



TO: Chairman Abrams and members of Senate Education Committee

FROM: Eric Burks, Vice President, Kansas Association of Technical Colleges & President of North Central Kansas Technical College

SUBJECT: SB128 – Career technical education incentive program amendments

DATE: February 18, 2013

This letter is written in support of SB128, career technical education incentive program amendments. The current bill requires secondary students to receive an industry-recognized credential prior to graduation for the school district to receive a \$1,000 award. The amendment thoughtfully extends this time to *December 31 immediately following graduation from high school*.

In certain circumstances the credentialing agency may not have the scores back prior to graduation (such as in a CNA or NCCER). The certification agencies require students need to complete the curriculum before testing for the certification. Thus, high schools are not eligible for the \$1,000 award because the certification score may be returned two weeks after high school graduation. This amendment provides a remedy to these unfortunate situations.

Respectfully submitted by the Kansas Association of Technical Colleges:

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