

SENATE BILL No. 84

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to postsecondary educational
2 institutions; including high school equivalency credentials in
3 performance-based payments for such institutions; amending K.S.A.
4 74-32,434 and repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-32,434 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 74-32,434. (a) (1) Any eligible postsecondary educational institution may
9 certify to the board of regents:

10 (A) The number of individuals who received a general educational
11 development (GED) *or high school equivalency (HSE)* credential from
12 such institution while enrolled in an eligible career technical education
13 program;

14 (B) the number of individuals who received a career technical
15 education credential from such institution; and

16 (C) the number of individuals who were enrolled in an eligible career
17 technical education program at such institution and who are pursuing a
18 general educational development (GED) *or high school equivalency (HSE)*
19 credential.

20 (2) Certifications submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be
21 submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the board of regents,
22 and shall include such other information as required by the board of
23 regents.

24 (b) Each fiscal year, upon receipt of a certification submitted under
25 subsection (a), the board of regents shall authorize payment to such
26 eligible postsecondary educational institution from the postsecondary
27 education performance-based incentives fund. The amount of any such
28 payment shall be calculated based on the following:

29 (1) For each individual who has received a general educational
30 development (GED) *or high school equivalency (HSE)* credential, \$500;

31 (2) for each individual who has received a career technical education
32 credential, \$1,000; and

33 (3) for each individual enrolled in an eligible career technical
34 education program who is pursuing a general educational development
35 (GED) *or high school equivalency (HSE)* credential, \$170.

36 (c) That portion of any payment from the postsecondary education

1 performance-based incentives fund that is made based on subsection (b)(2)
2 shall be expended for scholarships for individuals enrolled in an eligible
3 career technical education program and operating costs of eligible career
4 technical education programs. Each eligible postsecondary educational
5 institution shall prepare and submit a report to the board of regents ~~which~~
6 ~~shall include~~ *that includes* the number of individuals who received
7 scholarships, the aggregate amount of moneys expended for such
8 scholarships and the number of those individuals who received a
9 scholarship that also received a career technical education credential.

10 (d) (1) Of that portion of any payment from the postsecondary
11 education performance-based incentives fund that is made based on
12 subsection (b)(3), an amount equal to \$150 for each individual shall be
13 expended by the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the
14 general educational development (GED) test.

15 (2) If any individual enrolled in an eligible career technical education
16 program for which an eligible postsecondary educational institution has
17 received a payment under this section fails to take the general educational
18 development (GED) test, then such institution shall notify the board of
19 regents in writing that no such test was administered to the individual. For
20 each such notification received, the board of regents shall deduct an
21 amount equal to \$150 from such institution's subsequent incentive
22 payment.

23 (e) All payments authorized by the board of regents pursuant to this
24 section shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made for such
25 purposes. If there are insufficient appropriations for the board of regents to
26 authorize payments in accordance with the amounts set forth in subsection
27 (b), the board of regents shall prorate such amounts in accordance with
28 appropriations made therefor.

29 (f) There is hereby created the postsecondary education performance-
30 based incentives fund. Expenditures from the postsecondary education
31 performance-based incentives fund shall be for the sole purpose of paying
32 payments to eligible postsecondary educational institutions as authorized
33 by the board of regents. All expenditures from the postsecondary education
34 performance-based incentives fund shall be made in accordance with
35 appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports
36 issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board of
37 regents, or the president's designee.

38 (g) As used in this section:

39 (1) "Board of regents" means the state board of regents provided for
40 in the constitution of this state and established by K.S.A. 74-3202a, and
41 amendments thereto.

42 (2) "Career technical education credential" means any industry-
43 recognized technical certification or credential, other than a general

1 educational development (GED) *or high school equivalency (HSE)*
2 credential, or any technical certification or credential authorized by a state
3 agency.

4 (3) "Eligible career technical education program" means a program
5 operated by one or more eligible postsecondary educational institutions
6 that is identified by the board of regents as a program that allows an
7 enrollee to obtain a general educational development (GED) *or high*
8 *school equivalency (HSE)* credential while pursuing a career technical
9 education credential.

10 (4) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means any
11 community college, technical college or the institute of technology at
12 Washburn university.

13 (5) "State agency" means any state office, department, board,
14 commission, institution, bureau or any other state authority.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-32,434 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.