



California County Superintendents
Educational Services Association

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RE: High School Graduation Requirements – Urgent Career Technical Education Course Issue

Dear Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tem Atkins, Assembly Speaker Rendon:

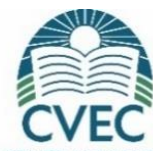
On behalf of schools, districts, and statewide education organizations represented in this letter, we urge the inclusion of statutory language in the Education Budget Cleanup Trailer Bill to extend the sunset of Education Code 51225.3. This will continue the existing practice to allow pupils to complete one course in career technical education (CTE) in lieu of completing one course in visual performing arts or foreign language in order to receive a high school diploma.

Language to extend the sunset was included this year in Assembly Bill 2044 (O'Donnell), which was approved by the Assembly without receiving a single "no" vote. The bill was held without a hearing in the Senate Education Committee, for reasons unrelated to the content of the bill.

Thousands of students across the state have taken CTE courses that they believe satisfy the state's graduation requirements. If this extension is not approved, these thousands of high school seniors will have their futures negatively impacted.



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Please support California students by including this sunset extension in the Education Budget Cleanup Trailer Bill. Without the extension, the students' futures will be placed in jeopardy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Diana Vu (dvu@acsa.org) or Megan Baier (mbaier@acsa.org) with the Association of California School Administrators.

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