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**GED Accelerator**

Section 24 of Senate Substitute for House Bill 2506 designates an appropriation of \$1,905,228 for a “Postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund” (GED Accelerator) to begin July 1, 2014. New Section 63 in this legislation details the purpose for which these funds are to be used.

Funding period for appropriation: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

**Implementation Timeline**

May 9, 2014	Webinar with all institutions re guidance discussion draft
May 30, 2014	Guidance documents published
October 31, 2014	First data submission for funding
March 31, 2015	Second data submission for funding
May 15, 2015	Final data submission and certification of data submitted
June 2015	KBOR approved distribution of 2015 Postsecondary education performance-based incentive funding

**Statute Language**

<b><i>Definitions included in Section 63 (g)</i></b>	<b><i>Working Definition</i></b>
(1) “ <u>Board of regents</u> ”—means the state board of regents provided for in the constitution of this state and established by KSA 74-3202a and amendments thereto.	Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
(2) “ <u>Career technical education credential</u> ”—means any industry-recognized technical certification or credential, other than a GED, or a technical certification or credential authorized by a state agency	The qualifying credentials list for SB 155 and credentials identified as the established exit points for aligned programs will be considered as identified CTE credentials.  Kansas Regents will post the GED Accelerator approved CTE credentials list on the website as soon as possible.



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<p>(3) “<u>Eligible career technical education program</u>”—means a program operated by one or more eligible postsecondary educational institutions identified by the board of regents as a program that allows an enrollee to obtain a GED credential while pursuing a career technical education credential.</p>	<p>Any approved technical program delivered by an eligible institution that does <u>NOT</u> require a high school diploma or GED prior to program admission</p>
<p>(4) “<u>Eligible postsecondary educational institution</u>”—means any community college, technical college or Washburn Institute of Technology, except Johnson County Community College.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any public community college except JCCC</li> <li>• Any public technical college</li> <li>• Washburn Tech</li> </ul>

<b>Section 63. (a)(1)—Data to be Certified/Reported</b>	Data Submission Format/Methodology	Timeline
(a)(1)(A) number of individuals who received a GED credential from such institution while enrolled in an eligible career technical education program	TO BE DETERMINED	1) October 31, 2014 first data submission locked
(a)(1)(B) number of individuals who received a career technical education credential from such institution	TO BE DETERMINED	2) March 31, 2015 second data submission locked
(a)(1)(C) number of individuals who were enrolled in an eligible career technical education program at such institution and who are pursuing a GED credential	TO BE DETERMINED	3) May 15, 2015 final data submission locked and certified 4) May 30, 2015 Report listing of scholarship recipients, listing of scholarship recipients with credentials earned, aggregate amount expended for scholarships

<b>Section 63. (b)—Incentives to Institutions</b>	<b>(1) \$500</b>	<b>(2) \$1,000</b>	<b>(3) \$170</b>
<u>Eligible Institution</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any public community college except JCCC</li> <li>• Any public technical college</li> <li>• Washburn Tech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any public community college except JCCC</li> <li>• Any public technical college</li> <li>• Washburn Tech</li> </ul>	Community colleges, except JCCC, technical colleges, and Washburn Tech which have formal agreements with AEFLA-funded Adult Education Programs or can provide evidence that students are pursuing a GED; e.g., practice test scores.



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<p><u>Eligible Student</u>—Student admitted to and enrolled in an eligible CTE program <u>prior</u> to receiving a GED</p>	<p>Student who receives a GED while enrolled in CTE</p>	<p>Student who receives an identified CTE credential</p>	<p>Student who is enrolled in an eligible CTE program while pursuing a GED, i.e., enrolled in an adult education at a partnering AEFLA-funded Adult Education program or providing other evidence that evidence that s/he is pursuing a GED; e.g., practice test scores.</p>
<p>(c) and (d) Uses for incentive</p>	<p>No restrictions indicated in the legislation. May be used to support adult education programs</p>	<p>May be expended for scholarships for eligible students enrolled in an eligible CTE program and operating costs the CTE program</p>	<p>\$150 for each individual shall be expended for the GED test (Actual test cost is \$132, \$33 per subtest or module). Additional funding may be used for GED Ready (practice test) or recruiting).</p> <p>If student fails to take the test the amount will be deducted from subsequent incentive payments.</p>
<p>Additional Data Requirements for Incentives</p>	<p>Must report students receiving a GED during the time they are enrolled in CTE program</p>	<p>Must submit a listing individuals receiving scholarships, the number of individuals receiving a scholarship who also received a CTE credential, and the aggregate amount of moneys expended for scholarships. (This report will be in addition to individual student record submissions.)</p>	<p>Must report students who were enrolled in an eligible CTE program and who received a GED, and the number of students for whom incentive funding was received who <u>not</u> take the GED Test.</p>
<p>Documentation/data submission requirements</p>	<p>Must document that GED is received while student is enrolled in CTE program.</p> <p>For students <u>not</u> co-enrolled in AEFLA-funded Adult Education program, institutions must maintain a copy of the GED transcript on file for each student submitted so this can be monitored during on-site visits.</p> <p>For students co-enrolled in AEFLA-funded Adult Education program, KBOR can verify date of GED attainment through PABLO.</p>	<p>Must maintain a copy of credential(s) each student receives on file at the institution—to be monitored during on-site visits</p>	<p>Must document that student is pursuing GED at an AEFLA-funded Adult Education program through PABLO, or maintain evidence that student is pursuing a GED; e.g., practice test scores.</p>



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## Senate Substitute for House Bill 2506

### STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

#### **New Sec. 63.**

- (a) (1) Any eligible postsecondary educational institution may certify to the board of regents:
- (A) The number of individuals who received a general educational development (GED) credential from such institution while enrolled in an eligible career technical education program;
- (B) the number of individuals who received a career technical education credential from such institution; and
- (C) the number of individuals who were enrolled in an eligible career technical education program at such institution and who are pursuing a general educational development (GED) credential. (2) Certifications submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the board of regents, and shall include such other information as required by the board of regents.
- (b) Each fiscal year, upon receipt of a certification submitted under subsection (a), the board of regents shall authorize payment to such eligible postsecondary educational institution from the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund. The amount of any such payment shall be calculated based on the following:
- (1) For each individual who has received a general educational development (GED) credential, \$500;
- (2) for each individual who has received a career technical education credential, \$1,000; and
- (3) for each individual enrolled in an eligible career technical education program who is pursuing a general educational development (GED) credential, \$170.
- (c) That portion of any payment from the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund that is made based on subsection (b)(2) shall be expended for scholarships for individuals enrolled in an eligible career technical education program and operating costs of eligible career technical education programs. Each eligible postsecondary educational institution shall prepare and submit a report to the board of regents which shall include the number of individuals who received scholarships, the aggregate amount of moneys expended for such scholarships and the number of those individuals who received a scholarship that also received a career technical education credential.
- (d) (1) Of that portion of any payment from the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund that is made based on subsection (b)(3), an amount equal to \$150 for each individual shall be expended by the eligible postsecondary educational institution for the general educational development (GED) test.
- (2) If any individual enrolled in an eligible career technical education program for which an eligible postsecondary educational institution has received a payment under this section fails to take the general educational development (GED) test, then such institution shall notify the board of regents in writing that no such test was administered to the individual. For each such notification received, the board of regents shall deduct an amount equal to \$150 from such institution's subsequent incentive payment.
- (e) All payments authorized by the board of regents pursuant to this section shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made for such purposes. If there are insufficient appropriations for the board of regents to authorize payments in accordance with the amounts set forth in subsection (b), the board of regents shall prorate such amounts in accordance with appropriations made therefor.
- (f) There is hereby created the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund. Expenditures from the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund shall be for the sole purpose of paying payments to eligible postsecondary educational institutions as authorized by the board of regents. All expenditures from the postsecondary education performance-based incentives fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board of regents, or the president's designee.
- (g) As used in this section:
- (1) "Board of regents" means the state board of regents provided for in the constitution of this state and established by K.S.A. 74-3202a, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Career technical education credential" means any industry-recognized technical certification or credential, other than a general educational development (GED) credential, or any technical certification or credential authorized by a state agency.
- (3) "Eligible career technical education program" means a program operated by one or more eligible postsecondary educational institutions that is identified by the board of regents as a program that allows an enrollee to obtain a general educational development (GED) credential while pursuing a career technical education credential.
- (4) "Eligible postsecondary educational institution" means any community college, technical college or the institute of technology at Washburn university, except such term shall not include Johnson county community college.
- (5) "State agency" means any state office, department, board, commission, institution, bureau or any other state authority.