General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. **4644**

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To: Senate Bill No. **135** File No. 46 Cal. No. 56

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM."

Strike lines 71 to 87, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(c) The **[**board shall**]** executive director and superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall jointly consider the addition of new trade programs. Decisions by the **[**board**]** executive director and superintendent to add such programs shall at a minimum be based on the (1) projected employment demand for graduates of the program, (2) cost of establishing the program, (3) availability of qualified instructors, (4) existence of similar programs at other educational institutions, (5) interest of students in the trade, (6) need to diversify the trade with workers from underrepresented populations, and (7) workforce training needs of (A) students, graduates and residents of alliance districts, as defined in section 10-262u, and priority school districts, as described in section 10-266p, and (B) students and

graduates of priority schools, as defined in section 10-265e. The **[**board shall**]** executive director and superintendent shall jointly authorize new trade programs for a maximum of five years. The **[**board**]** executive director and superintendent shall provide a process for the public, including, but not limited to, employers, parents, students or teachers, to request consideration of the establishment of a new trade program."

In line 183, strike the opening bracket

In line 186, strike the closing bracket

In line 187, strike the opening and closing brackets and "(2)"

In line 221, strike the opening bracket and bracket ", in consultation with the board,"

In line 224, strike the closing bracket

In line 228, bracket ", upon approval of the board,"