

March 12, 2014

The Honorable Ty Masterson, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Statehouse, Room 545-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Masterson:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 429 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 429 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 429 creates a new postsecondary grant program. The bill specifies that any eligible postsecondary educational institution may certify to the Board of Regents the number of individuals who received a general educational developmental (GED) credential while enrolled in an eligible career technical education program. Eligible institutions in this bill include any community college, technical college or Washburn University Institute of Technology, excluding Johnson County Community College. An eligible program allows a student to obtain both a GED credential and career technical education credential. Postsecondary institutions may also certify to the Board the number of individuals who receive a career technical education credential and the number of students enrolled at the program at the institution.

Each fiscal year when the certifications are received by the Board of Regents, payment would be calculated and distributed based on the following: \$500 for each GED, \$1,000 for each career technical education credential, and \$170 for each individual enrolled in a technical education program. However, from the \$170 collected, \$150 must be expended by the institution for the GED test. If any student enrolled in the career technical education program fails to take the GED test, then the institution would be required to remit \$150 to the Board of Regents and the money would be credited to the Postsecondary Education Performance-based Incentives Fund.

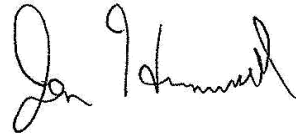
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The bill notes that all expenditures would be subject to appropriation. If the funding is insufficient, the Board of Regents would be required to prorate the payments. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 429 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hummell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "H".

Jon Hummell,  
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Kelly Oliver, Board of Regents