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Perkins V:

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act

On July 31, 2018, President Trump signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) into law. This Act reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV). It was approved unanimously by both chambers of Congress, reflecting broad bipartisan support for career and technical education (CTE) programs.

Perkins V is dedicated to increasing learner access to high-quality career technical education programs of study. With a focus on systems alignment and program improvement, this law has been critical to ensuring programs meet the ever-changing needs of learners and employers.

Funding supports a variety of activities, including professional development and technical assistance; creation of innovative programs of study; support for continuous improvement of existing programs of study; career exploration; guidance and advisement; data collection and analysis; and program evaluation and monitoring.

Kansas receives approximately \$11.3 million annually, split evenly to support secondary education (KSDE) and postsecondary education (KBOR). Twenty-four community and technical colleges and 268 school districts receive Perkins grant funding for career technical education programs. Kansas is submitting a one-year transition plan in May 2019, and a full four-year state plan will be submitted in the spring of 2020, encompassing program years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024.