

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>CODE:</b>	PL-04
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Policy and Legislative Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	September 13, 2016

### SUBJECT/TITLE

Proposed Amendments to the State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-236 (R.43-236), Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading)

### PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

This item proposes amendments to R.43-236.

### CRITICAL FACTS

R.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. (Note: Actually, what was *intended* here was the criteria required complete a career and technology education *program*. The "major" related back to language used in implementing the EEDA—i.e., four courses equated to an EEDA "major.")

The proposed amendment from four units to a minimum of 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 three units will align South Carolina with the rest of the states in terms of completing a Career and Technical Program of Study.

### TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- June 24, 2016 Drafting Notice printed in *State Register*.
- July 25, 2016 Written comments are due.
- September 13, 2016 R.43-236, Career or Technology Centers/ Comprehensive High Schools, submitted to the Policy and Legislative Committee for first reading review and approval to the SBE (First Reading).
- August 22, 2016 Written comments are due.

- December 13, 2016 SBE public hearing and promulgation of the amendments to R.43-236 (Second Reading).
- January 11, 2017 Submit amendments to R.43-236 to the General Assembly.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

**COST:** None  
**FUND/SOURCE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachments:**  yes  no  
**(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)**

**Name of Attachments:**  
R.43-279, Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading)

**RECOMMENDATION**

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the SBE approve amendments to R.43-236 Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading).

**ACTION REQUEST**

FOR APPROVAL:  FOR INFORMATION ONLY: