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House Bill 4790

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[Passed March 4, 2020; in effect ninety days from
passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2-7d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to Career Technical Education for middle school students; broadening workforce
3 preparedness information to be communicated to students to include the knowledge, skills
4 and characteristics needed for success in occupations and entrepreneurship; integration
5 with career exploration beginning in middle school grades; and requiring county boards to
6 provide elective Career Technical Education courses for middle school students beginning
7 2022 – 2023 school year.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-7d. Program in workforce preparedness.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that, in addition to specialized skills relating to specific
2 professions and trades, students will be better prepared to enter the workforce and succeed in
3 their chosen fields of employment or education by having the opportunity to participate in training
4 related to general workforce preparedness, productive workplace skills and processes, time
5 management and efficiency, and teamwork and leadership competencies in the workplace. The
6 Legislature further finds that employers in the state are the best source for articulating the general
7 skills and attributes they, in common, seek in future employees and that employers may
8 collaborate in the development of a graduate profile incorporating these skills and attributes.

9 (b) The state board shall promulgate a rule pursuant to §29A-3B-1 *et seq.* of this code that
10 adopts a program of instruction in general workforce and career preparedness for all students.
11 The program of instruction shall include guidelines for schools working through their local school
12 improvement councils and business partners to communicate to students the knowledge, college
13 and career skills and life characteristics needed for success in occupations and entrepreneurship
14 in the changing world of work. At the middle school level, the program may be integrated with
15 comprehensive career exploration which also may include, but is not limited to, Career Technical

16 Education foundational courses, stand-alone Career Exploration courses and mini courses, field
17 trips, guest speakers, and career mentors as provided in the state board rule.

18 (c) Beginning with the school year 2022 — 2023, county boards of education shall provide
19 elective Career Technical Education courses for middle school students that may include, but are
20 not limited to, foundational Career Technical Education courses, Career Technical Education
21 courses developed with a focus on high need occupational areas within the area or region,
22 agriculture, industrial arts and family and consumer sciences.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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President of the Senate

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