

REFERENCE TITLE: middle school students; CTE courses

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## **HB 2668**

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Common schools; career and technical education  
3 courses; reporting requirements; delayed repeal;  
4 definition

5 A. Notwithstanding any other law, during the 2024-2025, 2025-2026  
6 and 2026-2027 school years, any school that is operated by a school  
7 district or charter school in this state and that provides instruction to  
8 middle school students may offer career and technical education courses  
9 that may be counted for both the promotion of students from the eighth  
10 grade pursuant to section 15-701, Arizona Revised Statutes, and the  
11 graduation of students from high school pursuant to section 15-701.01,  
12 Arizona Revised Statutes.

13 B. Each public school in this state shall accept credits earned by  
14 a student in courses offered pursuant to subsection A of this section.  
15 This subsection does not require a public school to recognize credits that  
16 were not earned by a student because the student did not either complete  
17 the course or earn a passing grade.

18 C. A school district or charter school that operates a school that  
19 offers one or more career and technical education courses pursuant to  
20 subsection A of this section shall enter into an intergovernmental  
21 agreement or contract with any of the following for the purpose of  
22 providing the career and technical education courses:

23 1. A career and technical education district established under  
24 title 15, chapter 3, article 6, Arizona Revised Statutes.

25 2. A school that has been approved by the state board of education  
26 to provide career and technical education and vocational education  
27 pursuant to section 15-782, Arizona Revised Statutes.

28 3. A community college district that provides career and technical  
29 education courses that have been approved by the department of education  
30 in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins career and technical education  
31 improvement act of 2006, as amended by the strengthening career and  
32 technical education for the 21st century act.

33 D. On or before July 1 of each year, each school district or  
34 charter school that operates a school that offered one or more career and  
35 technical education courses pursuant to subsection A of this section  
36 during the previous school year shall report to the department of  
37 education all of the following for the previous school year:

38 1. The number of career and technical education courses offered by  
39 each school that is operated by the school district or charter school.

40 2. The number of students in each school that is operated by the  
41 school district or charter school who successfully completed a career and  
42 technical education course.

1           E. On or before December 31, 2027, the department of education  
2 shall compile all the reports received pursuant to subsection D of this  
3 section and prepare a summary of the reports. The department shall submit  
4 the compiled reports and summary to the president of the senate, the  
5 speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall provide  
6 a copy of the compiled reports and summary to the secretary of state.

7           F. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2035.

8           G. For the purposes of this section, "middle school student" means  
9 a student in any of grades six, seven or eight.