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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards” to annually recognize outstanding career and technical education students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the recognition of certain students and
2 supplementing chapter 54 of 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. Career and technical education programs provide the high-
10 level academic and technical skills needed to prepare students for
11 success in college and the workplace;

12 b. In addition to meeting the State's high school graduation
13 requirements, career and technical education programs provide
14 students with the opportunity to earn industry-recognized
15 credentials and college credits;

16 c. Career and technical education students often have the
17 opportunity to participate in work-based learning experiences and in
18 regional, State, and national skill competitions; and

19 d. Recognizing the achievements of career and technical
20 education students throughout New Jersey will highlight the
21 importance of career and technical education in addressing the
22 demands of business and industry for highly skilled and trained
23 workers.

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25 2. a. The Department of Education, in consultation with the
26 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall establish
27 an awards program to be known as the "Career and Technical
28 Education Scholar Awards." The awards program shall annually
29 recognize outstanding career and technical education students who:

30 (1) demonstrate a high level of achievement in a career and
31 technical education program as exemplified by course grades,
32 industry-recognized technical assessments, and teacher
33 recommendations;

34 (2) demonstrate a high level of achievement in at least three
35 academic classes, as exemplified by course grades, end-of-course
36 assessments, and teacher recommendations;

37 (3) successfully complete a college-level course or a work-based
38 learning experience including, but not limited to, employment under
39 a cooperative education agreement, an internship, or a work-based
40 structured learning experience; and

41 (4) participate in a career and technical education student
42 organization or a community service project that demonstrates the
43 application of career and technical skills.

44 b. The department shall establish an application procedure and
45 criteria and guidelines for the eligibility, nomination, and judging of
46 applications for the awards program.

47 c. The department shall post the names of the recipients of the
48 "Career and Technical Education Scholar Awards" prominently on

1 its website, and shall recognize the recipients through the award of
2 a certificate, a press announcement, or another form of recognition
3 deemed appropriate to highlight the achievements of the recipients.
4 The department may coordinate with the Department of Labor and
5 Workforce Development in recognizing the award recipients.

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation
13 with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to
14 establish an awards program to be known as the “Career and Technical
15 Education Scholar Awards.” The awards program will annually
16 recognize outstanding career and technical education students who:

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18 technical education program as exemplified by course grades,
19 industry-recognized technical assessments, and teacher
20 recommendations;
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22 academic classes, as exemplified by course grades, end-of-
23 course assessments, and teacher recommendations;
- 24 • successfully complete a college-level course or a work-based
25 learning experience including, but not limited to, employment
26 under a cooperative education agreement, an internship, or a
27 work-based structured learning experience; and
- 28 • participate in a career and technical education student
29 organization or a community service project that demonstrates
30 the application of career and technical skills.

31 Under the bill, the department will establish an application
32 procedure and criteria and guidelines for the eligibility, nomination,
33 and judging of applications for the awards program. The department
34 will post the names of the award recipients on its website and will
35 recognize the recipients through the award of a certificate, a press
36 announcement, or other appropriate form of recognition.