



February 2, 2015

Chairman Abrams, Minority Member Hensley, Members of the Committee.

My name is Allie Devine. I am appearing on behalf of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 93. The bill amends the GED accelerator program passed last year and addresses two points:

First, it would allow Johnson County Community College to participate in this outcomes based pilot. We believe it is important that Johnson County Community College be eligible to participate in this important pilot. Johnson County Community College was not included last year because it was included in a different proposal. Unfortunately that proposal did not pass and we want to correct the oversight of last year. This would be accomplished on page 3, lines 40 and 41, by deleting “, except such term shall not include Johnson County Community College.”

Second, the bill seeks to clarify that colleges do not have to teach GED and technical education concurrently for these students to participate in the pilot. Colleges need the flexibility to determine how they best can meet the terms of the program, understanding the goal is providing more GED credentials for Kansans and more technical credentials for our GED students.

The bill seeks to clarify this by the amendment on page 1, lines 10 – 11: (A) after the word “credential” delete “while enrolled in an eligible career education program”.

In discussions with the Kansas Board of Regents staff, we realized we may not have captured the intent correctly. We suggest additional changes to the bill as follows:

1. To clarify that the student does not have to be dually participating in GED and tech ed at the same time, we suggest amending on page 1 line 13 after “institution” add “dual enrollment is not required.” If the student receives the GED, under (b) (1) the college receives \$500 and if the student obtains a technical education credential under (b) (2) the college receives \$1,000.
2. We suggest striking lines 17-20.
3. We suggest that “and” be inserted on page 1, line 31 after the word “\$500;”.
4. We suggest striking “and” on page 1 line 33.

We understand KBOR would also like to limit the program to Kansas residents. We agree and ask that language be added in an appropriate place.

We will work with KBOR to perfect the language as quickly as possible. We ask you to pass this bill.

Thank you.

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SENATE BILL No. 93

By Committee on Education

1-28

1 AN ACT concerning postsecondary education; relating to postsecondary
2 career technical education performance-based funding; amending
3 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4490 and repealing the existing section. 4

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4490 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-4490. (a) (1) Any eligible postsecondary educational
8 institution may certify to the board of regents:

9 (A) The number of individuals who received a general educational
10 development (GED) credential from such institution ~~while enrolled in an~~
11 ~~eligible career technical education program;~~

12 (B) the number of individuals who received a career technical
13 education credential from such institution; and

14 (C) the number of individuals who were enrolled in an eligible career
15 technical education program at such institution and who are pursuing a
16 general educational development (GED) credential.

17 ~~(2) A student shall not be required to be dual enrolled in a general~~
18 ~~educational development (GED) credential program and an eligible~~
19 ~~career technical education program in order to be counted by an eligible~~
20 ~~postsecondary educational institution pursuant to this subsection.~~

21 (3) Certifications submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be
22 submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the board of regents,
23 and shall include such other information as required by the board of
24 regents.

25 (b) Each fiscal year, upon receipt of a certification submitted under
26 subsection (a), the board of regents shall authorize payment to such
27 eligible postsecondary educational institution from the postsecondary
28 education performance-based incentives fund. The amount of any such
29 payment shall be calculated based on the following:

30 (1) For each individual who has received a general educational
31 development (GED) credential, \$500;

32 (2) for each individual who has received a career technical education
33 credential, \$1,000; ~~and~~

34 ~~(3)~~ for each individual enrolled in an eligible career technical
35 education program who is pursuing a general educational development
36 (GED) credential, \$170.

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Renumber to illustrate stand-alone section.