



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2021
TO: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
FROM: Casey Penn, Bureau Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support
SUBJECT: Reimagining Education and Career Help Act (House Bill 1507) and Eligible Training Provider Eligibility

The Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act, has been signed into law and is effective **July 1, 2021**. The REACH Act requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to set performance standards for training providers for inclusion on the state's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). This includes consulting with the Department of Education to set minimum performance standards for programs eligible for enrollment by individuals participating in WIOA for program year (PY) 2021-2022 and adopting rules to implement the requirements of initial and subsequent eligibility criteria for PY 2022-2023. Rulemaking for initial and subsequent eligibility will be based on input from the state board, local workforce development boards, the Department of Education, and other stakeholders for the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Beginning PY 2021-2022, existing programs on the state and local ETPLs must meet the minimum performance criteria below for all three measures to be approved for subsequent (continued) eligibility to remain on the state and local ETPL(s). A program must have at a minimum 5 participants to determine if they performed successfully, training programs with fewer than 5 participants will remain on the ETPL until there is sufficient data to determine performance outcomes. Local workforce development boards can adopt more stringent performance criteria for programs. However, programs meeting the minimum criteria below may remain on the state ETPL.

Subsequent (Continued) Eligibility Criteria

For **PY 2021-2022**, the minimum criteria a program must achieve for completion, earnings, and employment rates of eligible participants are as follows:

Measures	Definitions	Performance
Completion Rate	The percentage of participants who successfully complete the education or training activity when an outcome is recorded in Employ Florida.	60%

Median Earnings - 2nd Quarter After Exit	The median earnings of participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program.	\$4,498
Employment Rate - 4th Quarter After Exit	The percentage of participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program. For youth, the indicator is the percentage of participants in education or training activities, or in unsubsidized employment.	70%

Methodology

The methodology used in establishing performance criteria evaluated individuals served and outcomes reported in the WIOA primary indicators of performance measures for program years 2018-19 and 2019-20 by provider and program of study. The REACH Act requires that eligibility criteria established by DEO for PY 2021-2022 would not remove greater than 20 percent of providers, the criteria established above falls within this threshold.

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