

SENATE BILL No. 128

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning the career technical education incentive program;
2 amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-4489 and repealing the existing
3 section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-4489. (a) The state board of regents shall establish the career
8 technical education incentive program.

9 (b) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
10 appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state
11 board of regents shall make an award to those school districts who have at
12 least one pupil who graduates from a high school in the school district
13 having obtained an industry-recognized credential *either prior to*
14 *graduation from high school or by December 31 immediately following*
15 *graduation from high school* in an occupation that has been identified by
16 the secretary of labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and
17 the state board of education, as an occupation in highest need of additional
18 skilled employees at the time the pupil entered the career technical
19 education course or program in the school district. Such school districts
20 shall receive an award in an amount equal to \$1,000 for each such pupil
21 graduating from a high school in the school district. Such awards shall be
22 paid at such times as established by the state board of regents. Such
23 awards shall be expended for the expenses incurred by the board of
24 education of the school district under subsection (b)(2), and any moneys
25 remaining after distribution in accordance with subsection (b)(2) may be
26 expended as determined by the board of education of a school district
27 towards operating the school from which the pupils graduated. Upon
28 receipt of such award and application by a pupil who has not attained a
29 high school diploma and is currently or was previously enrolled in a career
30 technical education course or program in the school district, the board of
31 education of each school district shall pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the costs of the industry-
32 recognized credential assessment specified in such application in an
33 amount not to exceed \$1,000. Such industry-recognized credential
34 assessment shall be related to the career technical education course or
35 program which such pupil is currently or was previously enrolled as
36 determined by the board of education. No board of education shall be

1 required to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of three or more industry-recognized
2 credential assessments for the same or substantially the same industry-
3 recognized credential for a pupil if such pupil fails to earn the industry-
4 recognized credential within two attempts of taking the industry-
5 recognized credential assessment.

6 (2) The state board of education shall certify to the state board of
7 regents and the director of accounts and reports the amounts due to each
8 school district pursuant to this subsection. Such certification, and the
9 amount payable, shall be approved by the director of the budget. The
10 director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer
11 payable to the district treasurer of each school district entitled to payment
12 of such award amount, pursuant to vouchers approved by the state board of
13 regents. Upon receipt of such warrant, each district treasurer shall deposit
14 the amount of such award in the general fund of the school district.

15 (c) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
16 appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state
17 board of regents shall make an award to a community college, technical
18 college or institute of technology who has at least one secondary student
19 who is currently or was previously admitted to a career technical education
20 course or program in accordance with subsection (c) of K.S.A. 72-4417,
21 and amendments thereto, and such secondary student is regularly enrolled
22 in and attending a private secondary school. The purpose of such award is
23 to reimburse such community college, technical college or institute of
24 technology for paying $\frac{1}{2}$ of the costs of an industry-recognized credential
25 assessment in an occupation that has been identified by the secretary of
26 labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and the state board of
27 education, as an occupation in highest need of additional skilled
28 employees at the time the secondary student was admitted into such career
29 technical education course or program. Upon receipt of such award and
30 application by a secondary student who is currently or was previously
31 enrolled in a career technical education course or program in accordance
32 with subsection (c) of K.S.A. 72-4417, and amendments thereto, and is
33 regularly enrolled in and attending a private secondary school, the
34 governing body of the community college, technical college or the institute
35 of technology which admitted such secondary student shall pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
36 costs of the industry-recognized credential assessment specified in such
37 application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Such industry-recognized
38 credential assessment shall be related to the career technical education
39 course or program in which such secondary student is currently or was
40 previously enrolled as determined by such governing body of a community
41 college, technical college or institute of technology. No governing body of
42 a community college, technical college or institute of technology shall be
43 required to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of three or more industry-recognized

1 credential assessments for the same or substantially the same industry-
2 recognized credential for a secondary student if such secondary student
3 fails to earn the industry-recognized credential within two attempts of
4 taking the industry-recognized credential assessment.

5 (2) Each governing body of a community college, technical college or
6 institute of technology shall certify to the state board of regents the amount
7 of any payments such community college, technical college or institute of
8 technology will pay based on applications submitted by students pursuant
9 to paragraph (1). The certification shall be on a form prescribed and
10 furnished by the state board of regents, shall contain such information as
11 the state board of regents shall require and shall be filed at the time
12 specified by the state board of regents.

13 (3) In each school year, each governing body of a community college,
14 technical college or institute of technology is entitled to receive from
15 appropriations for the career technical education incentive program an
16 amount which is equal to the amount certified to the state board of regents
17 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2). The state board of
18 regents shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due
19 each governing body of a community college, technical college or institute
20 of technology. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on
21 the state treasurer payable to the treasurer of each governing body of a
22 community college, technical college or institute of technology entitled to
23 payment under this subsection upon vouchers approved by the state board
24 of regents.

25 (4) Moneys received by a state board of regents under this subsection
26 shall be deposited in the postsecondary technical education fund of each
27 community college and at Washburn university for the Washburn institute
28 of technology or the general operating fund in the technical college in
29 accordance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 71-1808, and amendments thereto,
30 and shall be considered reimbursements to the community college,
31 technical college or institute of technology.

32 (d) Each school year, at such time as agreed to by the secretary of
33 labor, the president of the state board of regents and the commissioner of
34 education, the secretary shall provide the state board of regents and the
35 state board of education with a list of those occupations in highest need of
36 additional skilled employees. If the occupations identified in such list are
37 not substantially the same as those occupations identified in the list from
38 the prior year, reasonable notice of such changes shall be provided to
39 school districts, community colleges, technical colleges and the institute of
40 technology.

41 (e) The state board of regents and the state board of education, jointly,
42 may adopt such rules and regulations necessary to implement and carry out
43 the provisions of this section.

- 1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby repealed.
- 2 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.