

HOUSE BILL No. 2509

By Committee on Education

Requested by Rep. Fairchild

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to career technical education;
2 providing reimbursement payments for the cost of career technical
3 education credential assessments to school districts under the career
4 technical education credential and transition incentive for employment
5 success act; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3825 and repealing the
6 existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3820, 72-3821,
7 72-3822 and 72-3823.
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3825 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 72-3825. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the
12 career technical education credential and transition incentive for
13 employment success act.

14 (b) Each school district that offers career technical education for
15 students enrolled in any of the grades nine through 12 shall, upon request
16 by any such student, pay any fees charged for any assessment or other
17 examination that is required for such student to obtain an approved
18 industry-sought career technical education credential.

19 (c) *Subject to appropriations therefor, a school district that offers*
20 *career technical education to students who are enrolled in any of the*
21 *grades 9 through 12 and pays for approved industry-sought career*
22 *technical education credentials pursuant to subsection (b) shall receive*
23 *reimbursement for such payments. Each school year, the state board of*
24 *education shall determine the amount each school district is to receive as*
25 *follows:*

26 (1) *Determine the number of students enrolled in the school district*
27 *who obtained an approved industry-sought career technical education*
28 *credential during the immediately preceding school year;*

29 (2) *determine the total amount of payments made pursuant to*
30 *subsection (b) for such students in such school year; and*

31 (3) *multiply the amount calculated under paragraph (2) by 1.2. The*
32 *resulting product is the amount the school district is to receive in the*
33 *school year.*

34 (d) *Payments shall be distributed to school districts at times*
35 *determined by the state board of education. The state board of education*

1 shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due to each
 2 school district, and the director of accounts and reports shall draw a
 3 warrant on the state treasury payable to the treasurer of the school
 4 district. Upon receipt of the warrant, the treasurer of the school district
 5 shall credit the amount thereof to the career technical education fund of
 6 the school district to be used for the purposes of such fund, except the
 7 school district shall expend moneys credited to such fund pursuant to this
 8 section first for the cost of assessments for those credentials described in
 9 subsection (e). If there are insufficient moneys appropriated for the
 10 aggregate amount of reimbursement payments as determined under
 11 subsection (c), then the state board shall prorate the appropriated amount
 12 among the school districts eligible to receive reimbursement payments
 13 under this section.

14 ~~(e)~~(e) (1) On or before July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the
 15 state board of education and state board of regents shall jointly conduct a
 16 survey of school districts and colleges on which career technical education
 17 credentials each school district offers that satisfies the definition of
 18 "industry-sought credential" under subsection~~(d)~~ (f).

19 (2) On or before July 31, 2023, and each July 31 thereafter, the state
 20 board of education and state board of regents, after consultation with the
 21 secretary of labor, the secretary of commerce and representatives of
 22 industries that recognize career technical education credentials, shall
 23 jointly approve a list of industry-sought credentials.

24 ~~(d)~~(f) As used in this section:

25 ~~(1) "College" means any community college, technical college or the~~
 26 ~~Washburn institute of technology; and~~

27 ~~(2) —, the term "industry-sought credential" means a career technical~~
 28 education credential that is:

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

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

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-3820, 72-3821, 72-3822, 72-3823 and
 33 72-3825 are hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
 35 publication in the statute book.