



Career and Technical Education Board H.B. 337 *Progress Report - November 1, 2015*

Background

During the 2015 general session, the legislature created the Career Technical Education (CTE) Board through HB 337. The Governor signed the legislation and it became law May 2015. The Board is created within the Department of Workforce Services and is composed of members from the legislature (house and senate), the state superintendent of public instruction, the commissioner of higher education, the president of UCAT, the Department of Workforce Services, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, a member of the Governor's staff, and five private sector members that represent businesses or industries that employ individuals who hold CTE certificates.

The legislature tasked the CTE board to:

- Conduct a comprehensive study of CTE in Utah that includes:
 - An inventory of all CTE programs
 - A description of CTE funding
 - An assessment of Utah business and industry needs for employees with skills taught in CTE classes
 - And any other information the CTE Board considers relevant to the study.
- Coordinate with the Office of Legislative Auditor General. The Office of Legislative Auditor General conducted a review of CTE coordination and program duplication between public education and UCAT in 2015. The data from this review will be included in the CTE Board's study.
- Make recommendations to the Legislature related to:
 - CTE funding
 - CTE governance and administration
 - Benchmarks or criteria for a CTE program
- Report on the progress of the study on November 1, 2015
- Report on the final results of the study on November 1, 2016
- Report on the recommendations as described above.

The Board has existed only for a short time and is therefore in the very beginning stages. As of today, the members of the Board have been selected and appointed by the Governor, minus one private sector representative. The Board membership consists of: Senator Osmond, Representative Cunningham, Jon Pierpont, Val Hale, Tami Pyfer, Brenda Voisard, Deneise Lacy, Kevin Crandall and Rich Thorn.



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The Board's first meeting will be on November 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. At this first meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair will be selected, the Office of Legislator Auditor General will present on its audit findings, the Board will determine its ongoing meeting schedule, it will discuss all available resources and how best to use those resources and define next steps.