

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2138

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to career technical education;  
2 creating the career technical education credential and transition  
3 incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school  
4 districts, **community and technical colleges and the Washburn**  
5 **institute of technology** for students **enrolled in high school** who  
6 obtain a credential; establishing the career technical education  
7 credential and transition incentive fund.  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
11 career technical education credential and transition incentive for  
12 employment success act.

13 (b) Subject to the availability of appropriations and within the limits  
14 of any such appropriations, a school district, **community college,**  
15 **technical college or the Washburn institute of technology** that offers  
16 career technical education and has students **who are enrolled in any of**  
17 **the grades 9 through 12 and** who obtain an approved career technical  
18 education credential shall receive payments pursuant to this section. Each  
19 school year, the state board of education shall determine the amount of  
20 such payment to each school district, **community college, technical**  
21 **college or the Washburn institute of technology** as follows:

22 (1) Determine the number of students enrolled in the school district  
23 **or college** who obtained an approved industry-sought career technical  
24 education credential during the immediately preceding school year;

25 (2) determine the total cost of assessment for each such credential  
26 obtained by such students in such school year; and

27 (3) multiply the amount calculated under paragraph (2) by 1.2. The  
28 resulting product is the amount of payment the school district **or college** is  
29 to receive in the school year.

30 (c) (1) On or before July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the state  
31 board of education shall conduct a survey of school districts **and colleges**  
32 on which career technical education credentials each school district offers  
33 that satisfies the definition of "industry-sought credential" under  
34 subsection (e).

35 (2) On or before July 31, 2023, and each July 31 thereafter, the state  
36 board of education, after consultation with the secretary of labor, the

1 secretary of commerce and representatives of industries that recognize  
2 career technical education credentials, shall approve a list of industry-  
3 sought credentials.

4 (d) Payments shall be distributed to school districts **and colleges** at  
5 times determined by the state board of education. The state board of  
6 education shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount  
7 due each school district **or college**, and the director of accounts and reports  
8 shall draw a warrant on the state treasury payable to the treasurer of the  
9 school district **or college**. Upon receipt of the warrant, the treasurer of the  
10 school district **or college** shall credit the amount thereof to the career  
11 technical education fund of the school district to be used for the purposes  
12 of such fund, except that, of the amount credited to such fund, the school  
13 district shall expend such moneys first for the cost of assessments for those  
14 credentials described in subsection (c). **Upon receipt of the warrant, the**  
15 **treasurer of the college shall credit the amount thereof to the general**  
16 **fund of the college, except that, of the amount credited to such fund,**  
17 **the college shall expend such moneys first for the cost of assessments**  
18 **for those credentials described in subsection (c).**

19 (e) As used in this section, ~~the term:~~

20 (1) **"College" means any community college, technical college or**  
21 **the Washburn institute of technology; and**

22 (2) "industry-sought credential" means a career technical education  
23 credential that is:

24 ~~(1)~~(A) Repeatedly referenced in job postings; and

25 ~~(2)~~(B) frequently referred to by employers in communications with  
26 school districts as a career technical education credential that is in demand.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.