

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

March 13, 2024

**TOPIC:** Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act – Perkins State Plan

**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Sarah Heath, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, State Director for CTE

**EXPLANATION:**

The Colorado State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) oversees all Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for the State of Colorado. The federal law that governs CTE is the Carl D. Perkins Act which was reauthorized by Congress as the “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the Twenty First Century Act (Perkins V)”. Perkins V went into effect July 1, 2019. The law required a four-year plan with a transition year between 2019-2020, as such, Colorado’s State Plan expires June 30, 2024. The law requires that the Perkins State Plan describe the administration CTE programs, the distribution of federal funding for eligible recipients, the metrics in which programs are measured, and goals that each state sets forth to ensure innovation in CTE programming to the US Department of Education (USDOE). Staff will present key elements of the Perkins State Plan for 2024-2028 to the SBCCOE.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Board approval of Perkins State Plan (2024-2028) for submission to USDOE.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Colorado-Perkins-Executive Summary-2024-2028

Colorado-Perkins-State Plan – DRAFT-204-208