



FACT SHEET

AB 1743 (O'Donnell, Burke, Chavez, Cunningham, McCarty, Quirk-Silva, and Thurmond)

SUMMARY

AB 1743 would allow students to gain college and career readiness skills through access to high quality career technical education (CTE) by extending funding for the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) Program. This bill would provide ongoing funding of \$500 million per year with a 1:1 local match as well as \$12 million per year for regional CTE coordinators to provide technical assistance and support to local CTE providers.

PROBLEM

CTE prepares students for the world of work by introducing them to key workplace skills, and makes academic content accessible to students by providing it in a hands-on context. In this way, students develop career-relevant, real-world 21st Century skills.

CTE involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. CTE programs in California have been organized into 15 industry sectors, covering 58 pathways that identify the knowledge and skills students need. Partnerships are usually developed between high schools, businesses, and postsecondary schools, providing pathways to employment as well as associate, Bachelor, and advanced degrees.

In recent years, the Legislature has allocated \$500 million for the California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT) grant program as well as \$900 million for CTE Incentive Grants. These significant investments demonstrate a firm commitment to CTE. However, these funding streams are due to expire, while the

need for the programs remains strong. The ongoing funding of high quality CTE programs in our schools is essential to meet the state's labor market demands and to serve the needs of all students. Programs that provide quality career exploration and guidance, and appropriate student supports prepare students to transition smoothly into ongoing education and/or directly into the workforce. Participation in CTE classes also motivates students to attend school more frequently and be more engaged, which improves their overall academic outcomes.

SOLUTION

AB 1743 would provide a long term, stable funding stream for high quality CTE programs in California's K-12 schools at \$500 million per year for CTEIG grants as well as \$12 million per year for CTE regional leads, subject to annual budget appropriations.

AB 1743 would make the following changes to the current CTEIG program:

- Increase the CTEIG annual funding level to \$500 million per year on an ongoing basis
- Specify a 1:1 local match requirement
- Provide \$12 million per year to establish regional K-12 CTE coordinators to support local CTE courses, pathways, and programs
- Require CTE programs to provide opportunities for pupils with exceptional needs
- Increase accountability and reporting requirements to ensure program quality

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