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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
 Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 9, 2023

Subject: HB 2138 – Career Technical Education Credential and Transition
 Incentive for Employment Success Act.

House Bill No. 2138 (HB 2138) would create the Career Technical Education Credential and Transition Incentive for Employment Success Act (Act). Similar legislation was introduced during the 2022 Legislative Session in HB 2631. HB 2631 passed the House of Representatives but was not acted on in the Senate. The subject matter, however, was included in the conference committee report on HB 2466. The law that was enacted in HB 2466 was for a pilot program to be conducted within the Washburn Institute of Technology service area. The pilot program identified high-value CTE credentials and provided high schools within the program reimbursement for the cost of assessments obtained by students. Stipends were also provided to the Washburn Institute of Technology and participating high schools for additional counseling services for students. A preliminary report on the pilot program was required to be presented to the House Committee on Education on or before February 1, 2023.

HB 2138 would also provide reimbursement to high schools whose students obtained an industry-sought CTE credential. The reimbursement rate under HB 2138 is 120% of the cost of the assessment to obtain the credential. Similar to last year’s legislation, the bill also directs the State Board of Education to review and approve a list of industry-sought credentials. However, HB 2138 requires the State Board to do so after conducting a survey of school districts on eligible credentials and after consulting with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Commerce, and representatives of industries that seek individuals with CTE certification. HB 2138 does not limit the scope of participating high schools to any particular area of the state.

If enacted, HB 2138 would become effective on July 1, 2023.