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Memorandum

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TO: Postsecondary Perkins Administrators, representatives of career and technical education programs including teachers, faculty, education leaders, and guidance counselors; interested community representatives including parents, students, and community organizations; state workforce development boards; members and representatives of special populations; representatives of business and industry; representatives of agencies serving out-of-school youth, homeless children and youth, and at risk youth; representatives of Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations; individuals with disabilities; and the heads of state agencies with authority for career and technical education programs

RE: Stakeholder/Public Comment Sought on Proposed Update to Virginia’s Perkins V Four-Year State Plan – PostsecondaryFY2025 State Determined Performance Levels (SDPL’s)

In the spring of 2024, Virginia will submit an update to the existing Perkins V Four Year State Plan and its Combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan to the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor.

For both Perkins V and WIOA, the state plan process is a tool that state leaders can use to connect their education and workforce systems and ensure that federal resources are utilized in the best interest of the states’ vision. The Perkins V state planning process, alongside the WIOA state planning process, provide an opportunity for continued state leadership and the expression of policies that reflect how states respond to changing economic conditions and the needs of learners.

The Virginia Community College System Office proposes that Virginia’s Perkins V Four-Year State Plan be updated to include postsecondary State Determined Performance Levels (SDPL’s) for FY2025, as summarized in the attachment. **We propose only to add the SDPL’s for FY2025, as required by USDE.**

**Please Share Your Thoughts**

We encourage comment on the addition of postsecondary FY2025 SDPL’s proposed in the attachment and welcome such input from all career and technical education stakeholders, in accordance with 20 U.S. Code 2342 (c)(1)(A).

The public comment period opens February 26th and closes March 10th. Comments regarding how the FY2025 SDPL’s (1) meet the requirements of the law; 2) support the improvement of performance of all CTE concentrators, including subgroups of students, as described in [section 6311(h)(1)(C)(ii)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/20/6311#h_1_C_ii), and [special populations,](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/uscode.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=20-USC-599190049-673152673&term_occur=999&term_src=) as described in [section 2302(48)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/20/2302#48); and (3) support the needs of the local education and business community, are requested and encouraged.

Questions regarding the proposed Plan update may be directed to: Colleen Pendry, CTE Coordinator at [cpendry@vccs.edu](mailto:cpendry@vccs.edu).