Sub. for SB 393 would require the State Board of Education to conduct or contract for a study of the implementation of a new requirement that each school district maintain an individual career plan of study for each student enrolled in grades eight through 12. Findings from the study would be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2014. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2013.

The bill also would require the Board of Regents to establish a career technical education incentive program which would award $1,000, subject to appropriation, to a school district for each high school graduate who graduates from that district with an industry-recognized credential in a high-need occupation, as identified by the Secretary of Labor. The bill would allow the Board of Regents to adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the program. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2012.

In addition, the bill would allow the governing board of a community college, technical college, or institute of technology to apply to the Board of Regents for permission to establish a career technical education program outside of the institution's service area if the program is not currently being offered in that service area. The provisions of this section would go into effect on July 1, 2013.

*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
High school students admitted to a vocational education course or program conducted by a community college, technical college, or institute of technology may be charged fees, but not tuition. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2012.

Finally, the bill would require the Board of Regents to initiate the development of a statewide articulation agreement on career technical education programs among high schools, community colleges, technical colleges, and the institute of technology. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2012.

Background

Sub. for SB 393 originally was a portion of SB 361, the Governor's Excellence in Education Act. At the hearing on SB 393, representatives of the Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, and United School Administrators testified as proponents. There was no other testimony.

The Committee made several changes to the bill, including the following:

- Eliminated a provision that would have abolished the current vocational education weighting in the school finance formula replacing it with career technical education state aid payment program to be established by the Board of Education; and

- Eliminated a provision that would have prohibited provision of career technical education state aid to secondary career technical education programs that were determined by the State Board as duplicative and located within 30 miles of a program offered by a postsecondary institution.

The Committee amended the bill by adopting a
substitute bill with the provisions described above and by adding definitions for "articulation agreement, fees and tuition, and individual career plan."

There was no Division of the Budget fiscal note on the substitute bill. The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the original bill indicated enactment would require total expenditures of $57,960,952 from the State General Fund for FY 2013, including $28.5 million for the Board of Regents and $29,460,952 for the Kansas Department of Education.