

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**March 11, 2021**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

D. Approval of methodology to award grant funds to local school districts for the Perkins Reserve Grant Program

Background and Purpose: The Carl D. Perkins Act (Perkins) allows states to establish a Reserve to make grants to eligible recipients for career and technical education activities that promote the development, implementation, and adoption of programs of study or career pathways aligned with State-identified high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations or industries. The purpose of the Mississippi Department of Education Perkins Reserve Grant Program is to provide school districts with an opportunity to enhance their Career and Technical Education programs through career academies.

Eligibility: Local Secondary Educational Agencies with Career and Technical Education Programs and that meet any of the following federal statutory requirements listed below are eligible to apply through a Request for Proposal (RFP) competitive process.

1. Located in rural areas;
2. Located in areas with high numbers of CTE participants;
3. Located in areas with disparities or gaps in performance in their CTE Programs.

Funding Source: Federal

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

1. 1/3 of the Reserve Fund will be allocated for the districts located in rural areas;
2. 1/3 of the Reserve Fund will be allocated for districts located in areas with high numbers of CTE participants;
3. 1/3 of the Reserve Fund will be allocated for districts located in areas with disparities or gaps in performance in their CTE Programs.

Fund balances in any category above will be redistributed equally among the remaining categories until all funds are depleted.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None