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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Grosserode and Members of the House Education Budget Committee
From: Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 20, 2016
Subject: House Bill 2483

House Bill 2483 makes amendments to the postsecondary career technical education performance-based incentive funding statute. This is a program which provides incentive payments to eligible postsecondary institutions for students who attain a GED credential and a career technical education credential. These incentive payments are required be expended for scholarships and operating costs for programs that allow a student to obtain a GED credential while pursuing a career technical education credential. This program is also known as the GED Accelerator program.

Under current law, eligible postsecondary institutions for this incentive program include any technical college, including the Washburn Institute of Technology, and any community college except Johnson County Community College. HB 2483 removes the statutory exclusion of Johnson County Community College from the program.

Under current law, eligible postsecondary institutions can receive: (1) \$500 for each individual who has received a GED credential while enrolled in an eligible career technical education program; (2) \$1,000 for each individual who has received a career technical education credential; and (3) \$170 for each individual enrolled in an eligible career technical education program who is pursuing a GED credential.

HB 2483 changes how students are counted under the program by eliminating the requirement that an individual be concurrently enrolled in career technical education program when that individual received a GED credential in order to receive the \$500 incentive payment for an individual's completion of a GED. Under HB 2483, an eligible institution would now qualify for the \$500 incentive payment for individuals who receive their GED from such institution. Also, the bill states that a student does not need to be dual enrolled in a GED program and a CTE program in order to be counted by the institution.