The ***Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act***, also known as ***Perkins V***, was signed into law by President Trump on July 31, 2018 and goes into effect July 1, 2019. Perkins V provides the charge and funding to support high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs that meet both student and employer needs. Perkins V reauthorizes previous Perkins legislation, but includes changes that will affect your district and schools.

School districts currently belong to one of 26 Perkins consortia that receive Federal Perkins funding to support Career and Technical Education (CTE). With the passage of the Perkins V law, the requirement for consortia-level (secondary & postsecondary) planning, budgeting, and implementation will continue. During the transition period there should also be an examination of consortia membership and alignment of programs and regional workforce needs. Future state funding levels will depend on annual appropriations by Congress and signed into law by the President. The flow of federal funds to the state will remain the same.  Districts with approved CTE programs will still have the opportunity to utilize Perkins funds from the consortia based on each consortia-approved plan.

*How will Perkins V impact your district?*

* Following a one-year transition application covering the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, consortia Perkins Grant applications will cover a two-year period. The first two-year application will be due to the State on May 15, 2020 for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. Spending is in accordance with an approved local application.
* Significant new component of Perkins V include using a ***comprehensive local needs assessment*** to support data-driven decision-making and expanded stakeholder consultation to develop local programming and spending plans. The local needs assessment is to be completed at the beginning of Perkins V implementation, with results included and locally-determined needs addressed in the local application and updated a minimum of every two years.
* Accountability for results continues to be a focus under Perkins V; Perkins consortia outcomes will be compared to State-determined performance levels, with emphasis on special populations.
* The person responsible for managing the Perkins Grant at your consortium (secondary coordinator) must collaborate closely with the consortium postsecondary partner and to identify and implement the resources and leadership necessary to meet additional requirements of Perkins V.

*Timeline for Perkins V Implementation:*

If you have questions about Perkins V, contact Michelle Kamenov, State CTE Supervisor at (651)-582-8434.