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CODIFICATION

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, comprising this chapter, was originally enacted as part A of Pub. L. 88-210, Dec. 18, 1963, 77 Stat. 403, known as the Vocational Education Act of 1963, and classified to sections 35 to 35n of this title. Part A of Pub. L. 88-210 was subsequently redesignated as title I and amended generally by Pub. L. 90-576, title I, §101, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1064, further amended by Pub. L. 91-230, Apr. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 121; Pub. L. 92-318, June 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 235; Pub. L. 93-380, Aug. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 484; Pub. L. 93-567, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1845; Pub. L. 94-135, Nov. 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 713; Pub. L. 94-273, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375, and reclassified to chapter 32 (§§1241-1393f) of this title. Title I of Pub. L. 88-210 was subsequently amended generally by Pub. L. 94-482, title II, §202(a), Oct. 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 2169, and reclassified to this chapter. Pub. L. 88-210 was subsequently amended by Pub. L. 98-524, §1, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2435, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof titles I to V (§§1-521), to be cited as the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, and further amended by Pub. L. 99-159, Nov. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 887; Pub. L. 99-357, July 8, 1986, 100 Stat. 761; Pub. L. 100-202, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329; Pub. L. 100-297, Apr. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 130; Pub. L. 100-418, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1107. Pub. L. 88-210 was subsequently extensively amended by Pub. L. 101-392, Sept. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 753, including an amendment to provide that the Act be cited as the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, and was further amended by Pub. L. 101-476, Oct. 30, 1990, 104 Stat. 1103; Pub. L. 102-103, Aug. 17, 1991, 105 Stat. 497; Pub. L. 102-367, Sept. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1021; Pub. L. 103-208, Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2457; Pub. L. 103-227, Mar. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 125; Pub. L. 103-239, May 4, 1994, 108 Stat. 568; Pub. L. 103-382, Oct. 20, 1994, 108 Stat. 3518; Pub. L. 104-66, Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 707; Pub. L. 104-193, Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2105; Pub. L. 105-244, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1581. Pub. L. 88-210 was subsequently amended generally by Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3076, including an amendment to provide that the Act be cited as the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998. Pub. L. 88-210 is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 105-332 without reference to the intervening amendments listed above because of the extensive revision of Pub. L. 88-210 by Pub. L. 105-332.

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 2308, 5891b, 6122, 6143, 6212, 6311, 6312, 6314, 7425, 9271, 9273 of this title; title 8 section 1255a; title 29 sections 491-2, 2822, 2841, 2864; title 31 section 6703; title 40 App. section 214; title 42 sections 3056a, 3056c.

§ 2301. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to develop more fully the academic, vocational, and technical

skills of secondary students and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in vocational and technical education programs, by—

- (1) building on the efforts of States and localities to develop challenging academic standards;
- (2) promoting the development of services and activities that integrate academic, vocational, and technical instruction, and that link secondary and postsecondary education for participating vocational and technical education students;
- (3) increasing State and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve vocational and technical education, including tech-prep education; and
- (4) disseminating national research, and providing professional development and technical assistance, that will improve vocational and technical education programs, services, and activities.

(Pub. L. 88-210, §2, as added Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3077.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A 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.

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. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3076, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998’.”

Pub. L. 88-210, title II, §201, as added by Pub. L. 105-332, §1(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3117, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Tech-Prep Education Act’.”

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

Section 6 of Pub. L. 98-524 provided that: “It is the sense of the Congress that effective vocational edu-

cation 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, nongovernmental alternatives promoting links between public school needs and private sector sources of support should be encouraged and implemented.”

§ 2302. Definitions

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 supervision, but 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 vocational and technical education school

The term “area vocational and technical education school” means—

(A) a specialized public secondary school used exclusively or principally for the provision of vocational 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 vocational and technical education in not fewer than 5 different occupational fields to individuals who are available for study in preparation for entering the labor market;

(C) a public or nonprofit technical institution or vocational and technical education school used exclusively or principally for the provision of vocational 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 both 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 vocational and technical education in not fewer than five 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) Career guidance and academic counseling

The term “career guidance and academic counseling” means providing access to infor-

mation regarding career awareness and planning with respect to an individual’s occupational and academic future that shall involve guidance and counseling with respect to career options, financial aid, and postsecondary options.

(5) Charter school

The term “charter school” has the meaning given the term in section 7221i¹ of this title.

(6) Cooperative education

The term “cooperative education” means a method of instruction of education for individuals who, through written cooperative arrangements between a school and employers, receive instruction, including required academic courses and related vocational and technical education instruction, by alternation of study in school with a job in any occupational field, which alternation shall be planned and supervised by the school and employer so that each contributes to the education and employability of the individual, and may include an arrangement in which work periods and school attendance may be on alternate half days, full days, weeks, or other periods of time in fulfilling the cooperative program.

(7) Displaced homemaker

The term “displaced homemaker” means an individual who—

(A)(i) has worked primarily without remuneration to care for a home and family, and for that reason has diminished marketable skills;

(ii) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or

(iii) is a parent whose youngest dependent child will become ineligible to receive assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) not later than 2 years after the date on which the parent applies for assistance under this chapter;¹ and

(B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

(8) Educational service agency

The term “educational service agency” has the meaning given the term in section 7801 of this title.

(9) Eligible agency

The term “eligible agency” means a State board designated or created consistent with State law as the sole State agency responsible for the administration of vocational and technical education or for supervision of the administration of vocational and technical education in the State.

(10) Eligible institution

The term “eligible institution” means—

(A) an institution of higher education;

(B) a local educational agency providing education at the postsecondary level;

(C) an area vocational and technical education school providing education at the postsecondary level;

¹ See References in Text note below.