

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule:
Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule : N/A

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

In August of 2006, the Carl D. Perkins Act was reauthorized. This act is now formally known as The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006. This act requires each state to prepare and submit one of the following options: (1) a six year State Plan that covers the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2013 or (2) a one year Transition Plan for the program year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This would then be followed by a five year State Plan that would cover the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013. The state of Mississippi has chosen to submit a one-year Transition Plan. In the fall of 2007, we will begin working on the follow-up five year State Plan. This is due to the short turnaround time for submission of the State Plan to the U. S. Department of Education. We are submitting this plan through the APA process to gather comments on the Transition Plan. These comments will be used to help guide us in the formation of the five year State Plan that covers the period of July 1, 2008-June 30, 2013. The five year plan will have increased public input, accountability requirements, and expanded documentation of how the state of Mississippi will operate their programs.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on _____ Date: _____ Place: _____

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least _____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or

The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: May 18, 2007

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: June 22, 2007

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing
James E. Sardin, Associate State Superintendent
Office of Vocational Education and Workforce Development