

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS; CREATING THE
3 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT; REQUIRING THE
4 COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF STUDENT, PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTOR
5 DATA TO DETERMINE THE EFFICACY OF THE PILOT PROJECT; CREATING
6 A FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

9 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
10 enacted to read:

11 "CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PILOT PROJECT.--

12 A. A "career technical education pilot project" is
13 created as a seven-year pilot project administered by the
14 department to fund high-quality career technical education
15 programs and monitor their effect on student outcomes,
16 including achievement scores, academic growth, remediation
17 rates and graduation rates. The department shall consult
18 with the higher education department and the workforce
19 solutions department as it develops its measures to determine
20 what constitutes a high-quality career technical education
21 program and what students should know and be able to
22 demonstrate to an employer or to succeed in a post-secondary
23 career technical education program. School districts and
24 charter schools may apply to participate in the pilot project
25 on forms provided by the department. The department may

1 provide grants to school districts and charter schools to:

2 (1) establish career technical education
3 programs as part of the pilot project; and

4 (2) provide professional development and
5 training to career technical education teachers in the pilot
6 project.

7 B. At a minimum, the career technical education
8 programs funded by the department as part of the pilot
9 project shall:

10 (1) include rigorous content aligned with
11 academic standards and relevant career technical content that
12 align secondary and post-secondary education;

13 (2) incorporate permeable pathways through
14 post-secondary education;

15 (3) include potential for dual credit
16 courses;

17 (4) require competency in science,
18 technology, engineering and mathematics;

19 (5) require training in soft skills and
20 social skills;

21 (6) lead to an industry-recognized
22 credential at the post-secondary level or to an associate's
23 or bachelor's degree;

24 (7) establish partnerships among the local
25 school district or charter school, post-secondary

1 institutions and local business and industry; and

2 (8) provide the data necessary to the
3 department and the participating public schools to evaluate
4 each program and the pilot project.

5 C. The department shall provide professional
6 development to existing career technical education teachers
7 and training to new teachers in career technical education
8 that:

9 (1) addresses project-based learning;

10 (2) includes the basics of pedagogy;

11 (3) promotes integration of career technical
12 curricula with core content areas;

13 (4) includes training in instruction for
14 employability and soft skills;

15 (5) includes training in social-emotional
16 learning and trauma-informed instruction; and

17 (6) addresses department standards and
18 benchmarks for career technical education.

19 D. The department shall promulgate rules for the
20 administration of the pilot project, the collection and
21 analysis of student, program and instructor data and required
22 reporting by participating public schools.

23 E. The department shall provide annual and final
24 reports to the legislature through the legislative education
25 study committee and the governor on the efficacy of the pilot

1 project."

2 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public School Code is
3 enacted to read:

4 "CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND CREATED.--The "career
5 technical education fund" is created as a nonreverting fund in
6 the state treasury until the end of the pilot project. The
7 fund consists of appropriations, gifts, grants and donations.
8 The department shall administer the fund and money in the fund
9 is appropriated to the department to carry out the career
10 technical education pilot project. The fund shall be
11 administered by the department and money in the fund is
12 appropriated to the department to provide grants to school
13 districts and charter schools participating in the pilot
14 project. Expenditures from the fund shall be on warrants of
15 the secretary of finance and administration on vouchers signed
16 by the secretary of public education or the secretary's
17 designated representative."
