

February 18, 2013

The Honorable Steve Abrams, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Statehouse, Room 224-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Abrams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 128 by Senate Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 128 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, high schools receive \$1,000 for each student graduating with an industry-recognized credential received through the Technical Education Incentive Program. SB 128 would expand the timeframe by allowing students to receive the credential before graduation or by December 31, immediately following graduation for high school.

FY 2013 was the first year for this program and the Board of Regents is in the process of evaluating the data. In the summer and fall of 2012, approximately 3,500 high school students enrolled in technical education courses; however, the spring enrollment has not been collected. The Board of Regents expects enrollment in this popular program to increase rapidly. However, until the institutions have more experience with the program, it is difficult to estimate the amount that might be needed to incentivize high schools for the award of each certification achieved. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 128 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents