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SENATE BILL ***195***

AN ACT relative to the composition and duties of the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the composition and duties of the advisory council on career and technical education.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to the composition and duties of the New Hampshire advisory council on career and technical education.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 297:1 Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. RSA 188-E:10-b is repealed and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3 188-E:10-b Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education.

4 I. There is established an advisory council on career and technical education (CTE).
5 Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, the members of the council shall be as follows:

6 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives.

9 (c) The state director of career and technical education.

10 (d) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.

11 (e) The chancellor of the community college system, or designee.

12 (f) Three CTE directors, one member of a school board, and one SAU administrator,
13 appointed by the commissioner of education.

14 (g) A representative of the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire, appointed
15 by the association.

16 (h) Four representatives of skilled trades or businesses related to CTE programs, appointed
17 by the commissioner of education.

18 (i) A high school counselor from a sending school district, appointed by the president of the
19 New Hampshire School Counselor Association.

20 II. Legislative members of the council shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending
21 to the duties of the council.

22 III. Members of the advisory council appointed under subparagraphs I(f)-(i) shall serve for terms
23 of 3 years and may be reappointed for 2 additional terms. Terms shall be staggered across all
24 membership, ensuring stability for the council.

25 IV. The council shall study career and technical education (CTE), and make recommendations
26 regarding the statewide CTE program, including:

27 (a) Review access to and delivery of CTE programs, with a focus on recommending systemic
28 and statewide solutions.

29 (b) Identify needs and barriers for the recruitment and retention of skilled CTE teachers.

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1 (c) Annually assess business and industry needs, to include labor market data, industry
2 trends, and long-term forecasting of industry outlook to align CTE with workforce demand.

3 (d) Increase partnerships and collaborative projects between businesses, industry, skilled
4 trades, CTE centers, the university system of New Hampshire, and the community college system of New
5 Hampshire.

6 (e) Propose opportunities for needed technical assistance, legislation, or administrative rules
7 that are student-centered and enhance access.

8 (f) Support renovation and construction policy and procedures that address barriers
9 restricting access to and delivery of career and technical education to all interested students.

10 (g) Compile annual metrics and goals on the following:

11 (1) The number and percentage of students completing a career pathway program of
12 study.

13 (2) The number of dual enrollments, concurrent enrollments, extended learning
14 opportunities, and work-based learning enrollments.

15 (3) The number of industry-recognized credentials awarded.

16 (4) The number of sending school and receiving school students by grade level attending
17 the CTE center.

18 (5) A listing of career clusters and program courses offered at each career technical
19 center.

20 (6) The annual per-pupil tuition amount for sending districts to attend the CTE center.

21 V. The members of the advisory council shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The
22 chair shall serve for no more than 2 years and the membership shall establish annual expectations of the
23 council, meeting norms, and agendas at the first annual meeting. Meetings of the advisory council shall
24 occur at least every other month and, if necessary, with greater frequency as determined by the council.
25 Eight members of the council present shall constitute a quorum.

26 VI.(a) The advisory council shall file an annual report of its findings and recommendations with
27 the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chairperson of the senate
28 education and workforce development committee, the chairperson of the house education committee, the
29 house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1.

30 (b) The annual report shall include the progress of the department of education, career and
31 technical education centers, the community college system of New Hampshire, and the university system
32 of New Hampshire toward establishing a structure for work-based learning credentials and the
33 recommendations and topics of study required pursuant to paragraph IV.

297:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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