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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Workforce Administrators

District Technical College Directors

District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.

DATE: March 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Comment Period on Proposed Revisions to Florida's Perkins V State

Plan

The Florida Department of Education (Department) announces a public comment period and public hearing related to proposed updates to the Perkins V State Plan. The public comment period runs from March 4, 2024 until April 8, 2024. A public hearing webinar is scheduled for March 11, 2024.

Florida's Perkins Four-Year State Plan was approved by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) in 2020. As the current plans are set to expire June 30, 2024, OCTAE has given states the option of submitting a new state plan or continuing with the current plan with any required revisions. Florida has elected to continue with the current plan with revisions. Revisions are proposed in the following areas:

- Revise the language related to Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) allocations to reflect the new Florida Scholars Academy.
- Revise the process for allocations to Developmental Research Schools (DRS)/University Lab Schools.
- Add the Master Credential List as a primary source for labor market alignment in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA).
- Add language about providing analytic tools as a means of supporting local agencies.

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The comment period is available for interested parties to provide written comment on these and any other proposed changes to the State Plan. Comments may be submitted through a brief survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6S5KJ7D before 5:00 PM Eastern Time on April 8, 2024. In addition, the Division of Career and Adult Education will host a public hearing webinar on March 11, 2024 at10:00 AM Eastern Time for further review and comment. You may register for the webinar at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7804863935190888794. Proposed revisions to the State Plan can be found at https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/perkins/.

Questions about the public comment period may be submitted to <u>Perkins@fldoe.org</u> or contact Bruce Harrington at <u>bruce.harrington@fldoe.org</u> or 850-245-0949.

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