion in federal support for career and technical education programs in all 50 States, including support for integrated career pathway programs. During the 2017 Fiscal Year, Kentucky is estimated to receive \$17,905,647 through the Perkins Act. Failure to meet the state plan requirements will prohibit Kentucky from receiving these funds.

### **Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

Staff with the U.S. Department Of Education – Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education  
Leadership at the Kentucky Community & Technical College System  
Leadership at Eastern Kentucky University  
Leadership at Morehead State University

All have agreed to support the proposed plan for FY17.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**Date:**

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