

Good morning Ms. Isaacs and Members of the Arkansas Career Education Workforce Development Board,

Re: PUBLIC NOTICE The proposed revision to the Rules for Arkansas Secondary Technical Centers, regarding additional flexibility for the use of Vocational Center Aid and the proposed capping of carry over balances at 20% of secondary centers revenue from the previous year, will be on public view on the ARCareerEducation.com website and in Suite 604 of the Office of Skills Development at The Commerce Building, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, during regular business hours from May 4, 2021 through June 4, 2021. **Written comments received no later than June 4, 2021 at the previous address or by emailing stephanie.isaacs@arkansas.gov will be considered by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board prior to their action.** For more information contact Stephanie Isaacs, Associate Director, Office of Skills Development, One Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202 (phone: 501-682-4276).

The following is the correspondence emailed on 6/1/21 at 2:39PM.

Good afternoon Cody,

Hope that you had an enjoyable Memorial Day celebration.

Pursuant to our Zoom conversation of last Thursday with Superintendent Dr. Kim Wilbanks and Assistant Superintendent Karleen Sheets, please review the following data regarding the proposed 20% limitation in total secondary technical center carryover.

Re: Proposed Rules for Secondary Technical Centers, Proposed Date August 1, 2021, Section II. A. 5.: **"The amount of carryover allowed shall not exceed 20% of the annual tiered funding revenue as received by the secondary career center. Any remaining balances above the 20% shall be returned to the public school fund."**

NEACTC Total Revenue Received in FY21:	\$1,408,207
20% of Revenue	\$ 281,641
Sal + Ben July 1-October 30: (\$399,920)	\$ 399,920 ($\$1,199,766 / 24 = 49,990 \times 8 =$
Result of 20% Carryover Limitation	- \$ 118,279 (Reflects ONLY salaries and benefits)

Several operational supplies must be purchased from June 30th until fall payment near the end of October--such as summer professional development and related travel expenses, learning management systems in NEACTC courses and other related supplies which are NOT included in the negative \$118,279 balance shown above.

NEACTC and Jonesboro Public Schools are committed to providing the best technical skills training available. However, a 20% limitation on carryover as presented is simply not feasible.

Please share this information with each voting and non-voting member of the Arkansas Career Education Workforce Development Board.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work together to ensure that we are preparing a skilled workforce to meet the growing demands of business and industry in our GREAT state.

Respectfully,

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Words to live by:

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." - FDR

Thank you for your time in consideration of the impact these proposed changes would have on NEACTC.

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