

By the Appropriations Committee on Education; the Committee on Education Pre-K -12; and Senators Simon and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career and technical education;
3 amending s. 446.021, F.S.; revising the definition of
4 the term "journeyworker"; amending s. 450.061, F.S.;
5 providing an exemption for minors to work in specified
6 conditions; amending s. 489.117, F.S.; conforming a
7 cross-reference; amending ss. 489.1455 and 489.5335,
8 F.S.; requiring counties and municipalities to
9 recognize certain persons as journeymen for specified
10 occupations if such persons meet specified criteria;
11 deleting provisions authorizing a local government to
12 charge a specified registration fee; amending s.
13 1001.43, F.S.; providing an alternative to career
14 fairs through other career and industry networking
15 opportunities; amending s. 1003.41, F.S.; revising a
16 list of individuals who are required to review and
17 comment on certain revisions to the state academic
18 standards; making technical changes; amending s.
19 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the requirements for certain
20 credits and certifications to meet specified
21 graduation requirements; specifying the date by which
22 the Department of Education must convene a specified
23 work group; making a technical change; repealing s.
24 1004.015, F.S., relating to the Florida Talent
25 Development Council; amending s. 1004.91, F.S.;
26 expanding an exemption from a requirement for
27 completion of a career education program basic skills
28 examination; amending ss. 14.36, 1001.02, 1001.706,
29 and 1009.8962, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes

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30 made by the act; creating the Career and Technical
31 Education Task Force adjunct to the Department of
32 Commerce; providing the purpose of the task force;
33 providing the membership and duties of the task force;
34 requiring the task force to submit a report and
35 recommendations to certain officials by specified
36 dates; providing for expiration of the task force;
37 providing an effective date.
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39 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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41 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 446.021, Florida
42 Statutes, is amended to read:

43 446.021 Definitions of terms used in ss. 446.011-446.092.-
44 As used in ss. 446.011-446.092, the term:

45 (4) "Journeyworker" means a person working in an
46 apprenticeable occupation who has successfully completed a
47 registered and state-approved apprenticeship program or who has
48 worked the number of years required by established industry
49 practices for the particular trade or occupation and, if
50 required for the specific industry, has passed the appropriate
51 state-approved industry test.

52 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 450.061, Florida
53 Statutes, is amended to read:

54 450.061 Hazardous occupations prohibited; exemptions.-

55 (2) A ~~no~~ minor under 18 years of age, regardless of whether
56 such person's disabilities of nonage have been removed, may not
57 ~~shall~~ be employed or permitted or suffered to work in any of the
58 following places of employment or in any of the following

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59 occupations, provided that ~~the provisions of~~ paragraphs (b),
60 (e), (g), (h), (j), (m), (o), and (q) do ~~shall~~ not apply to the
61 employment of student learners under the conditions prescribed
62 in s. 450.161:

63 (a) In or around explosive or radioactive materials.

64 (b) On any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, residential
65 or nonresidential building construction, or ladder above 6 feet.
66 A minor 16 or 17 years of age may be employed on any residential
67 building construction if:

68 1. The minor 16 or 17 years of age has earned his or her
69 Occupational Safety and Health Administration 10 certification
70 and is under the direct supervision of a person who:

71 a. Has earned his or her Occupational Safety and Health
72 Administration 10 certification.

73 b. Is 21 years of age or older.

74 c. Has at least 2 years of work experience related to the
75 work he or she is supervising.

76 2. The minor 16 or 17 years of age is not working on any
77 scaffolding, roof, superstructure, or ladder above 6 feet.

78 3. The work being performed by the minor 16 or 17 years of
79 age is not in violation of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act
80 of 1938, any Occupational Safety and Health Administration rule,
81 or federal law related to minors in the workplace.

82 (c) In or around toxic substances or corrosives, including
83 pesticides or herbicides, unless proper field entry time
84 allowances have been followed.

85 (d) Any mining occupation.

86 (e) In the operation of power-driven woodworking machines.

87 (f) In the operation of power-driven hoisting apparatus.

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88 (g) In the operation of power-driven metal forming,
89 punching, or shearing machines.

90 (h) Slaughtering, meat packing, processing, or rendering,
91 except as provided in 29 C.F.R. s. 570.61(c).

92 (i) In the operation of power-driven bakery machinery.

93 (j) In the operation of power-driven paper products and
94 printing machines.

95 (k) Manufacturing brick, tile, and like products.

96 (l) Wrecking or demolition.

97 (m) Excavation operations.

98 (n) Logging or sawmilling.

99 (o) Working on electric apparatus or wiring.

100 (p) Firefighting.

101 (q) Operating or assisting to operate, including starting,
102 stopping, connecting or disconnecting, feeding, or any other
103 activity involving physical contact associated with operating, a
104 tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, any trencher or earthmoving
105 equipment, fork lift, or any harvesting, planting, or plowing
106 machinery, or any moving machinery.

107 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
108 489.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109 489.117 Registration; specialty contractors.—

110 (4) (a)1. A person whose job scope does not substantially
111 correspond to either the job scope of one of the contractor
112 categories defined in s. 489.105(3) (a)-(o), or the job scope of
113 one of the certified specialty contractor categories established
114 by board rule, is not required to register with the board. A
115 local government, as defined in s. 163.211, may not require a
116 person to obtain a license, issued by the local government or

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117 the state, for a job scope which does not substantially
118 correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories
119 defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o) and (q) or authorized in s.
120 489.1455 ~~s. 489.1455(1)~~, or the job scope of one of the
121 certified specialty contractor categories established pursuant
122 to s. 489.113(6). A local government may not require a state or
123 local license to obtain a permit for such job scopes. For
124 purposes of this section, job scopes for which a local
125 government may not require a license include, but are not
126 limited to, painting; flooring; cabinetry; interior remodeling
127 when the scope of the project does not include a task for which
128 a state license is required; driveway or tennis court
129 installation; handyman services; decorative stone, tile, marble,
130 granite, or terrazzo installation; plastering; pressure washing;
131 stuccoing; caulking; and canvas awning and ornamental iron
132 installation.

133 2. A county that includes an area designated as an area of
134 critical state concern under s. 380.05 may offer a license for
135 any job scope which requires a contractor license under this
136 part if the county imposed such a licensing requirement before
137 January 1, 2021.

138 3. A local government may continue to offer a license for
139 veneer, including aluminum or vinyl gutters, siding, soffit, or
140 fascia; rooftop painting, coating, and cleaning above three
141 stories in height; or fence installation and erection if the
142 local government imposed such a licensing requirement before
143 January 1, 2021.

144 4. A local government may not require a license as a
145 prerequisite to submit a bid for public works projects if the

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146 work to be performed does not require a license under general
147 law.

148 Section 4. Section 489.1455, Florida Statutes, is amended
149 to read:

150 489.1455 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

151 ~~(1) Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as~~
152 ~~a journeyman are authorized to issue journeyman licenses in the~~
153 ~~plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC trades if he or she~~
154 ~~meets the following requirements:—~~

155 ~~(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
156 ~~license in the plumbing, pipe fitting, mechanical, or HVAC~~
157 ~~trades issued by any county or municipality in this state may~~
158 ~~work as a journeyman in the trade in which he or she is licensed~~
159 ~~in any county or municipality of this state without taking an~~
160 ~~additional examination or paying an additional license fee, if~~
161 ~~he or she:~~

162 ~~(1)(a)~~ Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,
163 1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and
164 Associates examination or other proctored examination approved
165 by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;

166 ~~(2)(b)~~ Has completed a registered and state-approved an
167 apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at
168 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
169 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
170 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
171 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
172 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
173 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

174 ~~(3)(e)~~ Has satisfactorily completed specialized and

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175 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
176 Commission, as part of the building code training program
177 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,
178 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
179 proof of completion of such coursework within 6 months after
180 such certification. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

181 ~~(d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the~~
182 ~~last 5 years.~~

183 ~~(3) A local government may charge a registration fee for~~
184 ~~reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.~~

185 Section 5. Section 489.5335, Florida Statutes, is amended
186 to read:

187 489.5335 Journeyman; reciprocity; standards.—

188 ~~(1) Counties and municipalities must recognize a person as~~
189 ~~a journeyman are authorized to issue journeyman licenses in the~~
190 ~~electrical and alarm system trades if he or she meets the~~
191 ~~following requirements:~~

192 ~~(2) An individual who holds a valid, active journeyman~~
193 ~~license in the electrical or alarm system trade issued by any~~
194 ~~county or municipality in this state may work as a journeyman in~~
195 ~~the trade in which he or she is licensed in any other county or~~
196 ~~municipality of this state without taking an additional~~
197 ~~examination or paying an additional license fee, if he or she:~~

198 ~~(1) (a) Has scored at least 70 percent, or after October 1,~~
199 ~~1997, at least 75 percent, on a proctored journeyman Block and~~
200 ~~Associates examination or other proctored examination approved~~
201 ~~by the board for the trade in which he or she is licensed;~~

202 ~~(2) (b) Has completed a registered and state-approved an~~
203 ~~apprenticeship program as defined in s. 446.021(6) or has at~~

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204 least 12,000 hours of on-the-job training in his or her specific
205 trade registered with a registration agency defined in 29 C.F.R.
206 s. 29.2 and demonstrates 4 years' verifiable practical
207 experience in the trade for which he or she is licensed, or
208 demonstrates 6 years' verifiable practical experience in the
209 trade for which he or she is licensed; and

210 (3)(e) Has satisfactorily completed specialized and
211 advanced module coursework approved by the Florida Building
212 Commission, as part of the building code training program
213 established in s. 553.841, specific to the discipline or,
214 pursuant to authorization by the certifying authority, provides
215 proof of completion of such curriculum or coursework within 6
216 months after such certification. and

217 ~~(d) Has not had a license suspended or revoked within the~~
218 ~~last 5 years.~~

219 ~~(3) A local government may charge a registration fee for~~
220 ~~reciprocity, not to exceed \$25.~~

221 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (14) of section
222 1001.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

223 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
224 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
225 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
226 State Board of Education rule.

227 (14) RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER ACHIEVEMENT.—

228 (c) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each district
229 school board shall require each high school within its
230 jurisdiction to host an annual career fair during the school
231 year and establish a process to provide students in grades 11
232 and 12 the opportunity to meet or interview with potential

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233 employers during the career fair. The career fair must be held
234 on the campus of the high school, except that a group of high
235 schools in the district or a group of districts may hold a joint
236 career fair at an alternative location to satisfy the
237 requirement in this paragraph. A joint career fair must be held
238 at a location located within reasonable driving distance for
239 students at all participating schools. The career fair must be
240 held during the school day and may use Florida's online career
241 planning and work-based learning system as part of the career
242 fair activities. Alternatively, district school boards may
243 consult with local workforce development boards, advisory
244 committees, and business groups to determine free or cost-
245 effective methods to provide other career and industry
246 networking opportunities during the school day for secondary
247 students and exposure for elementary and secondary students to a
248 representative variety of industries, businesses, and careers.

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250 District school board policies and procedures may include
251 conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in
252 which students sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting
253 scholarships or enrollment. The district school board may
254 encourage holding such events in an assembly or gathering of the
255 entire student body as a means of making academic and career
256 success and recognition visible to all students.

257 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 1003.41, Florida
258 Statutes, is amended to read:

259 1003.41 State academic standards.—

260 (3) The Commissioner of Education shall, as deemed
261 necessary ~~needed, shall~~ develop and submit proposed revisions to

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262 the standards for review and comment by Florida educators,
263 school administrators, representatives of the Florida College
264 System institutions and state universities who have expertise in
265 the content knowledge and skills necessary to prepare a student
266 for postsecondary education and careers, a representative from
267 the Department of Commerce, business and industry leaders for
268 in-demand careers, and the public. The commissioner, after
269 considering reviews and comments, shall submit the proposed
270 revisions to the State Board of Education for adoption.

271 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and subsection
272 (10) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to
273 read:

274 1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.—

275 (7) CAREER EDUCATION COURSES THAT SATISFY HIGH SCHOOL
276 CREDIT REQUIREMENTS.—

277 (a) Participation in career education courses engages
278 students in their high school education, increases academic
279 achievement, enhances employability, and increases postsecondary
280 success. The department shall develop, for approval by the State
281 Board of Education, multiple, additional career education
282 courses or a series of courses that meet the requirements set
283 forth in s. 1003.493(2), (4), and (5) and this subsection and
284 allow students to earn credit in both the career education
285 course and courses required for high school graduation under
286 this section and s. 1003.4281.

287 1. The state board must determine at least biennially
288 whether ~~if~~ sufficient academic standards are covered to warrant
289 the award of academic credit, including satisfaction of
290 graduation, assessment, and state university admissions

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291 requirements under this section.

292 2. Career education courses must:

293 a. Include workforce and digital literacy skills.

294 b. Integrate required course content with practical
295 applications and designated rigorous coursework that results in
296 one or more industry certifications or clearly articulated
297 credit or advanced standing in a 2-year or 4-year certificate or
298 degree program, which may include high school junior and senior
299 year work-related internships or apprenticeships. The department
300 shall negotiate state licenses for material and testing for
301 industry certifications.

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303 The instructional methodology used in these courses must
304 comprise authentic projects, problems, and activities for
305 contextual academic learning and emphasize workplace skills
306 identified under s. 445.06.

307 3. A student who earns credit upon completion of 1 year of
308 related technical instruction for an apprenticeship program
309 registered with the Department of Education under chapter 446 or
310 preapprenticeship program registered with the Department of
311 Education under chapter 446 may use such credit to satisfy the
312 high school graduation credit requirements in paragraph (3)(e)
313 or paragraph (3)(g). The state board shall approve and identify
314 in the Course Code Directory the apprenticeship and
315 preapprenticeship programs from which earned credit may be used
316 pursuant to this subparagraph.

317 4. The State Board of Education shall, by rule, establish a
318 process that enables a student to receive work-based learning
319 credit or credit in electives for completing a threshold level

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320 of demonstrable participation in extracurricular activities
321 associated with career and technical student organizations.
322 Work-based learning credit or credit in electives for
323 extracurricular activities or supervised agricultural
324 experiences may not be limited by grade level.

325 (10) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDIT.—The Department
326 of Education shall convene a workgroup, no later than December
327 1, 2024, to:

328 (a) Identify best practices in career and technical
329 education pathways from middle school to high school to aid
330 middle school students in career planning and facilitate their
331 transition to high school programs. The career pathway must be
332 linked to postsecondary programs.

333 (b) Establish three mathematics pathways for students
334 enrolled in secondary grades by aligning mathematics courses to
335 programs, postsecondary education, and careers. The workgroup
336 shall collaborate to identify the three mathematics pathways and
337 the mathematics course sequence within each pathway which align
338 to the mathematics skills needed for success in the
339 corresponding academic programs, postsecondary education, and
340 careers.

341 Section 9. Section 1004.015, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

342 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
343 1004.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

344 1004.91 Requirements for career education program basic
345 skills.—

346 (3) (a) The following students may be exempted from this
347 section:

348 1. An adult student with a disability ~~may be exempted from~~

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349 ~~this section.~~

350 2. A student who possesses a high school diploma from a
351 private school that is in compliance with s. 1002.42, or, for a
352 student in a home education program, a signed affidavit
353 submitted by the student's parent or legal guardian attesting
354 that the student has completed a home education program pursuant
355 to the requirements of s. 1002.41.

356 Section 11. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section
357 14.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

358 14.36 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act.—The
359 Reimagining Education and Career Help Act is created to address
360 the evolving needs of Florida's economy by increasing the level
361 of collaboration and cooperation among state businesses and
362 education communities while improving training within and equity
363 and access to a more integrated workforce and education system
364 for all Floridians.

365 (3) The duties of the office are to:

366 ~~(j) Direct the objectives of the Talent Development Council~~
367 ~~established in s. 1004.015.~~

368 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
369 1001.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370 1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.—

371 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt a strategic
372 plan that specifies goals and objectives for the state's public
373 schools and Florida College System institutions. The plan shall
374 be formulated in conjunction with plans of the Board of
375 Governors in order to provide for the roles of the universities
376 and Florida College System institutions to be coordinated to
377 best meet state needs and reflect cost-effective use of state

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378 resources. The strategic plan must clarify the mission
379 statements of each Florida College System institution and the
380 system as a whole and identify degree programs, including
381 baccalaureate degree programs, to be offered at each Florida
382 College System institution in accordance with the objectives
383 provided in this subsection and the coordinated 5-year plan
384 pursuant to paragraph (2) (v). The strategic plan must cover a
385 period of 5 years, with modification of the program lists after
386 2 years. Development of each 5-year plan must be coordinated
387 with and initiated after completion of the master plan. The
388 strategic plans must specifically include programs and
389 procedures for responding to the educational needs of teachers
390 and students in the public schools of this state and consider
391 reports and recommendations of ~~the Florida Talent Development~~
392 ~~Council pursuant to s. 1004.015~~ and the Articulation
393 Coordinating Committee pursuant to s. 1007.01. The state board
394 shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the
395 Speaker of the House of Representatives upon modification of the
396 plan and as part of its legislative budget request.

397 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
398 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

399 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

400 (5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.—

401 (b) The Board of Governors shall develop a strategic plan
402 specifying goals and objectives for the State University System
403 and each constituent university, including each university's
404 contribution to overall system goals and objectives. The
405 strategic plan must:

406 1. Include performance metrics and standards common for all

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407 institutions and metrics and standards unique to institutions
408 depending on institutional core missions, including, but not
409 limited to, student admission requirements, retention,
410 graduation, percentage of graduates who have attained
411 employment, percentage of graduates enrolled in continued
412 education, licensure passage, nondegree credential attainment,
413 average wages of employed graduates, average cost per graduate,
414 excess hours, student loan burden and default rates, faculty
415 awards, total annual research expenditures, patents, licenses
416 and royalties, intellectual property, startup companies, annual
417 giving, endowments, and well-known, highly respected national
418 rankings for institutional and program achievements.

419 2. Consider reports and recommendations of ~~the Florida~~
420 ~~Talent Development Council under s. 1004.015~~ and the
421 Articulation Coordinating Committee under s. 1007.01, and the
422 information provided by the Labor Market Statistics Center
423 within the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Labor
424 Market Estimating Conference.

425 3. Include student enrollment and performance data
426 delineated by method of instruction, including, but not limited
427 to, traditional, online, and distance learning instruction.

428 4. Include criteria for designating baccalaureate degree
429 and master's degree programs at specified universities as high-
430 demand programs of emphasis. Once the criteria are available and
431 applicable to baccalaureate degrees and graduate degrees, the
432 Board of Governors shall adopt the criteria to determine value
433 for and prioritization of degree credentials and degree programs
434 established by the Credentials Review Committee under s. 445.004
435 for designating high-demand programs of emphasis. The Board of

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436 Governors must review designated programs of emphasis, at a
437 minimum, every 3 years to ensure alignment with the
438 prioritization of degree credentials and degree programs
439 identified by the Credentials Review Committee.

440 5. Include criteria for nondegree credentials.

441 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section
442 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

443 1009.8962 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE)
444 Fund.—

445 (9)

446 (b) Annually, by February 1, each institution awarded grant
447 funds in the previous fiscal year shall submit a report to the
448 Board of Governors or Department of Education, as applicable,
449 that demonstrates the expansion as outlined in the proposal and
450 the use of funds. At minimum, the report must include, by
451 program level, the number of additional nursing education
452 students enrolled; if scholarships were awarded using grant
453 funds, the number of students who received scholarships and the
454 average award amount; ~~and the outcomes of students as reported
455 by the Florida Talent Development Council pursuant to s.
456 1004.015(6).~~

457 Section 15. (1) The Career and Technical Education Task
458 Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes,
459 is created adjunct to the Department of Commerce to study the
460 status of career and technical education in each school district
461 within the state. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
462 the task force shall operate in a manner consistent with s.
463 20.052, Florida Statutes. The department shall provide
464 administrative and staff support relating to the functions of

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465 the task force.

466 (2) The Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
467 of the House of Representatives, the Commissioner of Education,
468 the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Corrections, and the
469 Secretary of Juvenile Justice shall each appoint two members to
470 the task force by September 1, 2024. The commissioner shall
471 appoint the chair of the task force.

472 (3) The task force shall do all of the following:

473 (a) Compile a list of career and technical education
474 courses offered within each school district. Such data must be
475 broken down by industry, grade level, location, the number of
476 students enrolled in such courses, the number of students who
477 complete such courses, and the total number of students per
478 district enrolled in such courses.

479 (b) Compile a list of career and technical education
480 courses offered through the Department of Corrections and the
481 Department of Juvenile Justice. Such data must be broken down by
482 location, population, industry course offering, the number of
483 students enrolled in each course, and the number of students who
484 complete such courses.

485 (c) Identify the total funding provided for the career and
486 technical education courses offered by school districts and
487 analyze whether such funding is uniform across the state or if
488 such funding varies by geography, course, or industry.

489 (d) Identify the total funding provided for the career and
490 technical education courses offered by the Department of
491 Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

492 (e) Compare funding and reimbursement rates and timelines
493 for career and technical education courses to funding and

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494 reimbursement rates and timelines for traditional K-12 education
495 courses.

496 (f) Identify any additional funding available for
497 additional career and technical education courses, including
498 federal funding, industry funding, or additional state funding.

499 (g) Identify how career and technical education courses are
500 advertised to parents and students.

501 (h) Identify the needs of school districts to expand career
502 and technical education, including what needs could be met by
503 the Legislature.

504 (i) Identify the number of students who earn an industry
505 certification through career and technical education courses who
506 also find employment in relevant industries.

507 (j) Review existing postsecondary credits available for K-
508 12 career and technical education course offerings and how this
509 information is advertised to students and parents.

510 (k) Compare existing career and technical education course
511 offerings with data from the Department of Commerce and industry
512 leaders about in-demand careers and the state's economic needs.

513 (l) Provide recommendations for changes and expansions to
514 career and technical education course offerings beginning in the
515 2026-2027 school year.

516 (m) Provide recommendations for increasing funding,
517 eliminating barriers to expanding career and technical education
518 offerings, and streamlining regulations.

519 (n) Provide recommendations for improving the marketing of
520 career and technical education offerings to students and
521 parents.

522 (4) The task force shall submit to the Governor, the

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523 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
524 Representatives, and the Secretary of Commerce a report of its
525 findings by September 1, 2025. The task force shall submit to
526 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
527 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of Commerce its
528 recommendations by January 1, 2026. This section shall expire
529 upon submission of the recommendations.

530 Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.