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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SWAN.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 162.1115 and 178.550, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to career and technical education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 162.1115 and 178.550, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 162.1115, 170.028, and 178.550, to read as follows:

162.1115. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no district shall be penalized for any reason under the Missouri school improvement program if students who graduate from the district complete career and technical education programs approved by the department of elementary and secondary education but are not placed in occupations directly related to their training within six months of graduating.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall revise its scoring guide under the Missouri school improvement program to provide additional points to districts that create and enter into a partnership with area career centers, comprehensive high schools, industry, and business to develop and implement a pathway for students to:

(1) Enroll in a program of career and technical education while in high school;

(2) Participate and complete an internship or apprenticeship during their final year of high school; and

(3) Obtain the industry certification or credentials applicable to their program or career and technical education and internship or apprenticeship.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 3. Each school district shall be authorized to create and enter into a partnership with area
16 career centers, comprehensive high schools, industry, and business to develop and implement
17 a pathway for students to:

18 (1) Enroll in a program of career and technical education while in high school;

19 (2) Participate and complete an internship or apprenticeship during their final year of
20 high school; and

21 (3) Obtain the industry certification or credentials applicable to their program or career
22 and technical education and internship or apprenticeship.

23 4. **In complying with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, each school**
24 **district may rely on technical coursework and skills assessments developed for industry-**
25 **recognized certificates and credentials.**

26 5. The department of elementary and secondary education shall permit student scores,
27 that are from a nationally recognized examination that demonstrates achievement of workplace
28 employability skills, to count towards credit for college and career readiness standards on the
29 Missouri school improvement program or any subsequent school accreditation or improvement
30 program.

170.028. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) **"Council", the career and technical education advisory council established**
3 **under section 178.550;**

4 (2) **"Industry certification", a full certification from a recognized industry, trade,**
5 **or professional association validating essential skills of a particular occupation, which may**
6 **include, but shall not be limited to:**

7 (a) **Any certification related to a high-demand occupation as described by the**
8 **Missouri economic research and information center (MERIC); and**

9 (b) **Perkins Technical Skills Assessment;**

10 (3) **"Occupational competency assessment", a national standardized assessment of**
11 **skills and knowledge in a specific career or technical area, which may include, but shall not**
12 **be limited to, assessments offered by the National Occupational Competency Testing**
13 **Institute (NOCTI).**

14 2. **The council shall annually review, update, approve, and recommend a list of**
15 **industry certifications, state-issued professional licenses, and occupational competency**
16 **assessments.**

17 3. **A school district may use the list described under subsection 2 of this section as**
18 **a resource in establishing programs of study that meet their regional workforce needs**
19 **under section 170.029.**

178.550. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Career and Technical Education Student Protection Act". There is hereby established the "Career and Technical Education Advisory Council" within the department of elementary and secondary education.

2. The advisory council shall be composed of [~~fifteen~~] **sixteen** members who shall be Missouri residents. **The director of the department of economic development, or his or her designee, shall be a member.** The commissioner of education shall appoint the following members:

- 8 (1) A director or administrator of a career and technical education center;
- 9 (2) An individual from the business community with a background in commerce;
- 10 (3) A representative from State Technical College of Missouri;
- 11 (4) Three current or retired career and technical education teachers who also serve or
- 12 served as an advisor to any of the nationally recognized career and technical education student
- 13 organizations of:
 - 14 (a) DECA;
 - 15 (b) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);
 - 16 (c) FFA;
 - 17 (d) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA);
 - 18 (e) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA);
 - 19 (f) SkillsUSA; or
 - 20 (g) Technology Student Association (TSA);
- 21 (5) A representative from a business organization, association of businesses, or a
- 22 business coalition;
- 23 (6) A representative from a Missouri community college;
- 24 (7) A representative from Southeast Missouri State University or the University of
- 25 Central Missouri;
- 26 (8) An individual participating in an apprenticeship recognized by the department of
- 27 labor and industrial relations or approved by the United States Department of Labor's Office of
- 28 Apprenticeship;
- 29 (9) A school administrator or school superintendent of a school that offers career and
- 30 technical education.

3. Members **appointed by the commissioner of education** shall serve a term of five years except for the initial appointments, which shall be for the following lengths:

- 33 (1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;
- 34 (2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;
- 35 (3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;
- 36 (4) Three members shall be appointed for a term of four years;

- 37 (5) Three members shall be appointed for a term of five years.
- 38 4. Four members shall be from the general assembly. The president pro tempore of the
39 senate shall appoint two members of the senate of whom not more than one shall be of the same
40 party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two members of the house of
41 representatives of whom not more than one shall be of the same party. The legislative members
42 shall serve on the advisory council until such time as they resign, are no longer members of the
43 general assembly, or are replaced by new appointments.
- 44 5. The advisory council shall have three nonvoting ex officio members:
- 45 (1) A director of guidance and counseling services at the department of elementary and
46 secondary education, or a similar position if such position ceases to exist;
- 47 (2) The director of the division of workforce development; and
- 48 (3) A member of the coordinating board for higher education, as selected by the
49 coordinating board.
- 50 6. The assistant commissioner for the office of college and career readiness of the
51 department of elementary and secondary education shall provide staff assistance to the advisory
52 council.
- 53 7. The advisory council shall meet at least four times annually. The advisory council
54 may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to conduct its meetings, elect its officers, and
55 set the terms and duties of its officers. The advisory council shall elect from among its members
56 a chairperson, vice chairperson, a secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems
57 necessary. Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but may be
58 reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the performance of their official duties for the
59 advisory council.
- 60 8. Any business to come before the advisory council shall be available on the advisory
61 council's internet website at least seven business days prior to the start of each meeting. All
62 records of any decisions, votes, exhibits, or outcomes shall be available on the advisory council's
63 internet website within forty-eight hours following the conclusion of every meeting. Any
64 materials prepared for the members shall be delivered to the members at least five days before
65 the meeting, and to the extent such materials are public records as defined in section 610.010 and
66 are not permitted to be closed under section 610.021, shall be made available on the advisory
67 council's internet website at least five business days in advance of the meeting.
- 68 9. The advisory council shall make an annual written report to the state board of
69 education and the commissioner of education regarding the development, implementation, and
70 administration of the state budget for career and technical education.

71 10. The advisory council shall annually submit written recommendations to the state
72 board of education and the commissioner of education regarding the oversight and procedures
73 for the handling of funds for student career and technical education organizations.

74 11. The advisory council shall:

75 (1) Develop a comprehensive statewide short- and long-range strategic plan for career
76 and technical education;

77 (2) Identify service gaps and provide advice on methods to close such gaps as they relate
78 to youth and adult employees, workforce development, and employers on training needs;

79 (3) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and improving
80 career and technical education;

81 (4) Identify legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education;

82 (5) Promote coordination of existing career and technical education programs;

83 (6) Adopt, alter, or repeal by its own bylaws, rules and regulations governing the manner
84 in which its business may be transacted.

85 12. For purposes of this section, the department of elementary and secondary education
86 shall provide such documentation and information as to allow the advisory council to be
87 effective.

88 13. For purposes of this section, "advisory council" shall mean the career and technical
89 education advisory council.

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