

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**May 18, 2017**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

- F. Methodology for awarding grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide high quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for Mississippi students

Purpose: Following the audit of Career and Technical Education programs in May 2016, the U.S. Department of Education suggested that MDE establish a reserve fund in accordance with Section 112 of the Perkins Act using carryover funds as the basis for the reserve. The reserve allows the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) to determine how funds will be expended as outlined in Section 135 of Perkins and may be distributed to districts using a competitive or discretionary process.

The OCTE has created The Carl Perkins Career and Technical Act of 2006 Reserve Fund. The fund will provide school districts with an opportunity to enhance their current Career and Technical Education programs. Districts may choose to purchase required capitalized equipment in programs designated by the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE).

Eligibility: Any school district that is located in a designated rural area and offers a currently approved Career and Technical Education program, as designated by OCTE, is eligible to apply.

Funding Source: State and Federal funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive and/or Discretionary

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Program Enhancement Needs of the District
- B. Facility Readiness
- C. Collaboration and Support
- D. Program Evaluation
- E. Budget Summary/Narrative

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None