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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Center Directors

FROM: Rod Duckworth, Executive Director, Office of Articulation

DATE: July 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **2019 Legislative Changes to Dual Enrollment and Career Pathways**

The 2019 Legislative session has concluded, and with it the passage and governor's signing of HB 7071. As a result, the Office of Articulation at the Florida Department of Education is providing guidance for district-sponsored career and technical centers regarding the new submission requirements associated with this bill.

Section 27, lines 1383-1417 of HB 7071, inserts new language into s.1007.271(7), F.S. to include the following:

“Each career center established under s. 1001.44 shall enter into an agreement with each high school in any school district it serves. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the agreement must be completed annually and submitted by the career center to the Department of Education by **August 1**. The agreement must:

- (a) Identify the courses and programs that are available to students through career dual enrollment and the clock hour credits that students will earn upon completion of each course and program.
- (b) Delineate the high school credit earned for the completion of each career dual enrollment course.
- (c) Identify any college credit articulation agreements associated with each clock hour program.
- (d) Describe how students and parents will be informed of career dual enrollment opportunities and related workforce demand, how students can apply to participate in a career dual enrollment program and register for courses through his or her high school, and the postsecondary career education expectations for participating students.
- (e) Establish any additional eligibility requirements for participation and a process for determining eligibility and monitoring the progress of participating students.
- (f) Delineate costs incurred by each entity and determine how transportation will be provided for students who are unable to provide their own transportation.”

In response to this new legislation the Office of Articulation will be providing a template that may be used in the creation of these agreements. The sample agreements can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/>. The completed dual enrollment agreements can be submitted through our online submission site, <https://app4.fldoe.org/DualEnrollment/>. We will notify the career and technical centers when they may begin submitting their individual agreements. Attached is a document to

assist you in developing the required career dual enrollment articulation agreements that are in compliance with the requirements found in Florida Statute 1007.271.

In addition, Section 24, lines 1284-1305, of HB 7071 creates s.1007.233, F.S. stating:

“(1) Each career center and Florida College System institution with overlapping service areas must annually submit to the Department of Education, on or before May 1, a regional career pathways agreement for each certificate program offered by the career center that is aligned with an associate degree offered by the Florida College System institution in the service area. Each career pathways agreement must guarantee college credit toward an aligned associate degree program for students who graduate from a career center with a career or technical certificate and meet specified requirements in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Regional agreements may not award less credit than the amount guaranteed through existing statewide articulation agreements.

(2) Each career pathways agreement must outline certificate program completion requirements and any licenses or industry certifications that must be earned before enrolling in an associate degree program. Articulated college credit must be awarded in accordance with the agreement upon initial enrollment in the associate degree program.”

The Office of Articulation is currently working the Division of Career and Adult Education and the Florida College System to establish guidelines and submission processes for these agreements. Additional guidance will be provided as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of these items you may contact Amanda Walker at 850-245-9549 or Amanda.Walker@fldoe.org.

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