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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2631

As Amended by House Committee on Education

Brief*

HB 2631, as amended, would create the Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive for Employment Success Act, which would provide state aid to school districts for the reimbursement of assessment costs for students who earn certain credentials.

The bill would define “school district” to include a specific list of school districts that would be eligible for such state aid. The provisions of the bill would be limited to such school districts listed in the bill.

Subject to appropriations, the bill would provide reimbursement costs at 100 percent of the cost of assessments for an approved standard career technical education (CTE) credential, if such credential is earned by a student who has an individual education program (IEP) or a 504 plan at the time the credential is obtained, or if the student is identified as having obtained a standard credit as determined at the discretion of the school district.

Subject to appropriations, the bill would provide reimbursement costs at 120 percent of the cost of assessments for an approved high-value CTE credential.

The bill would require the State Board of Education (State Board) to determine the state aid to school districts by determining the number of students enrolled in the district who obtained such credentials in the immediately preceding school year and determining the cost of assessments for

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

each such credential obtained, multiplying such amount by 1.2 for high-value CTE credentials. The bill would require the State Board to follow the usual process of certifying to the Director of Accounts and Reports the amount due to school districts, who would be required to draw a warrant on the State Treasury payable to the treasurer of the school district. The treasurer of the school district would then be required to credit the amount to the Career Technical Education Fund of the school district for purposes of the Fund, and the bill would require such funds to be used to cover the cost of the approved credential assessments.

The bill would also require the State board, on or before July 31, 2022, and every July 31 thereafter, to approve a list of high-value industry-recognized credentials and a list of standard industry-recognized credentials. The State Board would be required to consult with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Commerce, and representatives of industries that recognize career technical education credentials.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Appropriations at the request of Representative Murphy.

House Committee on Education

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of the Education Services Staff Development Association of Central Kansas, Kansas Association of Community Colleges Trustees, Stafford High School, and USD 216 Deerfield provided **proponent** testimony.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Cowley College, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns, the State Board, the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a private citizen.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Specify reimbursement rates for approved standard CTE credentials and approved high-value CTE credentials;
- Provide reimbursement for assessments for standard CTE credentials exclusively for students with an IEP, 504 plan, or as identified by the discretion of the school district;
- Provide provisions of the bill would only apply to school districts listed in the bill; and
- Remove provisions providing for transfer of moneys from the State General Fund to fund state aid reimbursement as provided in the bill.

Fiscal Information

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, refers to transfers from the State General Fund. The House Committee removed provisions related to such transfer. An updated fiscal note for the bill, as amended, was not immediately available.

According to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), there were 1,205 CTE credentials obtained during the 2019-2020 school year and 1,806 CTE credentials obtained during the 2018-2019 school year. KSDE does not have an estimate of the cost assessment for each credential obtained.

Education; Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive for Employment Success Act; career technical education; school districts