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SUBJECT: **Virginia's Draft WIOA Combined State Plan available for Public Comment**

On July 22, 2014, the President signed the *Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)*, *Public Law 113-128*. The Virginia Board of Workforce Development has coordinated with the eight state agencies that provide workforce development programs to submit a WIOA Combined State Plan. The draft copy of the WIOA Combined State Plan was posted today (<http://www.elevatevirginia.org/state-plan/>) for public comment. The comment period will close on March 14, 2016.

WIOA provides each State with the option of meeting its Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) State Plan requirements by including it in the WIOA Combined State Plan. Virginia's career and technical education programs (secondary and postsecondary) has its Perkins IV plan approved, previously submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. The Perkins IV plan may be reviewed in its entirety at <http://cte.ed.gov/docs/stateplan/VA5YearStatePlan.pdf>. The state is not accepting comments on this section of the WIOA Combined State Plan.

For details pertaining to reading the WIOA Combined State Plan and/or providing public comments visit (<http://www.elevatevirginia.org/state-plan/>). Public comments must be received by March 14, 2016.

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