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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

For inclusion on the Governor and Council Consent Calendar. Pursuant to MOP 1200, I. D., authorize the Department of Education (Department), Bureau of Career Development, Office of Career and Technical Education to pay the FY 2027 Membership dues to the National Association of State Directors of the Career Technical Education Consortium, DBA Advance CTE, Silver Spring, MD, (VC # 170451) the amount of \$6,855.00 effective upon Governor and Council approval for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. **50% Federal Funds, 50% General Funds**

Funds are available in the following account in FY27 as follows:

06-56-56-562010-40260000 CTE Voc Ed – Federal

Fiscal Year	Class/Account	Class Title	Amount
2027	026-500251	Membership Fees	\$3,427.50
		Sub Total	\$3,427.50

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**EXPLANATION**

The National Association of State Directors of the Career Technical Education Consortium (DBA Advance CTE) is a membership organization serving state-level leadership teams working in State Education Agencies (SEA) for career and technical education (CTE). Advance CTE’s mission is to support state CTE leadership to advance high-quality CTE policies, programs, and pathways to

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ensure conditions needed for career and college success for learners. New Hampshire's continued membership in Advance CTE provides the State with several tangible benefits. These include connections with other state CTE leaders for information sharing as well as formal professional development opportunities in the areas of effective use of Federal funds for CTE initiatives and data analysis for informed policy decision making. In addition, Advance CTE staff and leadership make themselves available to all members.

New Hampshire's membership in Advance CTE provides a high return on investment by supplying resources and expertise that the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) team uses throughout the program year to strengthen statewide CTE policy, implementation, and compliance. OCTE staff consistently rely on Advance CTE's professional development, federal policy guidance, national data reports, and technical assistance to make informed decisions and effectively administer Perkins funds. This frequent, practical use of membership benefits ensures that the annual fee yields significant value, directly supporting improved program quality and better outcomes for New Hampshire learners.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

**1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?**

Advance CTE (The National Association of State Directors of the Career Tech Education Consortium) was established 106 years ago, in 1920, and New Hampshire has been a member for over 30 years.

**2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?**

No

**3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?**

All states and United States territories offering Career and Technical Education at the Secondary and Postsecondary levels are encouraged to become Advance CTE members. As of April of 2026, there are 55 active member states or territories. The New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Career Development, Office of Career and Technical Education, is the sole state agency known to be a member of this organization.

**4. How is the dues' structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)**

It is a set fee for each state based upon population.

**5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?**

Advance CTE provides the State of New Hampshire with access to nationally recognized expertise, best practices, and timely policy guidance that strengthens the administration and quality of Career and Technical Education (CTE) statewide. Continued membership ensures that the Office of Career and Technical Education remains aligned with federal

requirements, emerging national trends, and evidence-based strategies that support high-quality programs and a workforce prepared to meet the state's economic needs.

Through this membership, the Office receives comprehensive federal policy updates; specialized professional development for CTE leaders and staff; and access to national research, data tools, and reports that inform strategic planning and program improvement. Advance CTE also offers direct technical assistance to support the implementation of the Perkins V State Plan and related state initiatives. In addition, New Hampshire benefits from participation in national and regional leadership networks, including direct access to all 50 state CTE directors and a New England CTE Directors Cohort facilitated by Advance CTE, which together provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, problem-solving, and the exchange of effective practices. These resources collectively enhance the state's capacity to deliver effective, high-quality, and industry-responsive CTE programs, strengthening New Hampshire's workforce pipeline and supporting long-term economic competitiveness.

**6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.**

Yes. Membership includes full access to Advance CTE's members-only resource library, which provides professional learning materials, research, policy analyses, implementation toolkits, and recordings from national leadership webinars. These resources cover priority areas such as program quality and evaluation, career advising, updated career cluster frameworks, and emerging topics including preparing learners for an AI-enabled workforce.

Membership also includes access to tailored research support, in which Advance CTE staff respond to state-specific inquiries related to career and technical education and workforce development. In addition, Advance CTE regularly convenes regional and national communities of practice that enable states to learn directly from peers and subject-matter experts. Recent offerings have included a virtual data-analysis training series, in which a six-member team from New Hampshire participated to examine CTE performance data and identify opportunity gaps. All of these resources and services are included in the annual membership cost.

**7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.**

No

**8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.**

No

**9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)**

Jeffrey Beard, State CTE Director - Member

Chrissy Vander Hook, Bureau of Career Development Administrator - Member

Diane Lewis, OCTE Education Consultant - Member

Stephanie Gray-Lemay, OCTE Education Consultant - Member  
Nicole Levesque, OCTE Work-Based Learning Coordinator - Member

**10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.**

Without membership in Advance CTE, the State would lose access to nationally vetted best practices and real-time guidance from the State CTE Directors network, reducing efficiency in program development and policy implementation. New Hampshire would also miss timely notifications about high-quality materials for marketing CTE programs, professional development opportunities, and procedural updates that support consistent statewide delivery. Overall, the absence of this membership would hinder the State's ability to stay aligned with national standards, respond quickly to federal policy changes, and maintain effective, efficient CTE services for New Hampshire students and communities.

Respectfully submitted,



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**INVOICE 2027-1354**

**DATE 07/01/2026**

**DUE DATE 07/31/2026**

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Advance CTE/NASDCTEc State Membership Dues July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027	1	6,855.00	6,855.00
Your State Membership covers membership for the State CTE Director and 4 state members. The State CTE Director can assign the 4 state members through the member portal at any time: <a href="https://members.careertech.org/">https://members.careertech.org/</a>			
Advance CTE Extra State Membership - Dues for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.	1	0.00	0.00
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**Ways to pay**

**TOTAL DUE**

**\$6,855.00**

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