

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Education Committee

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: June 23, 2025

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support H.B. 1536 – CTE Director Modernization**

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge support for H.B. 1536 which we understand may be considered before the full committee this week.

This bill allows educators holding a superintendent's letter of eligibility to serve as Career and Technical Education (CTE) directors if they meet certain requirements, recognizing their advanced leadership training and experience. It also eliminates arbitrary time-based restrictions on supervising CTE programs, ensuring leadership decisions focus on qualifications and program quality rather than inflexible assignment percentages.

Employers across Pennsylvania are struggling to find qualified workers, particularly in the skilled trades and technical fields. As demand for CTE programs grows to meet this need, many schools are limited by a shortage of qualified educators and directors; this bill helps address that gap by expanding leadership eligibility and strengthening the workforce pipeline critical to Pennsylvania's economy.

We sincerely appreciate the prime sponsor's attention to this important issue and respectfully urge you to pass this critical piece of legislation.

Please contact Aaron Riggleman at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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