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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Huebert
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: HB 2631 – Career Technical Education Credential and Transition
Incentive for Employment Success Act.

House Bill No. 2631 (HB 2631) would enact the Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive for Employment Success Act (Act). The Act would provide additional state aid to school districts that offer career technical education (CTE) and have students who obtain an industry-recognized credential in a CTE field.

Under HB 2631, each school year the State Board of Education (Board) would determine the number of students enrolled in each school district who obtained an industry-recognized CTE credential during the previous school year and the cost of the assessment for each credential. The Board would then multiply the total cost for all assessments for each school district by 120%. The resulting product is the amount of state aid the school district is to receive under the Act.

HB 2631 also establishes a new Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive Fund in the state treasury. The Board will certify the total amount of payments to be paid to all school districts and that amount will be transferred from the State General Fund to the new fund. The Board will then distribute payments to the school districts from the new fund.

The Act would provide new CTE funding to school districts in addition to what is already provided by law. K.S.A. 72-5155 provides a 0.5 FTE weighting for students enrolled in an approved CTE program under the Kansas School Equity and Enhancement Act. This equates to 50% of the applicable BASE aid amount for each student for the school year and is paid to school districts through the state foundation aid payments that are made throughout the school year.

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K.S.A. 72-3819, enacted in 2012, establishes the Career Technical Education Incentive Program. Under this program, the State Board of Regents awards school districts \$1,000 for each graduating student that earns a CTE credential in an occupation in highest need of additional skilled employees as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

If enacted, HB 2631 would become effective on July 1, 2022.