

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2443

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOKSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to industry-recognized certifications.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 162.1117, to read as follows:

**162.1117. 1. The director of the department of economic development shall provide
2 annually to the state board of education a list of occupations in high need of additional
3 skilled employees that require industry-recognized certifications. If the occupations
4 identified in the list are not substantially the same as those occupations identified in the
5 previous year, the state board of education shall provide reasonable notice of the changes
6 to school districts.**

**7 2. The state board of education, in consultation with the director of the department
8 of economic development, shall rank each industry-recognized certification identified in
9 subsection 1 of this section based on employment value. Employment value shall be based
10 on the entry wage, growth rate in employment for each occupation, and average annual
11 openings for the primary occupation linked with the industry-recognized certification.**

**12 3. School districts shall consult with their local industries, employers, and
13 workforce development boards to offer industry-recognized certifications that best meet
14 state and local workforce needs.**

**15 4. For each student attending school in a district who earns an industry-recognized
16 certification that has high employment value or that results in college credit, the school
17 district shall subtract five hundred dollars from funds budgeted for the district's executive**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 administration expenses and transfer the moneys for the purposes described under
19 subsection 6 of this section.

20 **5. For each student attending school in a district who earns an industry-recognized**
21 **certification that does not meet the criteria under subsection 4 of this section, the school**
22 **district shall subtract two hundred fifty dollars from funds budgeted for the district's**
23 **executive administration expenses and transfer the moneys for the purposes described**
24 **under subsection 6 of this section.**

25 **6. (1) School districts shall use funds subtracted from their executive**
26 **administration expenses under subsections 4 and 5 of this section to:**

27 **(a) Collaborate with local industries and employers to meet workforce needs by**
28 **offering additional industry-recognized certifications to students; and**

29 **(b) Pay for fees for the administration of examinations leading to industry-**
30 **recognized certifications.**

31 **(2) Each school district shall allocate at least eighty percent of the funds subtracted**
32 **for each student from the district's executive administration expenses under subsection 4**
33 **or 5 of this section to the school attended by the student who earned the industry-**
34 **recognized certification. The allocation shall not be used to supplant funds provided for**
35 **the basic operation of the school or the school's industry-recognized certification program.**

36 **7. The state board of education shall annually report the number of students who**
37 **earned industry-recognized certifications by school district and school.**

38 **8. The state board of education shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions**
39 **of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that**
40 **is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
41 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
42 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**
43 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
44 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
45 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2018,**
46 **shall be invalid and void.**

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