

Revised, consensus language re VT Tech CTE study

\* \* \* Delivery of Vermont Technical College

Degree Programs at CTE Centers; Study \* \* \*

Sec. X. DELIVERY OF VERMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

DEGREE PROGRAMS AT CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CENTERS IN VERMONT; STUDY

(a) Study by Vermont Technical College. The Vermont Technical College (VTC) shall study how to best deliver all or a portion of fully accredited VTC associate degree programs at CTE centers in Vermont. The study shall explore the viability of a new program to provide a locally convenient and financially affordable option to high school students and adult learners who want, while still enrolled with their CTE centers, to also enroll in a high-demand, high-skill, industry-specific associate degree offering. VTC shall collaborate with the CTE centers and the Agency of Education in conducting the study. In structuring the study, VTC shall consider:

(1) alignment of degree programs with workforce priority needs and career pathways identified by the Agency of Education;

(2) coherence with existing, State-supported postsecondary programs for secondary students, such as dual enrollment and early college programs under

1 the flexible pathways laws, including potential impacts to, and alignment with,  
2 those programs;

3 (3) sustainable funding models, including costs for students, institutions,  
4 and adults;

5 (4) the financial risks of programmatic and funding model changes, with  
6 the goals of not negatively impacting the accreditation status or the financial  
7 status of any institution, and

8 (5) management of class scheduling and CTE partnerships to ensure  
9 access and programmatic success.

10 (b) Reports. On or before December 15, 2019, VTC shall submit a written  
11 report to the House and Senate Committees on Education and the State Board  
12 of Education with its findings and recommendations from the study required  
13 under subsection (a) of this section. If VTC proceeds with the delivery of  
14 associate degrees at CTE centers, then, on or before December 15, 2020, VTC  
15 shall submit a supplemental written report to the House and Senate Committees  
16 on Education and the State Board of Education with its findings and  
17 recommendations from this associate degree program.

18 (c) Appropriation. The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated for fiscal year  
19 2019 from the General Fund to VTC to provide funding for the study required  
20 under subsection (a) of this section. VTC may apply funding appropriated

- 1 under this section to retain appropriate expertise to assist it in structuring and
- 2 conducting the study.