



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

SB1393

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new

Amends the School Code. Requires the State Board of Education to annually confer with the Illinois Community College Board to: (i) identify industries and occupations within this State that face workforce shortages; (ii) notify school districts of these identified industries and occupations; and (iii) approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages. Provides that beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the State Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants to school districts for each pupil in the school district who obtained a diploma if the school district has an industry-recognized certification program and the pupil successfully completed the program. Further provides that if the funds appropriated in any fiscal year are insufficient to pay the full amount of the incentive grant, the State Board of Education shall prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant. Effective July 1, 2016.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 2-3.163 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.163 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.163. Career and technical education incentive
8 grants.

9 (a) The State Board of Education shall:

10 (1) annually confer with the Illinois Community
11 College Board to identify industries and occupations
12 within this State that face workforce shortages or
13 shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers;

14 (2) annually notify school districts of the identified
15 industries and occupations and make this information
16 available on its Internet website; and

17 (3) approve industry-recognized certification programs
18 designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any of the
19 industries or occupations identified under item (1) of this
20 subsection (a).

21 (b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the State
22 Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants from
23 funds appropriated for that purpose to school districts in the

1 amount of \$1,000 per pupil for each pupil in the school
2 district who, in the prior school year, obtained a high school
3 diploma or a technical education high school diploma from a
4 school in the school district if:

5 (1) the school district has an industry-recognized
6 certification program approved under item (3) of
7 subsection (a) of this Section; and

8 (2) the pupil successfully completed the
9 industry-recognized certification program in any school
10 year in which the program was approved by the State Board
11 of Education.

12 (c) If the funds appropriated in any fiscal year are
13 insufficient to pay the full amount under subsection (b) of
14 this Section, the State Board of Education shall prorate the
15 amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an
16 incentive grant under this Section.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
18 2016.