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Release of Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act Preliminary Guidelines

We are pleased to announce that on December 16, 2019, the Secretary of Higher Education proposed regulations to implement the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, L. 2018, c. 119. Upon adoption, the regulations will provide grant opportunities to county colleges for projects to expand career and technical education programs. The proposed regulations were published in the New Jersey Register at 51 N.J.R. 1838(a) (December 16, 2019), and are also available on the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's website at <https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/documents/pdf/index/njac9a19.pdf>. Public comment will be open until February 14, 2020, and written comments should be submitted to eric.taylor@oshe.nj.gov.

Along with the proposed regulations, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is providing preliminary guidelines to prepare districts for the application process in advance of adoption of the Securing of Children's Future Bond Act regulations, which can be found here: <https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/socf/>.

OSHE recommends that the county colleges familiarize themselves with the application process as set forth in the proposed regulations and preliminary guidelines prior to the opening of the grant application process, which will be scheduled for a date after the final adoption of the proposed regulations.

Note: Because the preliminary guidelines are based on proposed regulations, they are subject to change based on the actual text of the final adoption of the proposed regulations.

Contact information

County colleges with questions regarding the proposed regulations or preliminary guidelines should contact the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education at angela.bethea@oshe.nj.gov.

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