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AN ACT

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

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

Section A. Section 178.550, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 170.028 and 178.550, to read as follows:

170.028. 1. There is hereby established within the department of elementary and secondary education the "Career and Technical Education Certification (CTEC) Program". The purpose of the CTEC program shall be to provide students with the necessary technical employability skills to be prepared for an entry-level career in a technical field or additional training in a technical field. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

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

(2) "CTEC exam", an entry-level exam that is a component of an industry certification program that leads toward an industry certification;

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

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

(b) Perkins Technical Skills Assessment;

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.

17 (4) "Occupational competency assessment", a national standardized assessment of
18 skills and knowledge in a specific career or technical area, which may include, but shall not
19 be limited to, assessments offered by the National Occupational Competency Testing
20 Institute (NOCTI).

21 2. The state board of education shall, by rule, establish a procedure whereby a high
22 school student shall be able to complete a CTEC offering provided in this subsection for
23 credit toward graduation. If a student completes one or more of such offerings, it may be
24 indicated on such student's career and technical education certificate, if earned in
25 accordance with section 170.029. Such offerings shall include, but shall not be limited to:

26 (1) An industry certification;

27 (2) A state-issued professional license that is required for entry into a specific
28 occupation as determined by a state licensing agency in this state;

29 (3) An occupational competency assessment; or

30 (4) A CTEC exam.

31 3. The council shall annually approve and publish a list of industry certifications,
32 state-issued professional licenses, occupational competency assessments, and CTEC exams
33 that may be earned or taken by students to satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 of this
34 section. During the annual review process, the council shall ensure that curricula and
35 programs of study developed by local districts in accordance with section 170.029 are
36 compatible with the list of approved CTEC offerings. The council shall also develop an
37 application form that may be submitted by members of the business or industry
38 communities, local school districts, or institutions of higher education for the purposes of
39 including a new industry certification, state-issued professional license, occupational
40 competency assessment, or CTEC exam to the list of CTEC offerings created in this
41 subsection.

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

4 2. The advisory council shall be composed of ~~fifteen~~ **sixteen** members who shall be
5 Missouri residents. **The director of the department of economic development, or his or her**
6 **designee, shall be a member.** The commissioner of education shall appoint the following
7 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.

31 3. Members **appointed by the commissioner of education** shall serve a term of five
32 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, **including encouraging local employers to participate in**
81 **college and career fairs hosted by local school districts;**

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

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

84 (6) **Cooperate with local school districts to ensure that the curriculum for the career**
85 **and technical education certification program established in section 170.029 includes**
86 **programs of study and course offerings that will lead to industry-recognized certificates**
87 **or credentials; and**

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

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

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

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