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## **HB 2316**

Introduced by

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR CAREER 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 technical education  
3 courses; funding; reporting requirements;  
4 delayed repeal; definition

5 A. Notwithstanding any other law, during the 2026-2027, 2027-2028  
6 and 2028-2029 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 technical education courses that  
9 may be counted for both the promotion of students from the eighth grade  
10 pursuant to section 15-701, Arizona Revised Statutes, and the graduation  
11 of students from high school pursuant to section 15-701.01, Arizona  
12 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 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 technical education courses:

23 1. A career technical education district established under title  
24 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 technical education and vocational education pursuant to  
27 section 15-782, Arizona Revised Statutes.

28 3. A community college district that provides career 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. Notwithstanding section 15-393, subsection D, paragraph 4,  
34 Arizona Revised Statutes, a middle school student who is enrolled in  
35 career technical education courses may be funded in whole or in part with  
36 monies provided by the career technical education district. A career  
37 technical education district may not increase the property tax levy to  
38 fund middle school students pursuant to this subsection. This subsection  
39 does not authorize a career technical education district to include a  
40 middle school student in the career technical education district's student  
41 count or average daily membership.

42 E. On or before July 1 of each year, each school district or  
43 charter school that operates a school that offered one or more career  
44 technical education courses pursuant to subsection A of this section

1 during the previous school year shall report to the department of  
2 education all of the following for the previous school year:

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

5 2. The number of students in each school that is operated by the  
6 school district or charter school who successfully completed a career  
7 technical education course.

8 3. In a form and manner prescribed by the office of the auditor  
9 general, an accounting of all costs incurred pursuant to this section.

10 F. On or before December 31, 2029, the department of education  
11 shall compile all the reports received pursuant to subsection E of this  
12 section and prepare a summary of the reports. The department shall submit  
13 the compiled reports and summary to the president of the senate, the  
14 speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall provide  
15 a copy of the compiled reports and summary to the secretary of state.

16 G. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2037.

17 H. For the purposes of this section, "middle school student" means  
18 a student in any of grades six, seven or eight.