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SENATE BILL NO. 406–COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

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Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Requires State Board for Occupational Education to prescribe program of career and technical education. (BDR 34-1307)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the annual reports of accountability prepared by the State Board of Education and the board of trustees of each school district; changing the name of "occupational education" to "career and technical education"; requiring the State Board for Occupational Education to prescribe a program of career and technical education; authorizing school districts and charter schools to establish and maintain a program of career and technical education in accordance with the program prescribed by the State Board; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the requirements for occupational education in public schools within the State. (NRS 388.330-388.400)

2345678 This bill redesignates occupational education as career and technical education. This bill requires the State Board for Occupational Education to prescribe a program of career and technical education for pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12. This bill authorizes school districts and charter schools to establish and maintain a program of career and technical education in accordance with the Board's program.

9 A pupil who successfully completes a program of career and technical education may be awarded a career and technical education advanced diploma or, at 10 the discretion of the pupil, another type of diploma for which the pupil is otherwise 11



12 eligible. If a pupil does not satisfy the requirements for a career and technical 13 education advanced diploma, but otherwise satisfies the requirements for 14 graduation from high school, the pupil must be awarded a standard high school 15 diploma.

This bill appropriates \$12 million over the next 2 fiscal years to the Department of Education for allocations to school districts and charter schools to provide a program of career and technical education. The amount of an allocation to a school district or charter school whose application is approved must be based on the estimated number of pupils who will participate in the program for that fiscal year and the financial need of the school district or charter school.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 385.3469 is hereby amended to read as 2 follows:

3 385.3469 1. The State Board shall prepare an annual report4 of accountability that includes, without limitation:

5 (a) Information on the achievement of all pupils based upon the 6 results of the examinations administered pursuant to NRS 389.015 7 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including, without 8 limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a 9 whole.

10 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, pupil 11 achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately 12 for the following subgroups of pupils:

(1) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as definedby the State Board;

15 (2) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined by 16 the State Board;

17 18 (3) Pupils with disabilities;

(4) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and

19 (5) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the State20 Board.

(c) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each subgroup
 identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 385.361 with the
 annual measurable objectives of the State Board.

(d) The percentage of all pupils who were not tested, reported
for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter
school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the percentage
of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by gender and
reported separately for the subgroups identified in paragraph (b).

(f) The most recent 3-year trend in the achievement of pupils in
each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS
389.015 and 389.550, reported for each school district, including,



without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this
 State as a whole, which may include information regarding the trend
 in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such
 information is available.

5 (g) Information on whether each school district has made 6 adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation, the name of 7 each school district, if any, designated as demonstrating need for 8 improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377 and the number of 9 consecutive years that the school district has carried that 10 designation.

(h) Information on whether each public school, including,
without limitation, each charter school, has made adequate yearly
progress, including, without limitation, the name of each public
school, if any, designated as demonstrating need for improvement
pursuant to NRS 385.3623 and the number of consecutive years that
the school has carried that designation.

(i) Information on the results of pupils who participated in the
 examinations of the National Assessment of Educational Progress
 required pursuant to NRS 389.012.

(j) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each grade level for all elementary schools, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school, reported for each school district and for this State as a whole.

(k) For each school district, including, without limitation, each
charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole,
information on the professional qualifications of teachers employed
by the school districts and charter schools, including, without
limitation:

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(1) The percentage of teachers who are:

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(I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;

34 (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the 35 requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in 36 which the teachers are employed; or

(III) Otherwise providing instruction without an
 endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are
 employed;

40 (2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 41 as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by 42 highly qualified teachers; and

43 (3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 44 as set forth in NRS 389.018, in this State that are not taught by 45 highly qualified teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by



high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the
purposes of this subparagraph, means schools in the top quartile of
poverty and the bottom quartile of poverty in this State.

(1) The total expenditure per pupil for each school district in this 4 5 State, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 6 district. If this State has a financial analysis program that is designed 7 to track educational expenditures and revenues to individual 8 schools, the State Board shall use that statewide program in 9 complying with this paragraph. If a statewide program is not 10 available, the State Board shall use the Department's own financial 11 analysis program in complying with this paragraph.

12 (m) The total statewide expenditure per pupil. If this State has a 13 financial analysis program that is designed to track educational 14 expenditures and revenues to individual schools, the State Board 15 shall use that statewide program in complying with this paragraph. 16 If a statewide program is not available, the State Board shall use the 17 Department's own financial analysis program in complying with 18 this paragraph.

(n) For all elementary schools, junior high schools and middle
schools, the rate of attendance, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole.

(o) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grades 9
to 12, inclusive, reported for each school district, including, without
limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a
whole, excluding pupils who:

(1) Provide proof to the school district of successfulcompletion of the examinations of general educational development.

29 (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the 30 Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard 31 diploma.

(3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.

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(p) The attendance of teachers who provide instruction, reported
for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter
school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

(q) Incidents involving weapons or violence, reported for each
school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in
the district, and for this State as a whole.

(r) Incidents involving the use or possession of alcoholic
beverages or controlled substances, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole.

43 (s) The suspension and expulsion of pupils required or 44 authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467, reported for each



school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in
 the district, and for this State as a whole.

3 (t) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary 4 problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, reported for each school 5 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 6 district, and for this State as a whole.

7 (u) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the 8 same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, reported for each 9 school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in 10 the district, and for this State as a whole.

(v) The transiency rate of pupils, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole. For the purposes of this paragraph, a pupil is not a transient if he is transferred to a different school within the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to NRS 388.040.

18 (w) Each source of funding for this State to be used for the 19 system of public education.

20 (x) The amount and sources of money received by this State for 21 remedial education.

(y) The percentage of pupils who graduated from a high school or charter school in the immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in reading, writing or mathematics at a university or community college within the University and Community College System of Nevada, reported for each school district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole.

(z) The technological facilities and equipment available for
educational purposes, reported for each school district, including,
without limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this
State as a whole.

(aa) For each school district, including, without limitation, each
 charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the
 number and percentage of pupils who received:

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A standard high school diploma.
 A career and technical education advanced diploma.

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[(3)] (4) A certificate of attendance.

(3) An adjusted diploma.

(bb) The number and percentage of pupils who did not receive a
high school diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high
school proficiency examination, reported for each school district,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and
for this State as a whole.



(cc) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school 1 2 police officer or local law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of 3 habitual truants who are referred to an advisory board to review 4 school attendance pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 5 392.144, reported for each school district, including, without 6 limitation, each charter school in the district, and for this State as a 7 8 whole.

9 (dd) Information on the paraprofessionals employed at public 10 schools in this State, including, without limitation, the charter schools in this State. The information must include: 11

12 (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed, reported for 13 each school district, including, without limitation, each charter 14 school in the district, and for this State as a whole; and

15 (2) For each school district, including, without limitation, 16 each charter school in the district, and for this State as a whole, the 17 number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The reporting 18 requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who 19 are employed in programs supported with Title I money and to 20 21 paraprofessionals who are not employed in programs supported with 22 Title I money.

23 (ee) An identification of appropriations made by the Legislature 24 to improve the academic achievement of pupils and programs 25 approved by the Legislature to improve the academic achievement 26 of pupils.

27 2. A separate reporting for a subgroup of pupils must not be 28 made pursuant to this section if the number of pupils in that 29 subgroup is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or 30 the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an 31 individual pupil. The State Board shall prescribe a mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a 32 33 subgroup for that subgroup to yield statistically reliable information. 34

The annual report of accountability must: 3.

35 (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(1) and the regulations 36 adopted pursuant thereto;

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(b) Be prepared in a concise manner; and

38 (c) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and, 39 to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can 40 understand.

41 On or before September 1 of each year, the State Board shall 4. 42 provide for public dissemination of the annual report of accountability and submit a copy of the report to the: 43

44 (a) Governor;

45 (b) Committee;



1 (c) Bureau; 2

(d) Board of Regents of the University of Nevada;

(e) Board of trustees of each school district; and

(f) Governing body of each charter school.

As used in this section: 5.

(a) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 6 U.S.C. § 7801(23). 7

(b) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 8 9 NRS 391.008.

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Sec. 2. NRS 385.347 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 385.347 1. The board of trustees of each school district in 12 this State, in cooperation with associations recognized by the State 13 Board as representing licensed personnel in education in the district, 14 shall adopt a program providing for the accountability of the school 15 district to the residents of the district and to the State Board for the 16 quality of the schools and the educational achievement of the pupils 17 in the district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in 18 charter schools in the school district. The board of trustees of a 19 school district shall report the information required by subsection 2 20 for each charter school within the school district, regardless of the 21 sponsor of the charter school.

22 The board of trustees of each school district shall, on or 2. before August 15 of each year, prepare an annual report of 23 24 accountability concerning: 25

(a) The educational goals and objectives of the school district.

26 (b) Pupil achievement for each school in the district and the 27 district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The board of trustees of the district shall base its 28 29 report on the results of the examinations administered pursuant to 30 NRS 389.015 and 389.550 and shall compare the results of those 31 examinations for the current school year with those of previous 32 school years. The report must include, for each school in the district, 33 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, and 34 each grade in which the examinations were administered:

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(1) The number of pupils who took the examinations;

36 (2) An explanation of instances in which a school was 37 exempt from administering or a pupil was exempt from taking an 38 examination:

39 (3) A record of attendance for the period in which the examinations were administered, including an explanation of any 40 41 difference in the number of pupils who took the examinations and 42 the number of pupils who are enrolled in the school;

43 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, pupil achievement, reported separately by gender and reported separately 44 45 for the following subgroups of pupils:



- 1 (I) Pupils who are economically disadvantaged, as 2 defined by the State Board;
- 3 (II) Pupils from major racial and ethnic groups, as defined 4 by the State Board;
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(III) Pupils with disabilities;(IV) Pupils who are limited English proficient; and

7 (V) Pupils who are migratory children, as defined by the 8 State Board;

9 (5) A comparison of the achievement of pupils in each 10 subgroup identified in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 11 385.361 with the annual measurable objectives of the State Board;

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(6) The percentage of pupils who were not tested;

13 (7) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the 14 percentage of pupils who were not tested, reported separately by 15 gender and reported separately for the subgroups identified in 16 subparagraph (4);

17 (8) The most recent 3-year trend in pupil achievement in 18 each subject area tested and each grade level tested pursuant to NRS 19 389.015 and 389.550, which may include information regarding the 20 trend in the achievement of pupils for more than 3 years, if such 21 information is available;

22 (9) Information that compares the results of pupils in the 23 school district, including, without limitation, pupils enrolled in 24 charter schools in the district, with the results of pupils throughout 25 this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be 26 provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy 27 of the comparison; and

(10) For each school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, information that compares the results of pupils in the school with the results of pupils throughout the school district and throughout this State. The information required by this subparagraph must be provided in consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the comparison.

→ A separate reporting for a subgroup of pupils must not be made pursuant to this paragraph if the number of pupils in that subgroup is insufficient to yield statistically reliable information or the results would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual pupil. The State Board shall prescribe the mechanism for determining the minimum number of pupils that must be in a subgroup for that subgroup to yield statistically reliable information.

42 (c) The ratio of pupils to teachers in kindergarten and at each 43 grade level for each elementary school in the district and the district 44 as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 45 district, and the average class size for each core academic subject, as



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set forth in NRS 389.018, for each secondary school in the district 1 2 and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. 3

(d) Information on the professional qualifications of teachers 4 5 employed by each school in the district and the district as a whole, 6 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district. The 7 information must include, without limitation:

8 9 (1) The percentage of teachers who are:

(I) Providing instruction pursuant to NRS 391.125;

10 (II) Providing instruction pursuant to a waiver of the requirements for licensure for the grade level or subject area in 11 12 which the teachers are employed; or

13 (III) Otherwise providing instruction without an 14 endorsement for the subject area in which the teachers are 15 employed:

16 (2) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects, 17 as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified 18 teachers: and

19 (3) The percentage of classes in the core academic subjects. 20 as set forth in NRS 389.018, that are not taught by highly qualified 21 teachers, in the aggregate and disaggregated by high-poverty compared to low-poverty schools, which for the purposes of this 22 23 subparagraph, means schools in the top quartile of poverty and the 24 bottom quartile of poverty in this State.

25 (e) The total expenditure per pupil for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each 26 charter school in the district. If this State has a financial analysis 27 program that is designed to track educational expenditures and 28 29 revenues to individual schools, each school district shall use that 30 statewide program in complying with this paragraph. If a statewide 31 program is not available, each school district shall use its own financial analysis program in complying with this paragraph. 32 33

(f) The curriculum used by the school district, including:

34 (1) Any special programs for pupils at an individual school; 35 and

36 (2) The curriculum used by each charter school in the 37 district.

38 (g) Records of the attendance and truancy of pupils in all grades, 39 including, without limitation:

40 (1) The average daily attendance of pupils, for each school in 41 the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, 42 each charter school in the district.

(2) For each elementary school, middle school and junior 43 44 high school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter 45 school in the district that provides instruction to pupils enrolled in a



1 grade level other than high school, information that compares the 2 attendance of the pupils enrolled in the school with the attendance of 3 pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The 4 information required by this subparagraph must be provided in 5 consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the 6 comparison.

7 (ĥ) The annual rate of pupils who drop out of school in grades 9 8 to 12, inclusive, for each such grade, for each school in the district 9 and for the district as a whole, excluding pupils who:

10 (1) Provide proof to the school district of successful 11 completion of the examinations of general educational development.

12 (2) Are enrolled in courses that are approved by the 13 Department as meeting the requirements for an adult standard 14 diploma.

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(3) Withdraw from school to attend another school.

(i) Records of attendance of teachers who provide instruction,
for each school in the district and the district as a whole, including,
without limitation, each charter school in the district.

19 (j) Efforts made by the school district and by each school in the 20 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 21 district, to increase:

(1) Communication with the parents of pupils in the district;and

(2) The participation of parents in the educational process
and activities relating to the school district and each school,
including, without limitation, the existence of parent organizations
and school advisory committees.

(k) Records of incidents involving weapons or violence for each
 school in the district, including, without limitation, each charter
 school in the district.

(1) Records of incidents involving the use or possession of
alcoholic beverages or controlled substances for each school in the
district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the
district.

(m) Records of the suspension and expulsion of pupils required
 or authorized pursuant to NRS 392.466 and 392.467.

(n) The number of pupils who are deemed habitual disciplinary
problems pursuant to NRS 392.4655, for each school in the district
and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each
charter school in the district.

(o) The number of pupils in each grade who are retained in the
same grade pursuant to NRS 392.033 or 392.125, for each school in
the district and the district as a whole, including, without limitation,
each charter school in the district.



1 (p) The transiency rate of pupils for each school in the district 2 and the district as a whole, including, without limitation, each 3 charter school in the district. For the purposes of this paragraph, a 4 pupil is not transient if he is transferred to a different school within 5 the school district as a result of a change in the zone of attendance 6 by the board of trustees of the school district pursuant to 7 NRS 388.040.

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(q) Each source of funding for the school district.

9 (r) The amount and sources of money received for remedial 10 education for each school in the district and the district as a whole, 11 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district.

12 (s) For each high school in the district, including, without 13 limitation, each charter school in the district, the percentage of 14 pupils who graduated from that high school or charter school in the 15 immediately preceding year and enrolled in remedial courses in 16 reading, writing or mathematics at a university or community 17 college within the University and Community College System of 18 Nevada.

19 (t) The technological facilities and equipment available at each 20 school, including, without limitation, each charter school, and the 21 district's plan to incorporate educational technology at each school.

(u) For each school in the district and the district as a whole,
 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the
 number and percentage of pupils who received:

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- (1) A standard high school diploma.
 (2) A career and technical education advanced diploma.
- (3) An adjusted diploma.
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[(3)] (4) A certificate of attendance.

(v) For each school in the district and the district as a whole,
including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, the
number and percentage of pupils who did not receive a high school
diploma because the pupils failed to pass the high school
proficiency examination.

(w) The number of habitual truants who are reported to a school
police officer or law enforcement agency pursuant to paragraph (a)
of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144 and the number of habitual truants
who are referred to an advisory board to review school attendance
pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NRS 392.144, for each
school in the district and for the district as a whole.

40 (x) The amount and sources of money received for the training 41 and professional development of teachers and other educational 42 personnel for each school in the district and for the district as a 43 whole, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 44 district.



1 (y) Whether the school district has made adequate yearly 2 progress. If the school district has been designated as demonstrating 3 need for improvement pursuant to NRS 385.377, the report must 4 include a statement indicating the number of consecutive years the 5 school district has carried that designation.

6 (z) Information on whether each public school in the district, 7 including, without limitation, each charter school in the district, has 8 made adequate yearly progress, including, without limitation:

9 (1) The number and percentage of schools in the district, if 10 any, that have been designated as needing improvement pursuant to 11 NRS 385.3623; and

12 (2) The name of each school, if any, in the district that has 13 been designated as needing improvement pursuant to NRS 385.3623 14 and the number of consecutive years that the school has carried that 15 designation.

(aa) Information on the paraprofessionals employed by each
public school in the district, including, without limitation, each
charter school in the district. The information must include:

19 (1) The number of paraprofessionals employed at the school;20 and

21 (2) The number and percentage of all paraprofessionals who 22 do not satisfy the qualifications set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6319(c). The 23 reporting requirements of this subparagraph apply to paraprofessionals who are employed in positions supported with 24 25 Title I money and to paraprofessionals who are not employed in 26 positions supported with Title I money.

27 (bb) For each high school in the district, including, without 28 limitation, each charter school that operates as a high school, 29 information that provides a comparison of the rate of graduation of 30 pupils enrolled in the high school with the rate of graduation of 31 pupils throughout the district and throughout this State. The information required by this paragraph must be provided in 32 33 consultation with the Department to ensure the accuracy of the 34 comparison.

(cc) An identification of the appropriations made by the
Legislature that are available to the school district or the schools
within the district and programs approved by the Legislature to
improve the academic achievement of pupils.

(dd) Such other information as is directed by the Superintendentof Public Instruction.

41 3. The records of attendance maintained by a school for 42 purposes of paragraph (i) of subsection 2 must include the number 43 of teachers who are in attendance at school and the number of 44 teachers who are absent from school. A teacher shall be deemed in 45 attendance if the teacher is excused from being present in the



classroom by the school in which he is employed for one of the 1 2 following reasons: (a) Acquisition of knowledge or skills relating to 3 the professional development of the teacher; or 4 (b) Assignment of the teacher to perform duties for cocurricular 5 6 or extracurricular activities of pupils. 7 The annual report of accountability prepared pursuant to 4. 8 subsection 2 must: (a) Comply with 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2) and the regulations 9 10 adopted pursuant thereto; and 11 (b) Be presented in an understandable and uniform format and to 12 the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can 13 understand. 14 5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall: 15 (a) Prescribe forms for the reports required pursuant to 16 subsection 2 and provide the forms to the respective school districts. 17 (b) Provide statistical information and technical assistance to the 18 school districts to ensure that the reports provide comparable information with respect to each school in each district and among 19 20 the districts throughout this State. 21 (c) Consult with a representative of the: 22 (1) Nevada State Education Association; (2) Nevada Association of School Boards; 23 (3) Nevada Association of School Administrators; 24 25 (4) Nevada Parent Teacher Association; (5) Budget Division of the Department of Administration; 26 27 and 28 (6) Legislative Counsel Bureau, concerning the program and consider any advice or 29 30 recommendations submitted by the representatives with respect to 31 the program. 32 6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may consult with representatives of parent groups other than the Nevada Parent 33 Teacher Association concerning the program and consider any 34 35 advice or recommendations submitted by the representatives with 36 respect to the program. On or before [April 1] August 15 of each year, the board of 37 7. trustees of each school district shall submit to: 38 (a) Each advisory board to review school attendance created in 39 the county pursuant to NRS 392.126 the information required in 40 41 paragraph (g) of subsection 2. 42 (b) The Commission on Educational Technology created by NRS 388.790 the information prepared by the board of trustees 43 44 pursuant to paragraph (t) of subsection 2.



- 1 8. On or before August 15 of each year, the board of trustees of 2 each school district shall:
 - (a) Submit the report required pursuant to subsection 2 to the:
- 4 (1) Governor; 5

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- (2) State Board;
- (3) Department;
 - (4) Committee; and
- (5) Bureau. 8
- 9 (b) Provide for public dissemination of the annual report of 10 accountability prepared pursuant to subsection 2 in the manner set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 6311(h)(2)(E) to the schools in the school 11 12 district, including, without limitation, each charter school in the 13 district, the residents of the district, and the parents and guardians of 14 pupils enrolled in schools in the district, including, without 15 limitation, each charter school in the district.
- 16 9. As used in this section:
- 17 (a) "Highly qualified" has the meaning ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 7801(23). 18
- (b) "Paraprofessional" has the meaning ascribed to it in 19 NRS 391.008. 20 21
 - **Sec. 3.** NRS 387.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 22 1. The State of Nevada accepts the provisions of, 387.050 and all of the money provided by, the Vocational Education Act of 23 24 1963, and any amendments thereof or supplements thereto.
- 25 In addition to the provisions of subsection 1, the State Board 2. 26 for Occupational Education may accept, and adopt regulations or 27 establish policies for the disbursement of, money appropriated by any Act of Congress and apportioned to the State of Nevada for use 28 29 in connection with the program for [occupational] career and 30 technical education.
- 31 3. In accepting the benefits of the Acts of Congress referred to 32 in subsections 1 and 2, the State of Nevada agrees to comply with 33 all of their provisions and to observe all of their requirements.
- The State Treasurer is designated custodian of all money 34 4. 35 received by the State of Nevada from the appropriations made by the Acts of Congress referred to in subsections 1 and 2, and he may 36 37 receive and provide for the proper custody thereof and make disbursements therefrom in the manner provided in the acts and for 38 the purposes therein specified on warrants of the State Controller 39 issued upon the order of the Executive Officer of the State Board for 40 41 Occupational Education.
- 42 5. On warrants of the State Controller issued upon the order of 43 the Executive Officer of the State Board for Occupational Education 44 pursuant to regulations or policies of the Board, the State Treasurer



1 2	shall also pay out any money appropriated by the State of Nevada to carry out the provisions of this section.
3	Sec. 4. Chapter 388 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
4	thereto a new section to read as follows:
5	1. The State Board for Occupational Education shall adopt
6	regulations that prescribe a program of career and technical
7	education for pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive. The
8	regulations:
9	(a) Must set forth the areas of career and technical education
10	that comprise the program.
11	(b) May prescribe qualifications for enrollment in the program
12	in addition to those qualifications prescribed in subsection 2.
13	(c) May prescribe requirements for successful completion of
14	the program in addition to those prescribed in subsection 4.
15	2. To qualify for enrollment in the program a pupil must:
16	(a) Be enrolled in a school district or charter school that
17	provides the program;
18	(b) Submit to the board of trustees of the school district in
19	which the pupil is enrolled or the governing body of the charter
20	school in which the pupil is enrolled written approval for the pupil
21	to participate in the program from the:
22	(1) Pupil's parent or legal guardian; and
23	(2) Guidance counselor assigned to the pupil, or if the
24	school in which the pupil is enrolled does not employ a guidance
25	counselor, the principal of the school; and
26	(c) Satisfy any other criteria prescribed by the State Board for
27	Occupational Education.
28	3. A pupil who successfully completes the program may be
29	awarded a diploma designated as a career and technical education
30	advanced diploma or, at the discretion of the pupil, another type of
31	diploma for which the pupil is otherwise eligible. If a pupil does
32	not satisfactorily complete the program but otherwise satisfies the
33	requirements for graduation from high school, the pupil must be
34	awarded a standard high school diploma.
35	4. To qualify for the career and technical education advanced
36	diploma, a pupil must:
37	(a) Satisfactorily complete at least 6 credits in the sequence or
38	sequences of courses prescribed by the school district or charter
39	school in which the pupil is enrolled for the career or technical
40	area selected by the pupil;
41	(b) Satisfy the state academic requirements governing receipt
42	of a standard high school diploma and the statutes and regulations
43	governing the receipt of a standard high school diploma,
44	including, without limitation, passage of the high school
45	proficiency examination;



1 (c) Maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average; and

2 (d) Satisfy any other criteria prescribed by the State Board for 3 Occupational Education.

Sec. 5. NRS 388.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 388.340 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall 6 serve as Executive Officer of the State Board for Occupational 7 Education.

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2. The Executive Officer shall:

9 (a) Employ personnel for such positions as are approved by the 10 State Board for Occupational Education and necessary to carry out 11 properly the provisions of this title relating to <u>[occupational]</u> career 12 and technical education.

(b) Carry into effect the regulations of the State Board forOccupational Education.

15 (c) Maintain an office for the Board.

16 (d) Keep all records of the Board in the office of the Board.

17 Sec. 6. NRS 388.360 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 388.360 The State Board for Occupational Education may:

19 1. Cooperate with any federal agency, board or department 20 designated to administer the Acts of Congress apportioning federal 21 money to the State of Nevada for [occupational] career and 22 technical education.

23 2. Establish policies and adopt regulations for the
24 administration of any legislation enacted pursuant thereto by the
25 State of Nevada.

3. Establish policies and adopt regulations for the
administration of money provided by the Federal Government and
the State of Nevada for the promotion, extension and improvement
of [occupational] career and technical education in Nevada.

4. Éstablish policies or regulations and formulate plans for the
promotion of [occupational] career and technical education in such
subjects as are an essential and integral part of the system of public
education in the State of Nevada.

5. Establish policies to provide for the preparation of teachersof such programs and subjects.

Approve positions for such persons as may be necessary to
administer the federal act and provisions of this title enacted
pursuant thereto for the State of Nevada.

39 7. Direct its Executive Officer to make studies and 40 investigations relating to <u>[occupational]</u> career and technical 41 education.

8. Establish policies to promote and aid in the establishment by
local communities of schools, departments or classes giving training
in [occupational] career and technical subjects.



1 9. Cooperate with local communities in the maintenance of 2 such schools, departments or classes.

3 10. Prescribe qualifications for the teachers, directors and 4 supervisors of [occupational] career and technical subjects.

5 11. Provide for the certification of such teachers, directors and 6 supervisors.

7 12. Establish policies or regulations to cooperate in the 8 maintenance of classes supported and controlled by the public for 9 the preparation of the teachers, directors and supervisors of 10 [occupational] career and technical subjects, or maintain such 11 classes under its own direction and control.

13. Establish by regulation the qualifications required for
persons engaged in the training of [occupational teachers.] teachers
for career and technical education.

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Sec. 7. NRS 388.365 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 388.365 1. All gifts of money which the State Board for 17 Occupational Education is authorized to accept must be deposited in 18 a permanent trust fund in the State Treasury designated as the Gift 19 Fund for [Occupational] *Career and Technical* Education.

20 2. The money available in the Fund must be used only for the 21 purpose specified by the donor, within the scope of the Board's 22 powers and duties. The Board may adopt regulations or establish 23 policies for the disbursement of money from the Fund in accordance 24 with the terms of the gift or bequest on warrants of the State 25 Controller issued upon the orders of the Executive Officer of the State Board for Occupational Education. Any expenditures pursuant 26 27 to this section may include matching state and federal money 28 available for **[occupational]** career and technical education.

3. If all or part of the money accepted by the Board from a donor is not expended before the end of the fiscal year in which the gift was accepted, the remaining balance of the amount donated must remain in the Fund until needed for the purpose specified by the donor.

Sec. 8. NRS 388.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 388.380 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the
36 board of trustees of a school district [in a county whose population
37 is 100,000 or more shall and any other board of trustees of a school
38 district may:] and the governing body of a charter school may:

(a) Establish and maintain [occupational schools or classes
giving], in accordance with the program prescribed pursuant to
section 4 of this act, a program of career and technical education
that offers instruction in the subjects approved by the State Board
for Occupational Education.



1 (b) Raise and expend money for the establishment and 2 maintenance of <u>[occupational schools or classes.]</u> career and 3 technical education.

The board of trustees of each school district shall 4 2. 5 incorporate into the curriculum:

6 (a) [Occupational guidance] *Guidance* and counseling *in career* 7 and technical education in accordance with NRS 389.180; and 8

(b) Technology.

Sec. 9. NRS 388.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 388.390 If the board of trustees of a school district or the 11 governing body of a charter school organizes a [school or classes for occupational] program of career and technical education in 12 accordance with the [regulations adopted] program prescribed by 13 the State Board for Occupational Education *pursuant to section 4 of* 14 15 *this act* and the [school or classes have] *program has* been approved 16 by the Executive Officer of the State Board for Occupational Education, the school district or the charter school is entitled to 17 18 share in federal and state money available for the promotion of [occupational] career and technical education in the amount 19 determined by the Executive Officer of the State Board for 20 21 Occupational Education, in accordance with the regulations and 22 policies of the Board.

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Sec. 10. NRS 388.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 388.400 1. The money for [occupational] career and 25 *technical* education must be provided for and raised in the manner 26 specified in NRS 387.050 and 388.330 to 388.400, inclusive [-], 27 and section 4 of this act.

28 2. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the money and shall 29 make disbursements therefrom on warrants of the State Controller 30 issued upon the order of the Executive Officer of the State Board for 31 Occupational Education.

Sec. 11. NRS 388.537 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 388.537 1. The board of trustees of a school district may, subject to the approval of the State Board, operate an alternative 34 35 program for the education of pupils at risk of dropping out of high 36 school, including pupils who:

37 (a) Because of extenuating circumstances, such as their being pregnant, parents, chronically ill or self-supporting, are not able to 38 attend the classes of instruction regularly provided in high school; 39

(b) Are deficient in the amount of academic credit necessary to 40 41 graduate with pupils their same age;

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(c) Are chronically absent from high school; or

43 (d) Require instruction on a more personal basis than that 44 regularly provided in high school. 45

2. An alternative program may include:



(a) A shorter school day, and an opportunity for pupils to attend 1 2 a longer school day, than that regularly provided in high school. (b) An opportunity for pupils to attend classes of instruction 3 during any part of the calendar year. 4 5 (c) A comprehensive curriculum that includes elective classes of 6 instruction and [occupational] career and technical education. (d) An opportunity for pupils to obtain academic credit through 7 8 experience gained at work or while engaged in other activities. 9 (e) An opportunity for pupils to satisfy either: 10 (1) The requirements for a regular high school diploma; or (2) The requirements for a high school diploma for adults. 11 12 (f) The provision of child care for the children of pupils. 13 (g) The transportation of pupils to and from classes of 14 instruction. 15 (h) The temporary placement of pupils for independent study, if 16 there are extenuating circumstances which prevent those pupils from 17 attending the alternative program on a daily basis. 18 3. The board of trustees of a school district may operate an 19 alternative program pursuant to this section through a program of 20 distance education pursuant to NRS 388.820 to 388.874, inclusive. 21 Sec. 12. NRS 388.575 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22 The Department of Education, after consulting 388.575 1. 23 with the Department of Corrections, shall: 24 (a) Adopt regulations that establish a statewide program of 25 education for incarcerated persons; and (b) Coordinate with and assist school districts in operating 26 27 programs of education for incarcerated persons. The statewide program may include courses of study for: 28 2. 29 (a) A high school diploma; 30 (b) Basic literacy; 31 (c) English as a second language; 32 (d) General educational development; 33 (e) Life skills; (f) [Occupational] Career and technical education; and 34 (g) Postsecondary education. 35 36 The statewide program does not include the programs of 3. 37 general education, vocational education and training established by 38 the Board of State Prison Commissioners pursuant to NRS 209.389. 39 The statewide program must establish: 4. (a) Standards for each course of study that set forth the: 40 41 (1) Curriculum; 42 (2) Qualifications for entry; and (3) Evaluation of incarcerated persons for placement; and 43 44 (b) Procedures to ensure that an incarcerated person who earns

45 credits in a program of education for incarcerated persons operated



by a school district at a facility or institution shall, if transferred to a 1 2 different facility or institution, transfer those credits to the program operated by a school district at that facility or institution. 3 5. As used in this section, "general educational development" 4 means preparation for and administration of the standardized 5 6 examinations that enable persons who have not graduated from high 7 school to demonstrate that they have achieved an educational level

which denotes competency in core curriculum. The term includes 8 programs for obtaining a general educational development 9 10 certificate.

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Sec. 13. NRS 388.635 is hereby amended to read as follows:

388.635 Each center shall provide:

- 13 Counseling services specifically designed for the counseling 1. 14 of a displaced homemaker with respect to appropriate employment, 15 including:
 - (a) Assessment of his skills;
- (b) Clarification of his employment goals and information 17 regarding the availability of various types of employment; 18
- (c) The development of a personal plan for a career; and 19

(d) Referrals to public and private programs of training and 20 21 placement.

- 22 Courses of instruction to assist a displaced homemaker in 2. 23 seeking and retaining employment, including instruction in:
- (a) The initial steps in seeking employment; 24 25
 - (b) Skills for contacting employers;
- (c) The proper completion of applications for employment; 26
- 27 (d) Writing resumes:
- (e) Skills for effective interviewing; 28
- (f) The importance of a positive attitude and appropriate work 29 30 habits:
- (g) Skills for effective communication; 31
- 32 (h) Appropriate conduct in an office; and
- (i) Resolving conflicts involving work and family. 33
- Weekly meetings to allow the displaced homemakers it 34 3. 35 serves to share information regarding employment and to discuss their concerns regarding seeking and retaining employment. 36
- 37 Educational and counseling services relating to health and 4. health care, including education about obtaining and paying for 38 health care and related services, particularly about selecting 39 physicians and others who provide the services, including health 40 41 maintenance organizations and health insurance.
- 42 Services relating to financial management, including 5. 43 information about insurance, taxes, estates and probate, mortgages, loans and other related financial matters 44



1 6. Referrals of displaced homemakers to appropriate agencies 2 in the community which provide:

- (a) Assistance to persons addicted to alcohol or drugs;
- (b) Personal counseling;
- 5 (c) Legal assistance;
 - (d) Child care; and

7 (e) Programs of secondary and postsecondary education, 8 including programs for <u>[occupational]</u> career and technical 9 education, English as a second language and improving reading 10 ability.

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Sec. 14. NRS 389.0173 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 389.0173 1. The Department shall develop an informational 13 pamphlet concerning the high school proficiency examination for 14 pupils who are enrolled in junior high, middle school and high 15 school, and their parents and legal guardians. The pamphlet must 16 include a written explanation of the:

(a) Importance of passing the examination, including, without
limitation, an explanation that if the pupil fails the examination he is
not eligible to receive a standard high school diploma [;] or a career
and technical education advanced diploma;

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(b) Subject areas tested on the examination;

(c) Format for the examination, including, without limitation,the range of items that are contained on the examination;

(d) Manner by which the scaled score, as reported to pupils andtheir parents or legal guardians, is derived from the raw score;

(e) Timeline by which the results of the examination must bereported to pupils and their parents or legal guardians;

28 (f) Maximum number of times that a pupil is allowed to take the 29 examination if he fails to pass the examination after the first 30 administration;

(g) Courses of study that the Department recommends that
pupils take to prepare the pupils to successfully meet the academic
challenges of the examination and pass the examination; and

(h) Courses of study which the Department recommends that
 pupils take in high school to successfully prepare for the college
 entrance examinations.

2. The Department shall review the pamphlet on an annual
basis and make such revisions to the pamphlet as it considers
necessary to ensure that pupils and their parents or legal guardians
fully understand the examination.

41 3. On or before September 1, the Department shall provide a 42 copy of the pamphlet or revised pamphlet to the board of trustees of 43 each school district and the governing body of each charter school 44 that includes pupils enrolled in a junior high, middle school or high 45 school grade level.



4. The board of trustees of each school district shall provide a 1 copy of the pamphlet to each junior high, middle school or high 2 school within the school district for posting. The governing body of 3 each charter school shall ensure that a copy of the pamphlet is 4 posted at the charter school. Each principal of a junior high, middle 5 6 school, high school or charter school shall ensure that the teachers, 7 counselors and administrators employed at the school fully 8 understand the contents of the pamphlet.

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10 (a) Board of trustees of each school district shall provide a copy 11 of the pamphlet to each pupil who is enrolled in a junior high, 12 middle school or high school of the school district and to the parents 13 or legal guardians of such a pupil.

14 (b) Governing body of each charter school shall provide a copy 15 of the pamphlet to each pupil who is enrolled in the charter school at 16 a junior high, middle school or high school grade level and to the 17 parents or legal guardians of such a pupil.

Sec. 15. NRS 392.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 392.455 1. If a school district or a charter school has 20 established classes in <u>[occupational]</u> career and technical 21 education, the teachers and pupils in those classes must wear 22 devices provided by the school district or the charter school which 23 are designed to protect their eyes while they are using power tools, 24 torches or other dangerous equipment or machinery.

25 2. The teachers and pupils in classes in science must wear 26 devices provided by the school district which are designed to protect 27 their eyes when chemicals or toxic substances are used in those 28 classes.

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Sec. 16. NRS 277.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 277.065 1. Within the limits of legislative appropriations, the 31 Department of Education, the county school districts of the various 32 counties of the State, the Nevada Youth Training Center Bureau and 33 the Caliente Youth Center Bureau of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources and any 34 35 other state facility for the detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS may enter into cooperative arrangements 36 37 for improving the quality of the academic and [occupational] career and technical education provided at the Nevada Youth Training 38 39 Center, the Caliente Youth Center and any other state facility for the 40 detention of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS.

2. This authorization includes the right to pay over money
appropriated to the Nevada Youth Training Center, the Caliente
Youth Center or any other state facility for the detention of children
that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS to the Department of



1 Education or to a county school district when necessary to 2 accomplish the purpose of this section.

Sec. 17. NRS 435.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 435.300 1. No center may receive aid under the provisions of 5 NRS 435.130 to 435.320, inclusive, for persons enrolled who would 6 otherwise qualify for care or training under a program offered to the 7 mentally or functionally retarded in the school district in which that 8 person lives or by the county where he lives.

9 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not preclude aid on 10 account of persons who are receiving [occupational] career and 11 technical education at any center in conjunction with a school's 12 program of special education.

Šec. 18. NRS 632.2856 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 632.2856 1. The training program required for certification 15 as a nursing assistant must consist of 75 hours of instruction. The 16 program must include no less than 60 hours of theory and learning 17 skills in a laboratory setting.

18 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the 19 instructor of the program must be a registered nurse with:

(a) Three years of nursing experience which includes direct care
 of patients and supervision and education of members of the staff;
 and

(b) Proof of successful completion of training for instructorswhich has been approved by the Board.

The Board may approve a licensed practical nurse as an instructor
 if the Board determines that requiring instruction by a registered
 nurse would create a hardship.

3. Upon completion of the program, a nursing assistant trainee must pass a test in theory with an overall score of 80 percent and a test of skills on a pass or fail basis. The test of skills must be given by a registered nurse. If the nursing assistant trainee fails either of the tests, he must repeat the training in the areas in which he was deficient before taking the certification examination.

4. In a program which is based in a facility, a nursing assistant trainee may only perform those tasks he has successfully completed in the training program, and must perform those tasks under the direct supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

5. The Board shall adopt regulations not inconsistent with law:

39 (a) Specifying the scope of the training program and the 40 required components of the program;

41 (b) Establishing standards for the approval of programs and 42 instructors; and

43 (c) Designating the basic nursing services which a nursing 44 assistant may provide upon certification.



6. Any medical facility, educational institution or other 1 2 organization may provide a training program if the program meets the requirements set forth in this chapter and in the regulations of 3 the Board, and is approved by the Board. Such a program must be 4 5 administered through: (a) The University and Community College System of Nevada; 6 7 (b) A program for **[occupational]** career and technical education approved by the State Board for Occupational Education; 8 9 (c) A public school in this State; or 10 (d) Any other nationally recognized body or agency authorized 11 by law to accredit or approve such programs. 12 7. An educational institution or agency that administers a 13 training program shall: 14 (a) Develop or approve the curriculum for training provided in 15 its service district: 16 (b) Manage the training program; and 17 (c) Work with medical and other facilities to carry out the 18 requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b). Sec. 19. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State 19 General Fund to the Department of Education the following sums 20 for allocations to school districts and charter schools pursuant to this 21 22 section to provide a program of career and technical education: 23 24 For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007...... \$6,000,000 25 An application for an allocation from the appropriation made 2. 26 by subsection 1 may be submitted to the Department of Education 27 by a school district or a charter school. The Department shall prescribe a form for an application that includes the criteria for 28 29 approval of an allocation for a program of career and technical 30 education submitted by a school district or charter school. 31 3. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 2 must: 32 (a) Include a description of the program of career and technical education that will be provided by the school district or charter 33 34 school: 35 (b) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that the program described in paragraph (a) complies with the criteria 36 37 established by the Department in the form for the application and with the program of career and technical education prescribed by the 38 39 State Board for Occupational Education pursuant to section 4 of this 40 act; 41 (c) Include the number of pupils estimated to participate in the 42 program; and (d) Include an estimate of the costs to establish and maintain the 43 44 program within the school district or charter school during the 45 school year for which the application is made.



1 4. For each school year, the Department of Education shall 2 make allocations to school districts and charter schools whose 3 applications are approved. The amount of an allocation to a school 4 district or charter school must be based upon the estimated number 5 of pupils who will participate in the program for that school year 6 and the financial need of the school district or charter school.

7 5. A school district or charter school that receives an allocation8 of money pursuant to this section:

9 (a) Shall use the money to supplement and not replace the 10 money that the school district or charter school would otherwise 11 expend for programs of career and technical education.

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(b) Shall not use the money to:

13 (1) Settle or arbitrate disputes or negotiate settlements 14 between the school district or charter school and an organization 15 that represents licensed employees of the school district or charter 16 school, as applicable.

17 (2) Âdjust the schedules of salaries and benefits of the 18 employees of the school district or charter school.

19 6. An application must be submitted for each school year that a 20 school district or charter school requests an allocation.

21 7. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 must be added to the 22 appropriation made for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and may be 23 expended as that money is expended. Any remaining balance of the 24 25 appropriation made by subsection 1 for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007. including any money added from the previous fiscal year, must not 26 27 be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be 28 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2007.

Sec. 20. On or before September 15, 2005, the State Board for Occupational Education shall adopt regulations prescribing the program of career and technical education pursuant to section 4 of this act.

33 Sec. 21. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

