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Request for Leave from Rule Making Required under Act 867 of 2023

Senator Dees and Representative Shepard:

On behalf of the Division of Career and Technical Education, I write to respectfully request leave from the rule making process currently required under Act 867 of 2023.

As you are aware, Act 867 of 2023 § 11 directs the Career Education and Workforce Development Board (Board) to promulgate rules for the allocation of funds appropriated for vocational start-ups. The Act identifies the Board as the responsible entity for developing and implementing rules governing the distribution of these appropriations to support the establishment and expansion of vocational programs statewide.

Act 910 of 2019 § 126 transferred the Career Education and Workforce Development Board to the Department of Commerce. The rulemaking responsibility of the Board appeared in a Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education appropriation bill because the funds are appropriated to DCTE. After extensive review, we have determined that, because of the transfer, ADE does not have the authority to promulgate this rule.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Arkansas Legislative Counsel grant the Division of Career and Technical Education leave from the current rule making obligations mandated by Act 867 of 2023. We appreciate your consideration of this request and remain committed to advancing high-quality career and technical education opportunities across the state. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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