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Section A. Section 178.550, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections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

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

8 **(1) "Council", the career and technical education advisory council
9 established pursuant to section 178.550;**

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

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

17 **(a) Perkins Technical Skills Assessment;**

18 **(b) Any certification related to a high demand occupation as**

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 described by the Missouri economic research and information center
20 (MERIC);

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

26 2. The state board of education shall, by rule, establish a
27 procedure whereby a high school student shall be able to complete a
28 CTEC offering provided in this subsection for credit toward graduation.
29 If a student completes one or more of such offerings, it may be
30 indicated on such student's career and technical education certificate,
31 if earned pursuant to section 170.029. Such offerings shall include, but
32 shall not be limited to:

33 (1) An industry certification;

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

37 (3) An occupational competency assessment; or

38 (4) A CTEC exam.

39 3. The council shall annually approve and publish a list of
40 industry certifications, state-issued professional licenses, occupational
41 competency assessments, and CTEC exams that may be earned or taken
42 by students to satisfy the requirements of subsection 3 of this
43 section. During the annual review process, the council shall ensure
44 that curriculum and programs of study developed by local districts
45 pursuant to section 170.029 are compatible with the list of approved
46 CTEC offerings. The council shall also develop an application form
47 which may be submitted by members of the business or industry
48 communities, local school districts, or institutions of higher education
49 for the purposes of including a new industry certification, state-issued
50 professional license, occupational competency assessment, or CTEC
51 exam to the list of CTEC offerings created in this subsection.

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

5 2. The advisory council shall be composed of [fifteen] **sixteen** members
6 who shall be Missouri residents. The commissioner of education shall appoint the
7 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
10 commerce;

11 (3) A representative from State Technical College of Missouri;

12 (4) Three current or retired career and technical education teachers who
13 also serve or served as an advisor to any of the nationally recognized career and
14 technical education student organizations of:

15 (a) DECA;

16 (b) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA);

17 (c) FFA;

18 (d) Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA);

19 (e) Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA);

20 (f) SkillsUSA; or

21 (g) Technology Student Association (TSA);

22 (5) A representative from a business organization, association of
23 businesses, or a business coalition;

24 (6) A representative from a Missouri community college;

25 (7) A representative from Southeast Missouri State University or the
26 University of Central Missouri;

27 (8) An individual participating in an apprenticeship recognized by the
28 department of labor and industrial relations or approved by the United States
29 Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship;

30 (9) A school administrator or school superintendent of a school that offers
31 career and technical education;

32 **(10) The director of the department of economic development, or**
33 **his or her designee.**

34 3. Members shall serve a term of five years except for the initial
35 appointments, which shall be for the following lengths:

36 (1) One member shall be appointed for a term of one year;

37 (2) Two members shall be appointed for a term of two years;

38 (3) Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years;

39 (4) Three members shall be appointed for a term of four years;

40 (5) Three members shall be appointed for a term of five years.

41 4. Four members shall be from the general assembly. The president pro
42 tempore of the senate shall appoint two members of the senate of whom not more
43 than one shall be of the same party. The speaker of the house of representatives
44 shall appoint two members of the house of representatives of whom not more than
45 one shall be of the same party. The legislative members shall serve on the
46 advisory council until such time as they resign, are no longer members of the
47 general assembly, or are replaced by new appointments.

48 5. The advisory council shall have three nonvoting ex officio members:

49 (1) A director of guidance and counseling services at the department of
50 elementary and secondary education, or a similar position if such position ceases
51 to exist;

52 (2) The director of the division of workforce development; and

53 (3) A member of the coordinating board for higher education, as selected
54 by the coordinating board.

55 6. The assistant commissioner for the office of college and career readiness
56 of the department of elementary and secondary education shall provide staff
57 assistance to the advisory council.

58 7. The advisory council shall meet at least four times annually. The
59 advisory council may make all rules it deems necessary to enable it to conduct its
60 meetings, elect its officers, and set the terms and duties of its officers. The
61 advisory council shall elect from among its members a chairperson, vice
62 chairperson, a secretary-reporter, and such other officers as it deems
63 necessary. Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but
64 may be reimbursed for actual expenses necessary to the performance of their
65 official duties for the advisory council.

66 8. Any business to come before the advisory council shall be available on
67 the advisory council's internet website at least seven business days prior to the
68 start of each meeting. All records of any decisions, votes, exhibits, or outcomes
69 shall be available on the advisory council's internet website within forty-eight
70 hours following the conclusion of every meeting. Any materials prepared for the
71 members shall be delivered to the members at least five days before the meeting,
72 and to the extent such materials are public records as defined in section 610.010
73 and are not permitted to be closed under section 610.021, shall be made available
74 on the advisory council's internet website at least five business days in advance
75 of the meeting.

76 9. The advisory council shall make an annual written report to the state

77 board of education and the commissioner of education regarding the development,
78 implementation, and administration of the state budget for career and technical
79 education.

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

84 11. The advisory council shall:

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

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

90 (3) Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting
91 and improving career and technical education, **including encouraging local**
92 **employers to participate in college and career fairs hosted by local**
93 **school districts;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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