

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Stefany Deckard, Director of Career and Technical Education
Dr. Andrew Melin, Chief Innovation Officer

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Re: House Enrolled Act 1629 - Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center Changes (3 of 3)

Background:

IC 20-37-2-1 provides that a governing body may establish and conduct a system of industrial or manual training and education to teach: (1) the major uses of tools and mechanical implements; (2) the elementary principles of mechanical construction; (3) mechanical drawing; and (4) printing. A governing body may provide this instruction in school buildings or in separate buildings. Each governing body may: (1) require students enrolling in this system to pay a reasonable tuition fee; and (2) differentiate between students living in the attendance unit and those living outside the attendance unit in the amount of tuition charged. However, tuition charged by a school corporation operating under IC 20-25-3 and IC 20-25-4 are also regulated by IC 20-25-4-17.

HEA 1629 changed this law stating that each governing body must provide equal access to students who attend a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school. In doing so, schools must utilize the same admittance practices that are currently in place if the charter school, state accredited nonpublic school, student, or school corporation (if the student is a dual enrollment student) provides the governing body tuition for the student. Tuition may not be greater than the per capita cost of operating the system of industrial or manual training. However, the admission of a charter school or state accredited nonpublic school student may not result in the denial of a placement for a student enrolled in the school corporation or an entity established under IC 20-37-1-1.

Guidance:

A governing body operating a CTE center must admit students who attend a charter school or accredited non-public school if the charter, non-public, or student provides the governing body tuition. Admitting a charter school or accredited non-public school student, however, cannot displace a public school student.

If you have questions, please contact P.J. McGrew with the Governor's Workforce Cabinet at (317) 410-9080 or e-mail at PaMcgrew1@gov.in.gov.

This bill was authored by Representative Bob Behning and the full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).