

HOUSE BILL No. 2530

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Estes

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1 AN ACT concerning education; enacting the career readiness education
2 development innovation transferability (CREDIT) act; requiring high
3 schools to administer career readiness assessments to students;
4 providing for the transferability of credentials earned through such
5 assessments toward a degree.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) The provisions of this act shall be known and may be
9 cited as the career readiness education development innovation
10 transferability (CREDIT) act.

11 (b) The legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

12 (1) It is critical to expand the opportunities available to public school
13 students who pursue career and technical education pathways;

14 (2) the state of Kansas must level the playing field for students who
15 choose a career and technical education pathway by ensuring their
16 accomplishments within a career and technical education pathway are
17 deemed just as significant as those achieved by college-bound students
18 who graduate high school with honors;

19 (3) ensuring that career and technical education assessments are
20 weighted in a similar manner as traditional education assessments is an
21 important step in providing students with additional options available to
22 them following high school graduation; and

23 (4) it is imperative that career and technical education as a whole is
24 supported on the state level as an equal alternative to traditional
25 educational pathways by implementing legislative solutions that address
26 existing shortfalls faced by students who pursue career and technical
27 education pathways.

28 (c) As used in this act:

29 (1) "High school" means a public secondary school operated by a
30 school district that offers any of the grades nine through 12.

31 (2) "Postsecondary educational institution" means the same as
32 defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

33 (d) Each high school shall administer college and career readiness
34 assessments, including a career readiness assessment that leads to a
35 nationally recognized work readiness certificate, to each student before

1 such student graduates from high school. Such assessments shall be
2 administered in such manner and with such frequency as prescribed by the
3 state board of education.

4 (e) A career readiness assessment may include the ACT workkeys
5 national career readiness certificate or any other similar career readiness
6 assessment. A high school may offer additional college and career
7 readiness assessments for students enrolled in such high school at no cost
8 to the student.

9 (f) Each postsecondary educational institution shall adopt and
10 implement a policy to use a platinum, gold or silver credential earned
11 through the ACT workkeys national career readiness certificate, or other
12 similar credential earned through a similar career readiness assessment, as
13 transferable credit toward the attainment of a postsecondary technical
14 degree. Such transferability shall be based on the recommendations of the
15 American council on education national guide.

16 (g) The state board of education shall promulgate such rules and
17 regulations as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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