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<u>PURPOSE</u>: To clarify for apprenticeship technical staff the BAT position regarding State Apprenticeship Councils unilaterally adopting apprenticeship policies and procedures.

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: Title 29 CFR Part 29.12 provides for the U.S. Secretary of Labor to recognize State Apprenticeship Agencies or Councils (SACs) for Federal purposes upon submission and approval of specified materials.

<u>POLICY</u>: Any modification to SAC policies or procedures regarding the recognized State apprenticeship program that results in changes in the materials submitted to, and approved by, the Secretary when granting recognition for Federal purposes must be approved by BAT. State Apprenticeship Councils/Agencies are expressly prohibited from unilaterally adopting policies and operating procedures which depart from, or impose requirements in addition to, those which meet the requirements of Title 29 CFR Part 29. Approval of augmented policies and operating procedures is subject to BAT's discretion.