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# California Workforce Pathways Joint Advisory Committee May 8, 2020 Agenda Item 01

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## Subject

The *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act*: Update on Federal Perkins V State Plan Submission, Flexibilities by the Federal Department of Education Resulting from COVID-19, and Approval of the Draft 2020-21 Perkins V Substantially Approvable Secondary Local Application Plan Form.

## Type of Action

Information, Action

## Summary of the Issue(s)

After the California Workforce Pathways Joint Advisory Committee (CWPJAC) approved the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan on March 2, 2020, it was approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 11, 2020. The Federal Perkins V State Plan will be shared with the Board of Governors (BOG) as an information item at its May 2020 meeting. Concurrently, the SBE-approved Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan was forwarded to the Governor’s Office for review and approval. As part of that review, the California Department of Finance (DOF) provided feedback to the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) staff, including revising the maintenance of effort calculation in line with the Perkins V requirements; streamlining the teacher and faculty preparation section by removing several lists of policy recommendations for addressing new requirements of Perkins that, if included, could have created significant costs for the state as well as clarifying the role of the California community colleges in preparing students for enrollment into K-12 Teachers program provided by four-year post-secondary institutions and collaborations of those entities with K-12 local educational agencies; clarifying budget act references, and cited budget amounts for the adult education delivery system, and clarifying comments that were overly broad and/or views that Finance believed were misaligned with the Administration. After incorporating the DOF edits to the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan, the SBE staff resubmitted it to the Governor’s Office for approval on April 6, 2020.

The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) had initially required states to submit their plans by April 15, 2020. However, because of COVID-19 disruptions, ED has provided flexibility as to when states can submit their state plans through a March 31, 2020 letter (Attachment 1) and an April 10, 2020 letter (Attachment 2). As a result, California requested an extension and OCTAE granted this request, which will allow California to submit the Federal Perkins V State Plan no later than June 15, 2020.

After receiving the flexibility from ED, the CDE issued a letter, dated April 17, 2020, to all secondary recipients of federal Perkins funds indicating that their local application plan submission is postponed until September 15, 2020 (Attachment 3).

Furthermore, based on the flexibility provided by ED, CDE created a draft Assurance Local Application Plan Form that local secondary recipients of federal Perkins V funds would be required to complete by June 15, 2020 in order to receive funding beginning on July 1, 2020.

Finally, the SBE, CDE, and CCCCO staff will present an update to the CWPJAC members on the California Comprehensive State Plan for CTE and discuss possible options for how to proceed forward.

**Recommendation**

The SBE, the CDE, and the CCCCO staff jointly recommend that the CWPJAC review and approve the Draft 2020-21 Perkins V Substantially Approvable Secondary Local Application Plan Form for use by secondary recipients of federal Perkins V funds in order for them to receive funding beginning on July 1, 2020.

## Brief History of Key Issues

The federal Perkins V legislation (Section 134[b]) requires local recipients of Perkins V funds to submit an annual local application plan (local application) in order to qualify for receipt of these federal funds. Typically, the local application is received no later than May 15 in any given calendar year. After review and discussion by CDE staff, the secondary local application is approved by July 1 of the calendar year and Perkins funds are ready for use by secondary local recipients, for expenditure in the upcoming fiscal year. Similarly, after review and discussion by CCCCO staff, the post-secondary local application is approved by July 1 of the calendar year and Perkins funds are ready for use by community colleges, the post-secondary recipients.

The plan describes what activities will be undertaken to improve, enhance, and expand high-quality CTE programs. Additionally, as part of submission of a local application, local recipients are required to provide a detailed budget on how they plan to allocate and expend funds on the proposed activities. Implementing the local application through the proposed activities should result in an improvement in the accountability indicators as identified in the Perkins V legislation

The CDE has created a Draft Assurance Local Application Plan Form that LEAs and Adult Schools (collectively, local secondary recipients) will need to complete to confirm they have a substantially approvable local application plan, as specified by the flexibilities laid out by the OCTAE (Attachment 4). The document local secondary recipients to provide assurances that they will continue to work on specified activities, provide a detailed budget, and review their data as laid out in the full local application.

Staff of the SBE, CDE, and CCCCO continue to discuss the California Comprehensive State Plan for Career Technical Education (CTE), and how the COVID-19 disruptions are creating new opportunities for how to move forward. In particular, staff have been exploring different ways in which high-quality college and career pathways will be offered in the future; what changes would be required for administering CTE by local secondary and postsecondary career pathway programs; and how the interrelationships between different education sectors as well as with workforce sectors would have to evolve.

## Summary of Previous California Workforce Pathways Joint Advisory Committee Discussion(s) and Action(s)

**March 2020:** The Draft Federal State Plan was presented and approved at the March 2, 2020 CWPJAC meeting.

**January 2020:** The Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan was presented at the January 31, 2020 CWPJAC meeting. At that meeting, the CWPJAC members received information on how the public comments received were included in the document how, the accountability section was completely revised, including an updated State Determined Performance Levels (SDPL) form, and changes and updates to the different major strands of the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan. The CWPJAC members recommended that staff review and rewrite the content for the “Preparing Teachers and Faculty” section of the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan.

**November 2019:** The CWPJAC held two meetings to review the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan. At the November 7, 2019 meeting, the CWPJAC members asked staff to continue working on the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan and present an updated version at their November 25, 2019, meeting. A revised Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan was presented to the CWPJAC. Using a facilitated discussion process, members provided further input, but recommended that further review occur after the public comment period. The CWPJAC approved a Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan at its meeting on November 25, 2019, so it could be shared with the public.

**October 2019:** A Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan for CTE and a proposed timeline were provided to the CWPJAC members. A chapter-by-chapter review of the Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan was presented, discussed, and input on each chapter was solicited. It was decided that the CWPJAC staff should work on the Perkins V federal application and present it to the CWPJAC members at the November meeting. A proposed draft timeline was presented. Completed and upcoming meetings with regard to the Perkins V federal application were discussed.

**September 2019:** A Draft Federal Perkins V State Plan for CTE and a proposed draft timeline were provided to the CWPJAC members.

**July 2019:** The CWPJAC staff introduced an updated draft timeline and planned activities for completing a new California State Plan for CTE.

**May 2019:** The CWPJAC staff introduced a draft timeline and planned activities for completing a new California State Plan for CTE.

**March 2019:** The CDE and CCCCO staff presented the draft Transition Plan to the CWPJAC. The CWPJAC members provided feedback for staff to consider while continuing to work on the transition plan.

**February 2019:** The CDE and CCCCO staff presented responses to the Programs of Study, Special Populations, and Fiscal Responsibility sections of the Transition Plan to the CWPJAC. The CWPJAC members provided extensive feedback for staff to consider while continuing to work on the Transition Plan.

**January 2019:** The CDE and CCCCO staff presented the current requirements for the state’s 2019–20 Transition Plan for the new Perkins V legislation.

**December 2018:** The CDE and CCCCO staff presented a draft timeline to the CWPJAC that outlined when items need to be completed in order to meet the deadline for submission of the State’s 2019–20 Transition Plan to the ED.

**November 2018:** The CDE staff provided a brief update on the activities around the new Perkins V legislation.

**September 2018:** Michael Brustein, Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, provided an overview of the new Perkins V legislation, known as the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act.

**March 2008:** On March 12, 2008, the SBE unanimously approved the 2008–2012 California State Plan for CTE, as required by the Perkins IV, which had been previously approved by the BOG on March 3, 2008. The 2008–2012 California State Plan for CTE was subsequently approved by the ED on July 1, 2008.

**January 2008:** The SBE held a public hearing on the 2008–2012 California State Plan for CTE, as was required by the Perkins IV.

## Fiscal Analysis (as allocated)

In 2018–19 the Perkins IV allocation was $120,196,084; for 2019–20, the Perkins V allocation is $127,058,834. Eight-five percent of these funds are allocated to local recipients: LEAs, ASs, and CCs. In 2019-20, secondary local recipients received is $54,487,300; in 2018-19, the amount was $53,885,127. For post-secondary local recipients, in 2019-20, the amount was $52,662,710; in 2018-19, the amount was $48,281,486.

## Attachment(s)

**Attachment 1:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education March 31, 2020 letter regarding COVID-19 Flexibilities. (2 pages) <https://cte.ed.gov/grants/covid-19-information>

**Attachment 2:** Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education April 10, 2020 letter regarding COVID-19 Flexibilities. (3 pages) <https://cte.ed.gov/grants/covid-19-information>

**Attachment 3:** 2020–21 Secondary Perkins V Local Application Flexibility Letter(2 pages)

# Attachment 4: Draft 2020-21 Perkins V Substantially Approvable Secondary Local Application Plan Form (4 pages)