

HOUSE BILL No. 2394

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning schools; relating to career technical education
2 awards; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 72-4489. (a) The state board of regents shall establish the career
8 technical education incentive program.

9 (b) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
10 appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state
11 board of regents shall make an award to those school districts who have at
12 least one pupil who graduates from a high school in the school district
13 having obtained an industry-recognized credential either prior to
14 graduation from high school or by December 31 immediately following
15 graduation from high school in an occupation that has been identified by
16 the secretary of labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and
17 the state board of education, as an occupation in highest need of additional
18 skilled employees at the time the pupil entered the career technical
19 education course or program in the school district. Such school districts
20 shall receive an award in an amount equal to ~~\$1,000~~ *\$250 plus the cost of*
21 *each successful completion of an industry-recognized credential*
22 *assessment* for each such pupil graduating from a high school in the school
23 district. Such awards shall be paid at such times as established by the state
24 board of regents. *The total aggregate amount of such awards shall not*
25 *exceed \$750,000 per school year.* Such awards shall be expended for the
26 expenses incurred by the board of education of the school district under
27 this subsection, and any moneys remaining after distribution in accordance
28 with this subsection may be expended as determined by the board of
29 education of a school district towards operating the school from which the
30 pupils graduated. Upon receipt of such award and application by a pupil
31 who has not attained a high school diploma and is currently or was
32 previously enrolled in a career technical education course or program in
33 the school district, the board of education of each school district shall pay
34 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the costs of the industry-recognized credential assessment specified
35 in such application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Such industry-
36 recognized credential assessment shall be related to the career technical

1 education course or program which such pupil is currently or was
2 previously enrolled as determined by the board of education. No board of
3 education shall be required to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of three or more industry-
4 recognized credential assessments for the same or substantially the same
5 industry-recognized credential for a pupil if such pupil fails to earn the
6 industry-recognized credential within two attempts of taking the industry-
7 recognized credential assessment.

8 (2) The state board of education shall certify to the state board of
9 regents and the director of accounts and reports the amounts due to each
10 school district pursuant to this subsection. Such certification, and the
11 amount payable, shall be approved by the director of the budget. The
12 director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer
13 payable to the district treasurer of each school district entitled to payment
14 of such award amount, pursuant to vouchers approved by the state board of
15 regents. Upon receipt of such warrant, each district treasurer shall deposit
16 the amount of such award in the general fund of the school district.

17 (c) (1) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys
18 appropriated to the career technical education incentive program, the state
19 board of regents shall make an award to a community college, technical
20 college or institute of technology who has at least one secondary student
21 who is currently or was previously admitted to a career technical education
22 course or program in accordance with ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-4417(c)~~,
23 and amendments thereto, and such secondary student is regularly enrolled
24 in and attending a private secondary school. The purpose of such award is
25 to reimburse such community college, technical college or institute of
26 technology for paying $\frac{1}{2}$ of the costs of an industry-recognized credential
27 assessment in an occupation that has been identified by the secretary of
28 labor, in consultation with the state board of regents and the state board of
29 education, as an occupation in highest need of additional skilled
30 employees at the time the secondary student was admitted into such career
31 technical education course or program. Upon receipt of such award and
32 application by a secondary student who is currently or was previously
33 enrolled in a career technical education course or program in accordance
34 with ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-4417(c)~~, and amendments thereto, and is
35 regularly enrolled in and attending a private secondary school, the
36 governing body of the community college, technical college or the institute
37 of technology which admitted such secondary student shall pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
38 costs of the industry-recognized credential assessment specified in such
39 application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Such industry-recognized
40 credential assessment shall be related to the career technical education
41 course or program in which such secondary student is currently or was
42 previously enrolled as determined by such governing body of a community
43 college, technical college or institute of technology. No governing body of

1 a community college, technical college or institute of technology shall be
2 required to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of three or more industry-recognized
3 credential assessments for the same or substantially the same industry-
4 recognized credential for a secondary student if such secondary student
5 fails to earn the industry-recognized credential within two attempts of
6 taking the industry-recognized credential assessment.

7 (2) Each governing body of a community college, technical college or
8 institute of technology shall certify to the state board of regents the amount
9 of any payments such community college, technical college or institute of
10 technology will pay based on applications submitted by students pursuant
11 to paragraph (1). The certification shall be on a form prescribed and
12 furnished by the state board of regents, shall contain such information as
13 the state board of regents shall require and shall be filed at the time
14 specified by the state board of regents.

15 (3) In each school year, each governing body of a community college,
16 technical college or institute of technology is entitled to receive from
17 appropriations for the career technical education incentive program an
18 amount which is equal to the amount certified to the state board of regents
19 in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2). The state board of
20 regents shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the amount due
21 each governing body of a community college, technical college or institute
22 of technology. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on
23 the state treasurer payable to the treasurer of each governing body of a
24 community college, technical college or institute of technology entitled to
25 payment under this subsection upon vouchers approved by the state board
26 of regents.

27 (4) Moneys received by a state board of regents under this subsection
28 shall be deposited in the postsecondary technical education fund of each
29 community college and at Washburn university for the Washburn institute
30 of technology or the general operating fund in the technical college in
31 accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 71-1808, and amendments thereto,
32 and shall be considered reimbursements to the community college,
33 technical college or institute of technology.

34 (d) Each school year, at such time as agreed to by the secretary of
35 labor, the president of the state board of regents and the commissioner of
36 education, the secretary shall provide the state board of regents and the
37 state board of education with a list of those occupations in highest need of
38 additional skilled employees. If the occupations identified in such list are
39 not substantially the same as those occupations identified in the list from
40 the prior year, reasonable notice of such changes shall be provided to
41 school districts, community colleges, technical colleges and the institute of
42 technology.

43 (e) The state board of regents and the state board of education, jointly,

1 may adopt such rules and regulations necessary to implement and carry out
2 the provisions of this section.

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-4489 is hereby repealed.

4 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
5 publication in the statute book.