

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2447**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

7           **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section  
8 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9           37-153-15. (1) As used in this chapter:

10                   (a) The words "industry certification" means a  
11 voluntary process through which students are assessed by an  
12 independent, third-party certifying entity using predetermined  
13 standards for knowledge, skills and competencies, resulting in the  
14 award of a credential that is nationally recognized and must be at  
15 least one (1) of the following:



16 (i) Within an industry that addresses a critical  
17 local, regional or statewide economic need;

18 (ii) Linked to an occupation that is included in  
19 the State Department of Employment Security's occupations in  
20 high-demand list; or

21 (iii) Linked to an occupation that is identified  
22 as emerging.

23 (b) The words "qualifying industry certification" means  
24 an industry certification that is linked to an occupation with  
25 wages of at least seventy percent (70%) of the average annual wage  
26 in this state unless the industry certification is stackable to  
27 another postsecondary or professional credential which is linked  
28 to an occupation which meets the wage criterion.

29 (2) The State Workforce Investment Board shall provide the  
30 State Board of Education annually with a list of qualifying  
31 industry certifications. If the occupations identified in the  
32 list are not substantially the same as those occupations  
33 identified in the prior year, the State Board of Education shall  
34 provide reasonable notice of the changes to school districts.

35 (3) Beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020 and subject to  
36 available funding, the Department of Education shall pay a career  
37 and technical education incentive grant to the public school for  
38 each student enrolled in the public school who earns a qualifying  
39 industry certification. The amount per student for the career and  
40 technical education incentive grant shall be Six Hundred Dollars



41 (\$600.00). If the statewide sum of the career and technical  
42 education incentive grants awarded pursuant to this section  
43 exceeds the amount of available funds appropriated for the grants,  
44 the grants per student shall be reduced proportionately to cover  
45 all eligible grants under this section.

46 (4) The grants may be used for qualifying industry  
47 certification examination fees, professional development for  
48 teachers in career and technical education programs under this  
49 section, student instructional support for programs that lead to  
50 qualifying industry certifications, or to increase access to  
51 qualifying industry certifications. Any grants awarded under this  
52 section may not be used to supplant funds provided for the basic  
53 operation of the career and technical education programs.

54 (5) On or before July 1 of each year, the Department of  
55 Education shall submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant  
56 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
57 Chairmen of the House and Senate Education Committees, the  
58 Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee and the  
59 Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee on the following:

60 (a) The number of students who enrolled in a career and  
61 technical education course or program that leads to a qualifying  
62 industry certification.

63 (b) The number of students who earned a qualifying  
64 industry certification by certification.



65 (c) The amount of career and technical education  
66 incentive grants awarded by the school.

67 (d) The amount of career and technical education  
68 incentive grants awarded per student.

69 (e) Aggregated demographic data on the students who  
70 earned a qualifying industry certification, including the  
71 qualifying industry certifications earned by rural and urban  
72 students.

73 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
74 and after July 1, 2019.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-153-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANTS THROUGH THE STATE  
3 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD (SWIB)  
4 TO SCHOOLS FOR EACH STUDENT WHO EARNS A QUALIFYING INDUSTRY  
5 CERTIFICATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

