

Section 1. This act shall be referred to as “The Alternate Pathway Study Act”

Section 2. Study.

(a) The Secretary of Education, shall conduct a study on the creation of a 4-year high school graduation option that focuses on career-technical education and workforce development at the high school level. The study shall include, but is not limited to:

1. The feasibility of offering students the option of pursuing a career-technical education diploma, distinct from the standard high school diploma, which provides workforce readiness and requires at a minimum that a student earn at least one national industry certification identified in the Industry Certification Funding List pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education
2. The identification of course requirements for a career-technical education diploma and overlapping course requirements for a career-technical education diploma and the standard high school diploma, with a view to enabling a student to switch between diploma options.
3. The potential use of career and professional academies, internships, state certification programs, and other relevant career and technical education programs.
4. A timeframe for implementing a career-technical education graduation option diploma if deemed feasible.

(b) The Secretary of Education shall submit the results of the study with recommendations to the state subreddit no later than sixty days after the passage of this act.

Section 3. Enactment.

(a) This act shall take effect immediately upon passage into law.