

HB 56 -- Career and Technical Education Student Protection Act

Sponsor: Thomson

This bill establishes the Career and Technical Education Student Protection Act and the Career and Technical Education Board to oversee and coordinate career and technical education and student organizations' activities in Missouri, replacing the State Advisory Committee for Vocational Education.

The board will consist of nine members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for five-year terms as follows: a director or administrator of a career and technical education center; an individual from the business community with a background in commerce; a career and technical education teacher who also serves as an advisor to a career and technical education student organization; a career and technical education professor or instructor employed at a community college or at Linn State Technical College; three members selected from school staff who are advisors to any chapter of the nationally-recognized organizations of DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCLA), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), SkillsUSA, and Technology Student Association (TSA); a person currently serving on a local school board; and a superintendent or principal who is not a career and technical education administrator. A State Board of Education member selected by the state board will serve as an ex-officio member and the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of College and Career Readiness within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will serve as the executive director. The board must meet at least four times annually. All business, decisions, votes, exhibits, outcomes, and materials prepared for the board members must be made available on the board's website within specified time periods.

The board will have powers and duties that include developing, implementing, and administering the budget for career and technical education for the State Board of Education and the department; developing a statewide long-range plan for career and technical education; making legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education; promoting coordination of career and technical education programs; directing disbursements and administering the Career and Technical Education Board Fund, created by the bill; and taking other necessary actions.

Certain other specified duties currently required of the Commissioner of Education are transferred to the Career and Technical Education Board.