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Testimony before the
House Committee on Education
on
SB 393 – Excellence in Career Tech Ed Act

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on **SB 393**. The bill contains many of the Career Technical Education recommendations contained in Governor Brownback's Excellence in Education Act. KASB strongly supports the bill as adopted by the Senate on a 40-0 vote, with the following components.

Positions include citation to resolutions adopted by the KASB Delegate Assembly, December 3, 2011; the KASB Committee on Funding Public Education, December 2010; and standing KASB policies.

<p><i>Career Plans.</i> Requires the State Board of Education to conduct or contract for a study of the implementation of a new requirement that each school district maintain an individual career plan of study for each student enrolled in grades eight through 12. Findings from the study would be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2014. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2013.</p>	<p>KASB supports. This would allow the Board to determine the cost and effectiveness of such a requirement. We would not oppose moving the effective date to July 1 of this year.</p> <p><i>First in Education Resolution: Individual student focus; Broader curriculum</i></p>
<p><i>Incentives.</i> Requires the Board of Regents to establish a career technical education incentive program which would award \$1,000, subject to appropriation, to a school district for each high school graduate who graduates from that district with an industry-recognized credential in a high-need occupation, as identified by the Secretary of Labor. The bill would allow the Board of Regents to adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the program. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2012.</p>	<p>KASB supports. This provisions would provide both incentives and additional revenues to support these quality programs in high demand areas.</p> <p>Finance Resolution #8</p>

<p><i>Service areas.</i> Allows the governing board of a community college, technical college, or institute of technology to apply to the Board of Regents for permission to establish a career technical education program outside of the institution's service area if the program is not currently being offered in that service area. The provisions of this section would go into effect on July 1, 2013.</p>	<p>KASB supports.</p> <p><i>First In Education Resolution: Broader curriculum</i></p>
<p><i>Postsecondary Tuition and Fees.</i> High school students admitted to a vocational education course or program conducted by a community college, technical college, or institute of technology may be charged fees, but not tuition. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2012.</p>	<p>KASB supports. The Governor's budget provides funding to cover tuition for high school students in post-secondary programs.</p> <p><i>First In Education Resolution: Broader curriculum</i></p>
<p><i>Articulation agreement.</i> Directs the Board of Regents to initiate the development of a statewide articulation agreement on career technical education programs among high schools, community colleges, technical colleges, and the institute of technology. This provision would go into effect on July 1, 2013.</p>	<p>KASB supports.</p> <p><i>First In Education Resolution: Broader curriculum</i></p>

Thank you for your consideration.