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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 8, 2023
Subject: HB 2138—Career Technical Education Credential and Transition
Incentive for Employment Success Act

House Bill 2138 as amended by House Committee of the Whole would create the career technical education credential and transition incentive for employment success act. HB 2138 would provide payments to school districts, community colleges, technical colleges or the Washburn institute of technology that offer career and technical education and have high school students who obtain an approved industry-sought credential. The payments authorized are subject to appropriations and would be determined by the state board of education based on the number of students enrolled who obtained an approved credential in the preceding year and the total cost of assessment for each credential obtained at a reimbursement rate of 120%.

The state board of education and the state board of regents would approve a list of industry-sought credentials after consulting with the secretary of labor, the secretary of commerce and representatives of industries that recognize CTE credentials.

The bill would take effect on July 1 upon publication in the statute book.

HB 2138 is similar to 2022 HB 2466 that was enacted last year as a pilot program conducted within the Washburn institute of technology service area. The pilot program identified high-value CTE credentials and provided high schools within the program reimbursement for the cost of assessments obtained by students. Stipends were also provided for additional counseling services. A preliminary report on the pilot program was required to be presented to the House committee on education on or before February 1, 2023.