

STATE OF ARKANSAS



Department of
Career Education

Asa Hutchinson
Governor

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Asa Hutchinson

FROM: Charisse Childers, Ph.D.

DATE: November 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Federal funding and state plan for Perkins V

On July 31, 2018, the President signed the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) into law. This bill reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) and requires our state to submit a new plan.

Perkins is dedicated to increasing learner access to high-quality Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study. With a focus on systems alignment and program improvement, Perkins is critical to ensuring that programs are prepared to meet the ever-changing needs of learners and employers. Perkins reflects the 100-year federal commitment to CTE by providing federal support for CTE programs and focuses on improving the academic and technical achievement of CTE students, strengthening the connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and improving equity and accountability. Perkins affords our state and local communities the opportunity to implement a vision for CTE that uniquely supports the range of educational needs of students and balances those student needs with the current and emerging needs of the economy.

Perkins V will take effect on July 1, 2019. This date will also mark the beginning of the one-year transition period, which allows our agency to submit a one-year transition plan. Perkins V reauthorized the federal investment for a total of six years, covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2025. For the current fiscal year, Arkansas's allocation of the Title I Basic State Grant is \$12,315,679, an increase of \$911,884. Prior to this increase, Title I has not increased since 2010.

As required by Perkins V, we will meet with officials from your office during the development of the plan and prior to review and approval. Upon approval by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board on March 12, 2019, I will deliver the plan to your office for your review and approval. The state plan must be submitted to the United States Department of Education by April 30, 2019.

We are currently working with a core team from the Department of Career Education, the Department of Education, and other stakeholders. As soon as possible, please provide me with name of the representative from your office who will work with the core team during the development of the plan.

I appreciate your support of career and technical education and our agency divisions. If you would like additional detail or information regarding the new law, our plan and the process, please let me know.