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HOUSE BILL No. 2394

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning schools; relating to career technical education awards; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-4489. (a) The state board of regents shall establish the career technical education incentive program.

(b) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state board of regents shall make an award to those school districts who have at least one pupil who graduates from a high school in the school district having obtained an industry-recognized credential either prior to graduation from high school or by December 31 immediately following graduation from high school in an occupation that has been identified by the secretary of labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and the state board of education, as an occupation in highest need of additional skilled employees at the time the pupil entered the career technical education course or program in the school district. Such school districts shall receive an award in an amount equal to $1,000 plus the cost of each successful completion of an industry-recognized credential assessment $1,000 for each such pupil graduating from a high school in the school district. If the amount of moneys to be awarded to such school districts exceeds the amount of moneys appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the board of regents shall prorate the available moneys. Such awards shall be paid at such times as established by the state board of regents. The total aggregate amount of such awards shall not exceed $750,000 per school year. Such awards shall be expended for the expenses incurred by the board of education of the school district under this subsection, and any moneys remaining after distribution in accordance with this subsection may be expended as determined by the board of education of a school district towards operating the school from which the pupils graduated. Upon receipt of such award and application by a pupil who has not attained a high school diploma and is currently or was previously enrolled in a career technical education course or program in the school district, the board of
education of each school district shall pay \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the costs of the industry-
recognized credential assessment specified in such application in an
amount not to exceed $1,000. Such industry-recognized credential
assessment shall be related to the career technical education course or
program which such pupil is currently or was previously enrolled as
determined by the board of education. No board of education shall be
required to pay \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the cost of three or more industry-recognized
credential assessments for the same or substantially the same industry-
recognized credential for a pupil if such pupil fails to earn the industry-
recognized credential within two attempts of taking the industry-
recognized credential assessment.

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

(c) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state
board of regents shall make an award to a community college, technical
college or institute of technology who has at least one secondary student
who is currently or was previously admitted to a career technical education
course or program in accordance with subsection (c) of K.S.A. 72-4417(c),
and amendments thereto, and such secondary student is regularly enrolled
in and attending a private secondary school. The purpose of such award is
to reimburse such community college, technical college or institute of
technology for paying \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the costs of an industry-recognized credential
assessment in an occupation that has been identified by the secretary of
labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and the state board of
education, as an occupation in highest need of additional skilled
employees at the time the secondary student was admitted into such career
technical education course or program. Upon receipt of such award and
application by a secondary student who is currently or was previously
enrolled in a career technical education course or program in accordance
with subsection (c) of K.S.A. 72-4417(c), and amendments thereto, and is
regularly enrolled in and attending a private secondary school, the
governing body of the community college, technical college or the institute
of technology which admitted such secondary student shall pay \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the
costs of the industry-recognized credential assessment specified in such
application in an amount not to exceed $1,000. Such industry-recognized
credential assessment shall be related to the career technical education
course or program in which such secondary student is currently or was
previously enrolled as determined by such governing body of a community
college, technical college or institute of technology. No governing body of
a community college, technical college or institute of technology shall be
required to pay \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the cost of three or more industry-recognized
credential assessments for the same or substantially the same industry-
recognized credential for a secondary student if such secondary student
fails to earn the industry-recognized credential within two attempts of
taking the industry-recognized credential assessment.

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

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

(4) Moneys received by a state board of regents under this subsection
shall be deposited in the postsecondary technical education fund of each
community college and at Washburn university for the Washburn institute
of technology or the general operating fund in the technical college in
accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 71-1808, and amendments thereto,
and shall be considered reimbursements to the community college,
technical college or institute of technology.

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

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

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby repealed.

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