

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act of 2006 (State Plan for 2017-2018)

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends 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 (KBE) agree to the rights, responsibilities, and liabilities related to the “eligible agency” of the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act, and accept the revisions to the Kentucky State Plan for FY18?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 12.020, KRS 156.850, 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 Perkins Act of 1998. The new law, the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006**, passed almost unanimously by Congress in July 2006. The law included new requirements for “programs of study” that linked academic and technical content across secondary and postsecondary education, and strengthens 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 FY18, Kentucky will request the following revisions to the state plan:

1. The secondary/postsecondary funding split will be 54%/46%. The split is determined based on full time equivalent (FTE) data as self-reported by schools in the Technical Education Data System (TEDS).

2. Program Administration Changes –The plan has been changed to state that Perkins funds may only be used for students that meet the requirements for technical skills attainment. Additionally, the plan reflects that Kentucky’s new teacher induction program will be administered by the Kentucky Department of Education. The program will include a 24-month induction that will instruct occupation-based teachers (teachers from business and industry) in classroom management, instructional strategies, creating lesson plans and developing instructional activities.
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 2017-2018.

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.

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 2018 Fiscal Year, Kentucky is estimated to receive \$17,905,647.00 through the Perkins Act. The President’s proposed budget indicates potential cuts to the Department of Education, but the impact is unknown at this time. 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

There have been accountability negotiations with the U.S. Department of Education, but there are no concerns at this time.

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