

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
PROPOSED BOARD POLICY CHANGE**

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**BOARD POLICY:**

303.4: Continuing Program Review

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of the proposed policy is to define the continuing program review requirements of an academic program. The proposed repeal of [ARSD Chapter 24:59:01](#) would require the Board of Technical Education to transfer the language in [ARSD 24:59:01:03 \(Application of continuing programs\)](#) to Board Policy. The proposed policy does not make any changes to the current continuing program review process. The language in Section C of the proposed policy is a direct copy and paste from ARSD 24:59:01:03.

If approved, the policy will become effective immediately.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed policy changes received approval by the Committee on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness on 6/30/2021. The Committee recommends do-pass.

**COMMENTS INVITED**

The South Dakota Board of Technical Education invites comments on this change before the Board takes final action at its meeting on 8/18/2021. Comments can be sent to Nick.Wendell@state.sd.us. Comments are due by 8/16/2021.

Those wishing to testify are asked to register by 8/16/2021, by email, to Nick.Wendell@state.sd.us. Testifiers should provide their full name, entity representing (if applicable), city of residence, and which agenda item the testifier will address.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

- Adoption
- Amendment
- Repeal
- Other:

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**A. PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this policy is to define the continuing program review requirements of an academic program.

**B. DEFINITIONS**

1. Academic Program: An approved academic program by the Board of Technical Education, as defined in BP 301.1.

**C. POLICY**

1. An application for a continuing postsecondary program must be submitted to the executive director of the Board of Technical Education for approval whenever a program's risk profile warrants such review.
2. A program's risk is compiled by analysis of the program's enrollment, retention, and placement over a period of at least three years.
3. A local program advisory board or council endorsement is required on programs not holding national, state, regional, or industry accreditation or certification specific to the degree being awarded.
4. The executive director shall place high-risk programs on a plan of correction for a minimum of one year and shall review the program before approving funding each year until the program is discontinued or deemed of acceptable risk.

**D. PROCEDURES**

1. The executive director shall promulgate procedures needed to implement this policy.

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**SDCL REFERENCE:** [13-39A-14](#); [13-39A-16](#); [13-39A-17](#); [13-39A-18](#); [13-39A-21](#)

**ARSD REFERENCE:** None

**HISTORY:** Proposed Policy