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53B-2a-106 Technical colleges -- Duties.

- (1) Each technical college shall, within the geographic area served by the technical college:
 - (a) offer technical education programs;
 - (b) offer a program described in Subsection (1)(a) at:
 - (i) low cost to adult students, as approved by the board; and
 - (ii) no tuition to secondary students;
 - (c) develop cooperative agreements with school districts, charter schools, other higher education institutions, businesses, industries, and community and private agencies to maximize the availability of instructional facilities within the geographic area served by the technical college; and
 - (d) after consulting with school districts and charter schools within the geographic area served by the technical college:
 - (i) ensure that secondary students in the public education system have access to technical education at the technical college; and
 - (ii) prepare and submit an annual report to the board detailing:
 - (A) how the technical education needs of secondary students within the region are being met;
 - (B) what access secondary students within the region have to programs offered at the technical college;
 - (C) how the technical college emphasizes high demand, high wage, high skill jobs in business and industry; and
 - (D) student tuition and fees.
- (2) A technical college may offer:
 - (a) a competency-based high school diploma approved by the State Board of Education in accordance with Section 53E-3-501;
 - (b) basic instruction in areas such as reading, language arts, and mathematics that are necessary for student success in a chosen technical education or job-related program;
 - (c) courses of interest when similar offerings to the community are limited and courses are financially self-supporting; and
 - (d) secondary school level courses through the Statewide Online Education Program in accordance with Section 53F-4-504.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), a technical college may not:
 - (a) offer courses other than technical education or the basic instruction described in Subsections (2)(b) and (c);
 - (b) offer a degree;
 - (c) offer technical education or basic instruction outside the geographic area served by the technical college without a cooperative agreement between an affected institution of higher education, except as provided in Subsection (5);
 - (d) provide tenure or academic rank for its instructors; or
 - (e) participate in intercollegiate athletics.
- (4) The mission of a technical college is limited to technical education and may not expand to include academic programs that lead to a degree.
- (5)
 - (a) A technical college may offer technical education or basic instruction outside the geographic area served by the technical college without a cooperative agreement, as required in Subsection (3)(c), if:
 - (i) the technical education or basic instruction is specifically requested by:
 - (A) an employer; or