

1 Sec. A. CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION; RULEMAKING

2 (a) The State Board of Education shall engage in a comprehensive update
3 to Agency of Education, Career and Technical Education State Board
4 Regulations (CVR 22-000-007) (CTE rules) in accordance with 3 V.S.A.
5 chapter 25. In consultation with career technical education directors, the Board
6 shall update the CTE rules to address the following to reflect the current career
7 technical education system as it exists on July 1, 2026:

8 (1) updates to definitions, including definitions for “CTE programs,”
9 “credentials,” “embedded academics,” and “satellite models”;

10 (2) credit standards and competency-based pathways;

11 (3) work-based learning sequencing aligned with Occupational Safety
12 and Health Administration standards and federal hazard orders;

13 (4) minimum safety, space, and equipment standards;

14 (5) data and reporting alignment with Perkins V;

15 (6) explicit allowance for differentiated regional delivery models; and

16 (7) a clearly defined implementation, intervention, and escalation
17 pathway.

18 (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2027, the Board shall submit a copy of the
19 proposed CTE rules developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the
20 House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on

1 Education and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing
2 and General Affairs and on Education.

3 (2) The Board shall not file the final proposal of the rules required
4 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in accordance with 3 V.S.A. § 841
5 until at least 120 days from submission of the proposed rules to the General
6 Assembly as required under this subdivision or July 1, 2027, whichever date
7 occurs first.

8 Sec. B. 16 V.S.A. § 1532 is amended to read:

9 § 1532. MINIMUM STANDARDS; MEASUREMENT OF STANDARDS;

10 RULES

11 (a) The State Board shall adopt by rule:

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13 (b) The following shall be adopted by procedure or rule:

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15 (c) The State Board shall review and update the rules and procedures
16 adopted pursuant to this section not less than every five years.

17 Sec. C1. COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS REDEFINED; INTENT

18 16 V.S.A. § 1522(14) defines a comprehensive high school as “a public or
19 independent school other than a career technical center that provides secondary
20 career technical education approved under section 1533 of this title.” As
21 Vermont works to transform its career technical education system to increase

1 the access, quality, and opportunity of CTE programming available to Vermont
2 students, the concept of a comprehensive high school could be expanded to
3 achieve these goals. It is the intent of the General Assembly to move toward a
4 model of comprehensive high schools that would offer all opportunities
5 available to students within the public education system, to be defined as “a
6 public or independent school other than a career technical center that fully
7 integrates the provision of career technical education with the provision of
8 general education in one school building or one school campus, with a single
9 source of funding for both CTE education and general education.”

10 Sec. C2. 16 V.S.A. § 1522 is amended to read:

11 § 1522. DEFINITIONS

12 As used in this chapter:

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14 (14) “Comprehensive high school” means a public or independent
15 school other than a career technical center that ~~provides secondary career~~
16 ~~technical education approved under section 1533 of this title~~ fully integrates
17 the provision of career technical education with the provision of general
18 education in one school building or one school campus, with a single source of
19 funding for both CTE education and general education.

20 Sec. D. 16 V.S.A. § 1545 is amended to read:

21 § 1545. CREDITS AND GRADES EARNED

1 (a) Grades earned in a course offered within a CTE program approved by
2 the State Board shall not be altered by any public school or approved or
3 recognized independent school in Vermont and shall be applied by the school
4 toward any State graduation requirements in accordance with rules adopted by
5 the State Board. Any State Board rules regarding earning of credits shall allow
6 flexibility with respect to the integration of CTE education and other academic
7 courses.

8 (b) The credits earned for a career technical education program approved
9 by the State Board shall be honored by any public or independent school
10 within Vermont. If necessary to enable a student to participate in career
11 technical education and graduate with ~~his or her~~ the student's class, the credits
12 earned shall be applied toward any school district or independent school
13 graduation requirements exceeding the minimum number of credits required by
14 the State Board. The school board of the high school from which the student
15 wishes to graduate shall ~~make a determination as to whether the credits shall be~~
16 ~~applied~~ apply credits earned for a career technical education program approved
17 by the State Board toward graduation requirements. A decision of a school
18 board may be appealed to the Secretary who shall construe this section to favor
19 participation in career technical education.

20 (c) For any student attending the Vermont Academy for Science and
21 Technology pursuant to subsection 4011(e) of this title, the credits and grades

1 earned shall, upon request of the student or the student's parent or guardian, be
2 applied toward graduation requirements at the Vermont high school that the
3 student attended prior to enrolling in the Academy.

4 Sec. E. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GOVERNANCE

5 STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

6 (a) Creation. There is created the Career and Technical Education
7 Governance Study Committee to study and make recommendations to
8 transform Vermont's career and technical education governance structure.

9 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
10 members:

11 (1) three current members of the House of Representatives, not all from
12 the same political party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House as
13 follows:

14 (A) one member of the House Committee on Commerce and
15 Economic Development;

16 (B) one member of the House Committee on Education; and

17 (C) one member of the House Committee on Ways and Means;

18 (2) three current members of the Senate, not all from the same political
19 party, who shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees as follows:

20 (A) one member of the Senate Committee on Economic
21 Development, Housing and General Affairs;

1 (B) one member of the Senate Committee on Education; and

2 (C) one member of the Senate Committee on Finance.

3 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee, in consultation with the Agency of
4 Education and the Vermont Association of Career and Technical Directors,
5 shall study and make recommendations to transform Vermont's career
6 technical education governance system, including a transition plan that ensures
7 no disruption to safety, access, or programming.

8 (d) Assistance. For purposes of scheduling meetings and preparing
9 recommended legislation, the Committee shall have the assistance of the
10 Office of Legislative Operations and the Office of Legislative Counsel.

11 (e) Proposed legislation. On or before December 15, 2026, the Committee
12 shall submit its findings and recommendations in the form of proposed
13 legislation to the General Assembly.

14 (f) Meetings.

15 (1) The Office of Legislative Counsel shall call the first meeting of the
16 Committee to occur on or before August 15, 2026.

17 (2) The Committee shall select co-chairs from among its members at the
18 first meeting, one a member of the House and the other a member of the
19 Senate.

20 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

21 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 15, 2027.

1 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. For attendance at meetings during
2 adjournment of the General Assembly, a legislative member of the Committee
3 serving in the member's capacity as a legislator shall be entitled to per diem
4 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for
5 not more than six meetings. These payments shall be made from monies
6 appropriated to the General Assembly.