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**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**CHAPTER 43**

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60; 59-5-65; 59-53-1810, and 20 U.S.C. 2301, *et seq.*

R.43-236. Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools

**Preamble:**

Regulation 43-236 governs school districts' offerings in high schools and/or career or technology centers. The regulation stipulates that at least two career clusters will be offered at each high school, Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools. The regulation further states that four units are needed to complete a career major.

The proposed amendment from four units to three units in an approved sequence of Career and Technical Education (CATE) coursework is being made in an effort to provide students more flexibility in personalizing their program of study. The amendment will create more opportunities for extended learning opportunities such as Internships and Apprenticeships to better prepare for an industry recognized credential. Furthermore, this amendment from four to a minimum of three units will align South Carolina with the rest of the states in terms of completing a Career and Technical Program of Study.

Notice of Drafting for the proposed amended regulation was published in the *State Register* on June 24, 2016.

Section-by-Section Discussion

The amendment will adjust the number of units to complete a career major from four units to a minimum of three units to provide students with greater flexibility in scheduling and align the South Carolina Department of Education's requirements with other states' requirements.

**Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity for Public Comment:**

A public hearing will be held on December 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Rutledge Conference Center, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29201. The proposed amended regulation will be posted on the State Board of Education Web site for review and comment. To review the regulation click on the attached link <http://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/File/policy/state-board/Regulations/RegReviewedbySBE16-17.pdf>.

Written comments should be submitted to Ronald Roveri, Director, Office of Career and Technology Education, 1429 Senate Street, Room 912-A, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 or by e-mail to [rroveri@ed.sc.gov](mailto:rroveri@ed.sc.gov) on or before 5:00 p.m. on November 28, 2016.

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement:**

No additional state funding is requested. The SCDE estimates that no additional costs will be incurred by the State and its political subdivisions in complying with the proposed revisions to Regulation 43-236.

**Statement of Need and Reasonableness:**

DESCRIPTION OF REGULATION: Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools

Purpose: Regulation 43-236 governs school districts' offerings in high schools and/or career or technology centers. The regulation stipulates that at least two career clusters will be offered at each high school, Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools. The regulation further states that four units are needed to complete a career major.

The amendment will address CATE completer requirements.

Legal Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60; 59-5-65; 59-53-1810, and 20 U.S.C. 2301, *et seq.*

Plan for Implementation: The proposed amendments will be incorporated within 43-236 upon publication in the *State Register* as a final regulation. The proposed amendments will be implemented in the same manner in which the existing regulation is implemented. School and district personnel will be informed of the new procedures through electronic correspondence.

#### DETERMINATION OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION BASED ON ALL FACTORS HEREIN AND EXPECTED BENEFITS:

As reflected in 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60; 59-5-65; 59-53-1810, and 20 U.S.C. 2301, *et seq.*, the State Board of Education shall adopt policies, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State for its own government and for the government of free public schools. The purpose of the proposed change is to ensure compliance of the regulation by reducing the number of CATE courses for completer status from four to a minimum of three units.

#### DETERMINATION OF COSTS AND BENEFITS:

There will be no increased cost to the state or its political subdivisions, nor will the proposed amendments result in any increased cost to the business community.

#### UNCERTAINTIES OF ESTIMATES:

There are no uncertainties of estimates relative to the cost to the State or its political subdivisions.

#### EFFECT ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH:

The proposed regulations have no effect on the environment or on public health.

#### DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IF THE REGULATION IS NOT IMPLEMENTED:

There will be no detrimental effect on the environment or public health if the regulations are not implemented.

#### **Statement of Rationale:**

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The amendment will address the number of CATE courses required to be a completer of a CATE program from four units to a minimum of three units.

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**Text:**

R.43-236. Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools.

Career or technology centers and/or comprehensive high schools shall, based on local needs, offer a variety of courses that will constitute a career major. These career majors are contained in the clusters defined and communicated to school districts by the Office of Career and Technology Education in conjunction with federal and state funding for career and technology courses and programs.

School districts will offer in high schools and/or career or technology centers a full complement of courses within a minimum of two career clusters to enable students to complete ~~at least four~~ a minimum of three Carnegie units in an approved sequence of Career and Technology Education coursework leading to a career goal.