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To: MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Beth Goguen, Director
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Date: July 11, 2025

Subject: **Stopping the Use of Federal Funds in Conducting Voter Registration Within the American Job Center Network – TEGL 08-21 Change 2**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the release of Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 08-21, Change 2, Stopping the Use of Federal Funds in Conducting Voter Registration Within the American Job Center Network released July 8th, 2025.

The TEGL informs states, local areas, and other recipients of Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) funds that ETA Federal financial assistance awards cannot fund or reimburse the costs of voter registration activities conducted within the American Job Center (AJC) network.

Background: WIOA funding and other ETA-funded activities should adhere closely to their intended mission and be directly tied to their authorized activities. WIOA funding can be used for a wide variety of activities that support employment and

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training of American workers or the skilled labor demands of American employers but cannot be used for purposes unrelated to the statute. Utilizing ETA-provided resources for voter registration redirects programs away from their core workforce development mission. To realign AJC programs and reinforce worker-centric priorities, ETA rescinded TEGL No. 08-21, Providing Access to Voting Through the American Job Center Network on May 2, 2025. This guidance replaces TEGL No. 08-21 and supports AJC compliance with Executive Order 14248, Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections.

Action

Required: States, local areas, and other grantees are directed to review their policies, processes, and procedures, including applicable memoranda of understanding and cost sharing agreements, to ensure compliance with this Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL).

Effective: Immediately.