

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 **{and state board of regents}** shall **{jointly}** conduct a
32 survey of school districts **and colleges** on which career technical education
33 credentials each school district offers that satisfies the definition of
34 "industry-sought credential" under subsection (e).

1 (2) On or before July 31, 2023, and each July 31 thereafter, the state
2 board of education **{and state board of regents}**, after consultation with
3 the secretary of labor, the secretary of commerce and representatives of
4 industries that recognize career technical education credentials, shall
5 **{jointly}** approve a list of industry-sought credentials.

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

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

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

24 (2) **"industry-sought credential" means a career technical education**
25 **credential that is:**

26 ~~(A)~~ **(A)** Repeatedly referenced in job postings; and

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

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