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MEMORANDUM

TO: Career and Technical Education Directors
Technical Center Directors
Florida College Occupational Deans

FROM: Loretta Costin, Interim Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education *Loretta Costin*

SUBJECT: Clarification on Industry Certifications and Criminal Justice Programs

This memorandum is in response to concerns raised by some that programs in the Law, Safety and Public Service Career Cluster do not currently have industry certifications. Xenia Bailey, our Program Specialist has been working with Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Public Service Association, criminal justice teachers, law enforcement and correctional officers to see if certifications can be identified for the Law and Public Safety secondary programs.

While it is desirable to have industry certifications, there are a number of programs that are important to Florida's economic growth and quality of life that may not have an industry certification available at this point in time. As always school districts and colleges must determine what programs to offer based on the needs of their communities. This is a local decision and we want to be clear that the Department of Education (DOE) does not have the authority to close local programs.

We sincerely hope this clarifies the issue. If you have questions you may contact Xenia Bailey at Xenia.Bailey@fldoe.org or by phone 850-245-0663.

You may also contact Darl Walker at Darl.Walker@fldoe.org or by phone at 850-245-9020.

Thank you.

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