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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Technical College Directors
Florida College System Workforce Administrators

FROM: Henry Mack

DATE: June 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Waiver of Perkins Performance Measure Requirement for the 2020-2021 Program Year

The Perkins Act gives the U.S. Secretary of Education (Secretary) the authority to withhold Perkins funds from states that fail to meet 90% performance on any of the required performance measure targets for two consecutive years. Similarly, the state may choose to withhold funds from local agencies for failure to meet the 90% threshold on any specific measure. This “subsequent action for consecutive years” accountability provision (outlined in section 123(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act) was to begin to take effect with the 2020-2021 program year.

However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretary exercised the authority in section 123(a)(3)(B) of Perkins V to waive the “subsequent action for consecutive years” provision for the 2020-2021 school year. The Secretary encouraged states to waive the provision for local eligible recipients as well, and Florida has elected to follow the recommendation.

Local agencies and the state will continue to be accountable for local performance targets, and those failing to meet 90% of their agency target will still be subject to a program improvement plan. However, failure to meet the 90% threshold for any of the core indicators of performance during the 2020-2021 school year will not count for purposes of the “subsequent action for consecutive years” provision.

If you have any questions about this waiver, or Perkins performance targets in general, please contact Bruce Harrington at 850-245-0949 or bruce.harrington@fldoe.org.

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