

added by Pub. L. 109-270 without reference to the intervening amendments listed above because of the extensive revision of Pub. L. 88-210 by Pub. L. 109-270.

§ 2301. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to develop more fully the academic knowledge and technical and employability skills of secondary education students and postsecondary education students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs and programs of study, by—

- (1) building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards and to assist students in meeting such standards, including preparation for high skill, high wage, or in-demand occupations in current or emerging professions;
- (2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic and career and technical instruction, and that link secondary education and postsecondary education for participating career and technical education students;
- (3) increasing State and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve career and technical education;
- (4) conducting and disseminating national research and disseminating information on best practices that improve career and technical education programs and programs of study, services, and activities;
- (5) providing technical assistance that—
 - (A) promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development at the State and local levels; and
 - (B) improves the quality of career and technical education teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors;
- (6) supporting partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree granting institutions, area career and technical education schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries;
- (7) providing individuals with opportunities throughout their lifetimes to develop, in conjunction with other education and training programs, the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive; and
- (8) increasing the employment opportunities for populations who are chronically unemployed or underemployed, including individuals with disabilities, individuals from economically disadvantaged families, out-of-workforce individuals, youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system, and homeless individuals.

(Pub. L. 88-210, § 2, as added Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 684; amended Pub. L. 115-224, § 6, July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1565.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2301, Pub. L. 88-210, § 2, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3077, stated purpose of this chapter, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 109-270.

Another prior section 2301, Pub. L. 88-210, § 2, as added Pub. L. 98-524, § 1, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2437; amended Pub. L. 101-392, § 2, Sept. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 756, stated purpose of this chapter, prior to the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 105-332.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-224, §6(1), in introductory provisions, substituted “academic knowledge and technical and employability skills” for “academic and career and technical skills” and inserted “and programs of study” after “technical education programs”.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 115-224, §6(2), substituted “in-demand occupations” for “high demand occupations”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 115-224, §6(3), struck out “, including tech prep education” after “technical education”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 115-224, §6(4), inserted “and programs of study” after “technical education programs”.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 115-224, §6(5)–(7), added par. (8).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-224, § 4, July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1564, provided that: “This Act [see Short Title of 2018 Amendment note below], and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect beginning on July 1, 2019.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-224, § 1, July 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 1563, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 2399 of this title, amending numerous sections throughout this chapter, sections 6311, 7425, and 7544 of this title, and sections 497-2 and 3174 of Title 29 Labor, repealing subchapter II of this chapter, and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-270, §1(a), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-332, §1(a), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3076, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Amendments of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-392, §1(a), Sept. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 753, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Amendments of 1990’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1968 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 90-576, § 1, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1064, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 6, 1119c to 1119c-4, 1226, 1241 to 1248, 1261 to 1264, 1281 to 1284, 1301 to 1305, 1321 to 1323, 1341, 1351 to 1355, 1371 to 1374, and 1391 of this title, amending sections 237, 237 note, 238, 239, 240, 241, 403, 421, 422, 423, 423 note, 425, 425 note, 426, 441, 442, 442 note, 443, 444, 462, 464, 481, 482, 482 note, 483, 484, 491, 511, 521, 541, 551, 561, 563, 588, 589, 611, 633, 644, 645, 1202, and 1221 of this title, repealing sections 15i, 15i note, 15j to 15q, 15aa to 15jj, 15aaa to 15ggg, 30, 31 to 33, and 34 of this title and section 1667 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 6, 11, 240, 886, 1202, 1321, and 2301 of this title and section 2809 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare may be cited as the ‘Vocational Education Amendments of 1968’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 88-210, §1(a), as added by Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006’.”

Pub. L. 88-210, title II, §201, as added by Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3117, which provided that title II of Pub. L. 88-210, enacting subchapter II of this chapter, could be cited as the “Tech-Prep Education Act”, was omitted in the general amend-

ment of Pub. L. 88-210 by Pub. L. 109-270, §1(b), Aug. 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 683.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Pub. L. 98-524, §6, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2491, provided that: "It is the sense of the Congress that effective vocational education programs are essential to our future as a free and democratic society; that such programs are best administered by local communities, and community colleges school boards, where the primacy of parental control can be emphasized with a minimum of Federal interference; and that as a means to strengthening vocational education and training programs, non-governmental alternatives promoting links between public school needs and private sector sources of support should be encouraged and implemented."

§ 2302. Definitions

Unless otherwise specified, in this chapter:

(1) Administration

The term "administration", when used with respect to an eligible agency or eligible recipient, means activities necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the eligible agency or eligible recipient's duties under this chapter, including the supervision of such activities. Such term does not include curriculum development activities, personnel development, or research activities.

(2) All aspects of an industry

The term "all aspects of an industry" means strong experience in, and comprehensive understanding of, the industry that the individual is preparing to enter.

(3) Area career and technical education school

The term "area career and technical education school" means—

(A) a specialized public secondary school used exclusively or principally for the provision of career and technical education to individuals who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market;

(B) the department of a public secondary school exclusively or principally used for providing career and technical education in not fewer than 3 different fields that are available to all students, especially in high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations;

(C) a public or nonprofit technical institution or career and technical education school used exclusively or principally for the provision of career and technical education to individuals who have completed or left secondary school and who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market, if the institution or school admits, as regular students, individuals who have completed secondary school and individuals who have left secondary school; or

(D) the department or division of an institution of higher education, that operates under the policies of the eligible agency and that provides career and technical education in not fewer than 3 different occupational fields leading to immediate employment but not necessarily leading to a baccalaureate degree, if the department or division admits, as regular students, both individuals who have completed secondary school and individuals who have left secondary school.

(4) Articulation agreement

The term "articulation agreement" means a written commitment—

(A) that is agreed upon at the State level or approved annually by the lead administrators of—

(i) a secondary institution and a postsecondary educational institution; or

(ii) a subbaccalaureate degree granting postsecondary educational institution and a baccalaureate degree granting postsecondary educational institution; and

(B) to a program that is—

(i) designed to provide students with a nonduplicative sequence of progressive achievement leading to technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate, or a degree; and

(ii) linked through credit transfer agreements between the 2 institutions described in clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) (as the case may be).

(5) Career and technical education

The term "career and technical education" means organized educational activities that—

(A) offer a sequence of courses that—

(i) provides individuals with rigorous academic content and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in current or emerging professions, which may include high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand industry sectors or occupations, which shall be, at the secondary level, aligned with the challenging State academic standards adopted by a State under section 6311(b)(1) of this title;

(ii) provides technical skill proficiency or a recognized postsecondary credential, which may include an industry-recognized credential, a certificate, or an associate degree; and

(iii) may include prerequisite courses (other than a remedial course) that meet the requirements of this subparagraph;

(B) include competency-based, work-based, or other applied learning that supports the development of academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an individual;

(C) to the extent practicable, coordinate between secondary and postsecondary education programs through programs of study, which may include coordination through articulation agreements, early college high school programs, dual or concurrent enrollment program opportunities, or other credit transfer agreements that provide postsecondary credit or advanced standing; and

(D) may include career exploration at the high school level or as early as the middle grades (as such term is defined in section 7801 of this title).

(6) Career and technical student organization

(A) In general

The term "career and technical student organization" means an organization for in-