



Adam C. Proffitt, Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

January 24, 2024

The Honorable Adam Thomas, Chairperson  
 House Committee on Education  
 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N  
 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Thomas:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2509 by House Committee on Education

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2509 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, any school district that offers career technical education for students enrolled in grades nine through 12 pays for any fees charged for any assessment or other examination that is required for students to obtain an approved industry-sought career technical education credential, upon request by the student. HB 2509 would create a state reimbursement program for school districts, subject to appropriations. The amount of reimbursement would be under the following formula: dollar amount of fees and assessments X 1.2 = entitled amount of state reimbursement aid.

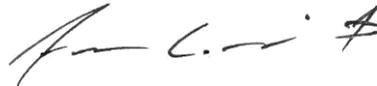
State reimbursement aid would be distributed to school districts at times determined by the State Board of Education. If in any fiscal year the amount appropriated by the Legislature for this program is less than the amount of state reimbursement aid entitled by school districts, the bill would allow payments to be prorated by the State Board of Education.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Expenditures</b>			
State General Fund	--	\$185,276	\$185,276
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$185,276	\$185,276
<b>Revenues</b>			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Department of Education reports that during the past five years, students have earned an average of 1,499 career technical education credentials at an average cost of \$103 per credential. If all of these credentials would meet the definition of “industry sought,” the Department estimates that it would require an appropriation of \$185,276 from the State General Fund in FY 2025 to provide state reimbursement aid to school districts (1,499 credentials X \$103 average cost X 1.2 factor = \$185,276). The Department estimates the same amount of expenditures would be required in FY 2026. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2509 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of School Boards indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase revenues to school districts from the state aid payments, which would allow districts to use these funds that are currently being used to pay the credential fees for other school district purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education  
Angie Stallbaumer, Kansas Association of School Boards