

## SB 1243 (PORTANTINO) CA STATE PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

**POSITION:** The Chamber's Education & Workforce Roundtable voted to SUPPORT this bill on May 1, 2018. The Chamber's Public Policy Committee voted to SUPPORT this bill on May 8, 2018.

**STATUS:** The bill was passed through the Assembly Education Committee on 4/1/18 and was re-referred to the Appropriations Committee. On 4/30/18 the Appropriations Committee voted to suspend the file.

### SUMMARY

SB 1243 establishes the California State Pathways in Technology Program as a public-private partnership for purposes of preparing California students for high-skill jobs of the future in technology, manufacturing, health care, and finance.

### INDUSTRIES IMPACTED

California Community Colleges

### SUPPORTERS

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District

### OPPONENTS

None Received

### ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

- This bill requires the P-Tech program to develop programs of study in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand career areas
- Requires career pathways to commence in grade 9

### ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

- None Received

### MORE INFORMATION

As technological progress continues, California must develop educational programs to keep pace with the modern world. California must prepare students for high skill jobs and emerging job markets. Currently, California does not have a specific institution in place to achieve this goal. P-Tech was initially launched in New York City in 2010. The program is offered for students in 9th grade through community college. P-Tech students will be able to take core courses in English, science, mathematics, and the arts. In addition, students will work toward an associate degree in applied science in a high tech field. The CA P-TECH program will offer students a rigorous, relevant, and cost-free education in grades 9-14 focused on the knowledge and skills that students need for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers. Students will have the opportunity to experience workplace learning from industry professionals. CA P-TECH will provide students intensive, individualized academic support."