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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides that if a career and technical education program of a school district is taught in an industry setting, off-site location will be exempt from certain State regulations.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on June 12, 2014, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**[county vocational]**<sup>1</sup> school districts and  
2 supplementing <sup>1</sup>**[chapter 54 of]**<sup>1</sup> Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. The economic prosperity of New Jersey depends on a strong  
10 pipeline of workers with the academic, technical, and career  
11 readiness skills to fill current and future jobs;

12 b. Expanding access to career and technical education and  
13 engaging employers in the development and delivery of technical  
14 education are crucial for the State's economic growth and critical  
15 strategies for keeping New Jersey competitive in the global  
16 economy;

17 c. While almost 32,000 full-time and shared-time students are  
18 currently enrolled at New Jersey's county vocational school  
19 districts, the demand for a career and technical education exceeds  
20 the space available at most schools;

21 d. On a Statewide basis, county vocational school districts  
22 receive nearly 2.5 applications for each available space, and in  
23 some counties, and for certain programs, the demand is much  
24 greater. In 2013, roughly 16,700 students seeking career and  
25 technical education programs were not able to be accommodated;

26 e. Given the immediate shortage of space for career and  
27 technical education program expansion, employers can play a  
28 significant role in helping to meet short-term needs by hosting  
29 career and technical education programs in an industry setting and  
30 offering work-based learning opportunities for students;

31 f. This type of public-private partnership is a desirable  
32 mechanism to address the needed expansion of career and technical  
33 education programs and would give students access to equipment  
34 and technology that is expensive or difficult to replicate in public  
35 school district settings; and

36 g. In order to facilitate this worthwhile partnership, career and  
37 technical education programs taught in industry settings should be  
38 exempted from certain unnecessarily restrictive State regulations.

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40 2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation  
41 to the contrary, in the case of a career and technical education  
42 program of a <sup>1</sup>**[county vocational]**<sup>1</sup> school district <sup>1</sup>which has been  
43 approved by the Department of Education and is<sup>1</sup> taught at a  
44 location other than the <sup>1</sup>**[county vocational]**<sup>1</sup> school district:

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted June 12, 2014.

- 1       (1) The educational facility standards for new construction  
2 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:26-6.3 shall not apply to the location at  
3 which the career and technical education program is taught;
- 4       (2) The location at which the career and technical education  
5 program is taught shall not require approval as a temporary facility  
6 pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:26-8.1; and
- 7       (3) The long range facilities plan of the <sup>1</sup>【county vocational】<sup>1</sup>  
8 school district shall not be required to take into consideration any  
9 career and technical education programs taught at a location other  
10 than the <sup>1</sup>【county vocational】<sup>1</sup> school district.
- 11       b. The location at which the career and technical education  
12 program is taught shall meet the requirements of the uniform  
13 construction code and all applicable health and safety standards.  
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- 15       3. This act shall take effect immediately.