
TESTIMONY

Testimony To: Senate Economic Development Committee
Senate Education Committee

Respectfully Submitted by: Heather Bouchey, Ph.D., Deputy Secretary of Education

Subject: AOE Edits to H.703

Date: April 21, 2022

Sec. 3. FUNDING AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN VERMONT

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Rationale

Allows AOE to complete the work stemming from results of the pilot grants program. AOE expertise is needed to finally "solve" CTE funding and governance barriers. Introducing another entity to complete this work in the final phase is unnecessary and complicated.

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H.703 language is too broad and redundant of work already completed to date. We know what the challenges are; we need to focus on fixing them.

(2) examine governance structures of career technical education in concert with those funding structures;

(2) examine CTE governance structures in relationship to those funding structures

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need more than just "examination."

(3) examine implications of the existing funding and governance structures for kindergarten through grade 12 schools and adult education;

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no change

(4) examine the funding and alignment of early college and dual enrollment;

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too broad for this targeted study and budget

(5) consider the CTE funding and governance structures in other states in relation to Vermont's unique system of funding education; and

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redundant with work already completed

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(4) identify and propose potential new models of funding and governance structures to improve the quality, duration, and access to career technical education statewide

(6) identify and prioritize potential new models of CTE funding and governance structures to reduce barriers to enrollment and to improve the quality, duration, impact, and access to CTE statewide

(4) propose implementation plan for new models of funding and governance structures to improve the quality, duration, and access to career technical education statewide

action-oriented and focused on implementation

(b) In performing its work, the contractor shall consult with the consultant and any other stakeholders involved in completing the report on the design, implementation, and costs of an integrated and coherent adult basic education, adult secondary education, and postsecondary career and technical education system pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. H.3.

No change.

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(b) On or before December 15, 2023, the Agency of Education shall issue a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs describing the results of its work under subsection (a) of this section and making recommendations for legislative action.

(c) On or before March 1, 2023, the Joint Fiscal Office shall issue a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance on the work performed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) On or before March 1, 2023, the Agency of Education shall issue a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance on the work performed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Revert project lead back to AOE.

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(2) On or before July 1, 2023, the Agency shall issue a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance that describes the results of its work under this subsection and the implementation plan and makes recommendations for legislative action.

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Focuses more concretely on action and implementation, rather than report.