

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 826**

Introduced by McCoy, 39.

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to education; to state findings; to provide for a  
2 study relating to education incentives for high-need  
3 occupations as prescribed; and to provide for a report  
4 and recommendations.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Legislature finds that there is a need to  
2 create a career technical education in Nebraska. Such program would  
3 provide incentives to community colleges and high schools which  
4 cooperatively offer a technical-education curriculum by which high  
5 school juniors and seniors can take courses that allow them to  
6 graduate from high school with both a high school diploma and an  
7 industry-recognized credential in an occupation identified as a high-  
8 need occupation.

9           Sec. 2. The Education Committee of the Legislature shall  
10 conduct a study and report recommendations for a plan to implement  
11 the career and technical education incentive program described in  
12 section 1 of this act. The study shall include, but not be limited  
13 to:

14                   (1) Identifying the purpose, role, and mission of a  
15 career technical education;

16                   (2) Identifying Nebraska's high-need occupations and the  
17 Nebraska locations most in need of skilled labor to fill such  
18 occupations;

19                   (3) Identifying the industry credentials that support the  
20 high-need occupations;

21                   (4) Identifying what training programs are available for  
22 the high-need occupations and where those programs are located in  
23 Nebraska;

24                   (5) Identifying necessary education programs for the  
25 high-need occupations which are lacking in the state;

1           (6) Determining how the community colleges and the  
2 cooperating high schools will provide the credits to qualifying high  
3 school students;

4           (7) Identifying the costs of such plan, including, but  
5 not limited to, marketing and transportation costs;

6           (8) Studying the award of college credit to the high  
7 school student;

8           (9) Recommendations for high school incentives for  
9 credentials earned, including, but not limited to, what courses  
10 should be eligible for funding under the program; and

11           (10) Recommend whether an existing commission or a new  
12 commission should oversee implementation of the plan.

13           The Education Committee shall request input from the  
14 Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, the  
15 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Career and  
16 Technical Education division of the State Department of Education,  
17 the community colleges, state and local chambers of commerce, labor  
18 unions, an association of school administrators, and other interested  
19 parties as a part of conducting the study.

20           Sec. 3. The Education Committee of the Legislature shall  
21 report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the  
22 Legislature on or before December 31, 2014.