



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 153

February Session, 2024



**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-95i of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2024*):

4 (b) During the five-year period beginning January 1, 2020, and during
5 each five-year period thereafter, the board shall evaluate each existing
6 technical education and career school trade program in accordance with
7 a schedule which the board shall establish. A trade program may be
8 reauthorized for a period of not more than five years following each
9 evaluation on the basis of: The projected employment demand for
10 students enrolled in the trade program, including consideration of the
11 employment of graduates of the program during the preceding five
12 years; anticipated technological changes; the availability of qualified
13 instructors; the existence of similar programs at other educational
14 institutions; and student interest in the trade program. As part of the
15 evaluation, the board shall consider geographic differences that may
16 make a trade program feasible at one school and not another and
17 whether certain combinations of program offerings shall be required.
18 Prior to any final decision on the reauthorization of a trade program, the
19 board shall consult with the [craft] program advisory committees for the
20 trade program being evaluated.

21 Sec. 2. Section 10-95j of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

23 The Technical Education and Career System board shall include in
24 the report required pursuant to section 10-95k, a summary of the
25 following:

26 (1) Admissions policies for the Technical Education and Career
27 System;

28 (2) Recruitment and retention of faculty;

29 (3) Efforts to strengthen consideration of the needs of and to develop
30 greater public awareness of the Technical Education and Career System;
31 and

32 (4) Efforts to strengthen the role of [career and technical education]
33 program advisory committees and increase employer participation.

34 Sec. 3. Section 10-96c of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

36 The executive director of the Technical Education and Career System
37 may indemnify and hold harmless any person, as defined in section 1-
38 79, who makes a gift of tangible property or properties with a fair
39 market value in excess of one thousand dollars to the Technical
40 Education and Career System for instructional purposes. Any
41 indemnification under this section shall be solely for any damages
42 caused as a result of the use of such tangible property, provided there
43 shall be no indemnification for any liability resulting from (1)
44 intentional or wilful misconduct by the person providing such tangible
45 property to [the department or] the Technical Education and Career
46 System, or (2) hidden defects in such tangible property that are known
47 to and not disclosed by the person providing such tangible property to
48 [the department or] the Technical Education and Career System at the
49 time the gift is made.

50 Sec. 4. Section 10-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the

51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

52 There is established a state-wide system of technical education and
53 career schools to be known as the Technical Education and Career
54 System. The Technical Education and Career System shall offer (1) full-
55 time comprehensive secondary education at technical high schools
56 located throughout the state, and [may offer] (2) part-time, [and]
57 evening [.] and extracurricular programs in vocational, technical,
58 technological and postsecondary education and training.

59 Sec. 5. Section 10-95p of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

61 (a) There is established a division of postsecondary educational
62 programs within the Technical Education and Career System. The
63 division shall administer any postsecondary educational program that
64 (1) was offered at a technical education and career school during the
65 school year commencing July 1, 2016, or (2) is approved by the Technical
66 Education and Career System board. [on or after July 5, 2017.]

67 (b) Any student admitted for enrollment in a postsecondary
68 educational program administered by the division shall have a high
69 school diploma or its equivalent, or [be twenty-one years of age or older]
70 have completed the school year in which such student reaches twenty-
71 two years of age.

72 Sec. 6. Section 10-76q of the general statutes is repealed and the
73 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

74 (a) The Technical Education and Career System, established pursuant
75 to section 10-95, as amended by this act, shall: (1) Provide the
76 professional services necessary to identify, in accordance with section
77 10-76a, children requiring special education who are enrolled at a
78 technical education and career school; (2) identify each such child; (3)
79 determine the appropriateness of the technical education and career
80 school for the educational needs of each such child; (4) provide an
81 appropriate educational program for each such child, including, but not

82 limited to, transition programs, as defined in section 10-74o; (5)
83 maintain a record thereof; and (6) annually evaluate the progress and
84 accomplishments of special education programs provided by the
85 Technical Education and Career System.

86 (b) Where it is deemed appropriate that a child enrolled in a technical
87 education and career school receive special education, the parents or
88 guardian of such child shall have a right to the hearing and appeal
89 process as provided for in section 10-76h.

90 (c) Prior to a student's enrollment in a technical education and career
91 school, the local or regional board of education for the town in which
92 such student resides shall convene a planning and placement team
93 meeting, except the planning and placement team meeting for a student
94 who has been educated in a home shall be convened by the Technical
95 Education and Career System. The purpose of such meeting shall be to
96 address such student's transition to such technical education and career
97 school and ensure that such student's individualized education
98 program reflects the current supports and services that such student
99 requires in order to access a free and appropriate public education in the
100 least restrictive environment. A representative from such technical
101 education and career school shall be invited to such meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10-95i(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2024	10-95j
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024	10-96c
Sec. 4	from passage	10-95
Sec. 5	from passage	10-95p
Sec. 6	July 1, 2024	10-76q

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