

**Introduced by Senator Hernandez**February 25, 2015

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An act to amend Sections 52300 and 52500 of the Education Code, relating to career technical education, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 425, as introduced, Hernandez. Career technical education.

(1) Existing law provides that the Legislature declares that a regional occupational center will serve the state and national interests in providing career technical and technical education to students, including, but not limited to, high school students.

This bill would instead provide that the Legislature declares that the regional occupational center will serve the state and national interests in providing secondary and postsecondary career technical and technical education to those pupils.

(2) Existing law requires adult schools and evening high schools to consist of classes for adults and authorizes minors to be admitted into those classes pursuant to policy adopted by the governing board of the school district and if those minors meet certain eligibility requirements.

This bill would authorize those classes to include postsecondary career technical education programs.

(3) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 52300 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 52300. (a) In enacting this article, it is the intent of the  
4 Legislature to provide qualified ~~students~~ *pupils* with the opportunity  
5 to attend a technical school or enroll in a career technical or  
6 technical training program, regardless of the geographical location  
7 of their residence in a county or region. The Legislature hereby  
8 declares that a regional occupational center will serve the state and  
9 national interests in providing *secondary and postsecondary* career  
10 technical and technical education to prepare ~~students~~ *pupils* for an  
11 increasingly technological society in which generalized training  
12 and skills are insufficient to prepare high school ~~students~~ *pupils*  
13 and graduates, and out-of-school youth and adults for the many  
14 employment opportunities ~~which~~ *that* require special or technical  
15 training and skills. The Legislature also declares that regional  
16 occupational centers will enable a broader curriculum in technical  
17 subjects to be offered, and will avoid unnecessary duplication of  
18 courses and expensive training equipment, and will provide a  
19 flexibility in operation ~~which~~ *that* will facilitate rapid program  
20 adjustments and meeting changing training needs as they arise.

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22 (b) *It* is recognized by the Legislature that career technical  
23 programs may achieve great flexibility of planning, scope and  
24 operation by the conduct of these programs in a variety of physical  
25 facilities at various training locations.

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27 (c) *It* is the further intent of the Legislature that regional  
28 occupational centers and programs provide career technical and  
29 occupational instruction related to the attainment of skills so that  
30 trainees are prepared for gainful employment in the area for which  
31 training was provided, or are upgraded so they have the higher  
32 level skills required because of new and changing technologies or  
33 so that they are prepared for enrollment in more advanced training  
34 programs.

35 SEC. 2. Section 52500 of the Education Code is amended to  
36 read:

37 52500. Adult schools and evening high schools shall consist  
38 of classes for adults *and may include postsecondary career*

1 *technical education programs*. Minors may be admitted to those  
2 classes pursuant to board policy and Section 52500.1.

3 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
5 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
6 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

7 In order for regional occupational programs to satisfy federal  
8 requirements in order to participate in federal student aid programs,  
9 it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.