**Section 256.230 Additional Program Components for Area Career Centers**

a) Operational area career centers shall be directed and supervised by qualified personnel (see Section 256.220) and shall provide appropriate guidance services for students in accordance with Section 256.161. Operational area career centers shall continue to provide a program of CTE to meet identified needs of the area served by those centers that is of appropriate size, scope and quality.

b) Continued designation as an area career center is contingent upon the results of periodic evaluations of those centers conducted or coordinated by the State Board.

1) Area career center designation could be revoked if the State Board determines that deficiencies reflected in those evaluations are not satisfactorily addressed.

2) Area career centers that were designated and approved prior to 2021 shall:

A) Provide the State Board with a current copy of the State Board-approved cooperative agreement under which they are currently operating; and

B) Meet the criteria set forth in this Subpart B by the end of State fiscal year 2023.

3) Local educational agencies participating in an area career center may elect to seek approval for continued operation under the terms of a joint agreement if area career center designation is withdrawn.