

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 18

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution expressing support for  
8 increased funding for development of certain career  
9 and technical education programs; and directing  
10 distribution.

11 WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Oklahoma Legislature to continue  
12 to promote policies on the national, state and local levels that  
13 produce fair and equal outcomes for people of color and women in the  
14 workplace; and

15 WHEREAS, research has shown the U.S. and global economies  
16 increasingly demand that employees have a postsecondary degree or  
17 industry-recognized credentials; and

18 WHEREAS, research shows that by 2020 sixty-five percent (65%) of  
19 all jobs will require bachelor's or associate's degrees or some  
20 other education beyond high school, particularly in the fastest  
21 growing occupations of science, technology, engineering,  
22 mathematics, health care and community service; and

23 WHEREAS, the U.S. economy demands that workers possess  
24 increasing levels of knowledge, skills and abilities that are best

1 acquired through postsecondary education in part due to the fact  
2 that jobs which previously did not require higher education now  
3 require different or heightened skill levels; and

4 WHEREAS, federal funding to states and discretionary grants for  
5 the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical  
6 education programs is essential to ensuring that the American  
7 workforce meets the current and future demand for workers with  
8 postsecondary degrees or industry-recognized credentials; and

9 WHEREAS, The Perkins Act provides almost One Billion Three  
10 Hundred Million Dollars (\$1,300,000,000.00) annually to career and  
11 technical education programs in all fifty (50) states until 2016;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, there is a greater need for the supply of skills and  
14 education to align with the needs of employers; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a greater need for stronger collaboration  
16 among secondary and postsecondary institutions, employers and  
17 industry partners; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a greater need for meaningful accountability  
19 to improve academic and employment outcomes for students; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a greater need for state and local engagement  
21 in the development and replication of innovative career and  
22 technical education models.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
2 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports increased funding for the  
5 improvement and development of secondary and postsecondary career  
6 and technical education programs.

7 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President  
8 of the United States, the Vice President of the United States,  
9 members of the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

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