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5 Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Walz of Barre City, and
6 Wood of Waterbury

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Education; career technical education

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend career
11 technical education programming to students in grades 9 through 12, provide
12 additional salary assistance funding to school districts that operate a career
13 technical education center, and create a Career Technical Education Study
14 Committee.

15 An act relating to career technical education

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1522 is amended to read:

18 § 1522. DEFINITIONS

19 As used in this chapter:

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1 Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 1541a is amended to read:

2 § 1541a. RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL BOARDS IN SENDING
3 DISTRICTS

4 (a) A school board of a sending district that offers public education in
5 ~~grade 11 or~~ grades 9 through 12 shall:

6 (1) Provide students enrolled in grades ~~11 and~~ 9 through 12 with a
7 genuine opportunity to participate fully and to benefit from career technical
8 education. Career technical education programming shall be available to
9 students in grades 10 through 12. Pretechnical studies programming shall be
10 available to students in grades 9 and 10.

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12 Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 1565 is amended to read:

13 § 1565. SALARY ASSISTANCE

14 (a) The State Board shall reimburse a school district operating a career
15 technical center for a portion of its cost in paying the salary of the following
16 persons:

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18 (5) an assistant director of career technical education, ~~if the career~~
19 ~~technical center has full-time equivalent enrollment of at least 150 and the~~
20 ~~sending school population is at least 30 percent of the career technical center's~~
21 ~~total full-time equivalent enrollment.~~

1 (b) Assistance under this section shall be determined by a formula and
2 standards established by rule of the State Board. The formula and those
3 standards:

4 (1) Shall provide different levels of support for different positions as
5 follows:

6 (A) ~~Directors and guidance coordinators' salary assistance~~ Salary
7 assistance for directors, assistant directors, guidance coordinators, and career
8 pathways coordinators shall be 50 percent of the State average salary and
9 benefits for each position, or 50 percent of the actual salary and benefits for
10 each individual, whichever is less.

11 (B) Assistant directors, except for assistant directors for adult
12 education, ~~if the district is eligible,~~ and co-op teachers' salary assistance shall
13 be 35 percent of the State average salary and benefits for each position, or 35
14 percent of the actual salary and benefits for each individual, whichever is less.

15 (C) Salary assistance for assistant directors for adult education shall
16 be up to 50 percent of the State average salary and benefits paid to full-time
17 assistant directors for adult education; salary assistance shall be prorated for
18 part-time assistant directors. Salary assistance under this subdivision (1)(C)
19 shall not be paid from the Education Fund to the extent that the obligation is
20 not fully funded from the General Fund. State General Fund assistance shall
21 be divided so that each district employing an assistant director receives the

1 same base amount of State salary support. The base support shall be pro-rated
2 for part-time assistant directors. Payment under this subsection does not
3 preclude a district from using other State and federal grants to supplement the
4 actual salaries and benefits of assistant directors for adult education.

5 (2) Shall require as a condition of assistance that the director:

6 (A) Is responsible for the overall administration of all career
7 technical programs.

8 (B) Reports administratively to the superintendent of schools for the
9 supervisory union of the school district that operates the center, or to a
10 headmaster if the career technical center is not managed by a school board.

11 Sec. 5. CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDY

12 COMMITTEE

13 (a) Creation. There is created the Career Technical Education Study
14 Committee.

15 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine
16 members:

17 (1) the Secretary of Education or designee;

18 (2) the Secretary of Human Services or designee;

19 (3) the Commissioner of Labor or designee;

20 (4) the Commissioner of Commerce and Community Development or
21 designee;

- 1 (5) the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges or designee; and
2 (6) four directors of career technical centers, two directors from centers
3 operated by supervisory unions, one from a private school providing technical
4 education, and one from an independent technical center school district chosen
5 by the Vermont Association of Career and Technical Education Directors.

6 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study:

- 7 (1) funding systems for career technical education, including flexibility
8 for career technical education centers serving out-of-state students;
9 (2) how to improve career technical education students' preparation for
10 postsecondary education and careers;
11 (3) how to enhance industry and workforce training opportunities;
12 (4) how school district consolidation affects the service regions of career
13 technical education centers;
14 (5) how to enhance career pathways supports in priority sectors for
15 workforce training, economic development, and education and related training,
16 as identified by the Agency of Education;
17 (6) how to better coordinate flexible pathways programs under
18 16 V.S.A. chapter 23, subchapter 2 with career technical education
19 programming, including opportunities for work-based learning
20 opportunities; and

1 (7) how to enhance collaboration with key stakeholders in career and
2 technical education.

3 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
4 and legal assistance of the Agency of Education.

5 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2018, the Committee shall submit a
6 report to the General Assembly with its findings and any recommendations.

7 (f) Meetings.

8 (1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the
9 Committee to occur on or before August 1, 2017.

10 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
11 first meeting.

12 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

13 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 15, 2018.

14 (g) Reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are not employees of
15 the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed
16 for their attendance shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
17 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than six meetings.

18 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.