

**HOUSE BILL No. 2138**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to career technical education;  
2 creating the career technical education credential and transition  
3 incentive for employment success act; providing state aid to school  
4 districts for students who obtain a credential; establishing the career  
5 technical education credential and transition incentive fund.  
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
9 career technical education credential and transition incentive for  
10 employment success act.

11 (b) Subject to the availability of appropriations and within the limits  
12 of any such appropriations, a school district that offers career technical  
13 education and has students who obtain an approved career technical  
14 education credential shall receive payments pursuant to this section. Each  
15 school year, the state board of education shall determine the amount of  
16 such payment to each school district as follows:

17 (1) Determine the number of students enrolled in the school district  
18 who obtained an approved industry-sought career technical education  
19 credential during the immediately preceding school year;

20 (2) determine the total cost of assessment for each such credential  
21 obtained by such students in such school year; and

22 (3) multiply the amount calculated under paragraph (2) by 1.2. The  
23 resulting product is the amount of payment the school district is to receive  
24 in the school year.

25 (c) (1) On or before July 1, 2023, and each July 1 thereafter, the state  
26 board of education shall conduct a survey of school districts on which  
27 career technical education credentials each school district offers that  
28 satisfies the definition of "industry-sought credential" under subsection (e).

29 (2) On or before July 31, 2023, and each July 31 thereafter, the state  
30 board of education, after consultation with the secretary of labor, the  
31 secretary of commerce and representatives of industries that recognize  
32 career technical education credentials, shall approve a list of industry-  
33 sought credentials.

34 (d) Payments shall be distributed to school districts at times  
35 determined by the state board of education. The state board of education  
36 shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due each

1 school district, and the director of accounts and reports shall draw a  
2 warrant on the state treasury payable to the treasurer of the school district.  
3 Upon receipt of the warrant, the treasurer of the school district shall credit  
4 the amount thereof to the career technical education fund of the school  
5 district to be used for the purposes of such fund, except that, of the amount  
6 credited to such fund, the school district shall expend such moneys first for  
7 the cost of assessments for those credentials described in subsection (c).

8 (e) As used in this section, the term "industry-sought credential"  
9 means a career technical education credential that is:

10 (1) Repeatedly referenced in job postings; and

11 (2) frequently referred to by employers in communications with  
12 school districts as a career technical education credential that is in demand.

13 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 publication in the statute book.