As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2138

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to career technical education; creating the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school districts**, community and technical colleges and the Washburn institute of technology** for students **enrolled in high school** who obtain a credential; establishing the career technical education credential and transition incentive fund.

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

Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act.

(b) Subject to the availability of appropriations and within the limits of any such appropriations, a school district**, community college, technical college or the Washburn institute of technology** that offers career technical education and has students **who are enrolled in any of the grades 9 through 12 and** who obtain an approved career technical education credential shall receive payments pursuant to this section. Each school year, the state board of education shall determine the amount of such payment to each school district**, community college, technical college or the Washburn institute of technology** as follows:

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

(2) determine the total cost of assessment for each such credential obtained by such students in such school year; and

(3) multiply the amount calculated under paragraph (2) by 1.2. The resulting product is the amount of payment the school district **or college** is to receive in the school year.

(c) (1) On or before July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the state board of education shall conduct a survey of school districts **and colleges** on which career technical education credentials each school district offers that satisfies the definition of "industry-sought credential" under subsection (e).

(2) On or before July 31, 2023, and each July 31 thereafter, the state board of education, after consultation with the secretary of labor, the

secretary of commerce and representatives of industries that recognize career technical education credentials, shall approve a list of industry-sought credentials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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