

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 302

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Workforce Investment Board, by and
10 through the Office of Workforce Development, shall create, in
11 consultation with the Mississippi Community College Board and the
12 Mississippi State University Research and Curriculum Unit, a
13 separate list of industry-recognized high-value industry
14 certifications for participants enrolled at Mississippi Community
15 and Junior Colleges for reimbursement from the Mississippi
16 Community College Board, pending availability of funds. This list
17 shall align with the approved State Workforce Investment Board
18 K-12 industry certification list to encourage more students to
19 connect their secondary career preparatory work with postsecondary
20 opportunities.

21 (2) Subject to available funding beginning in fiscal year
22 2026, the Mississippi Community College Board shall pay a career
23 and technical education incentive grant to the community college
24 for each student enrolled in the community college who earns a
25 qualifying industry certification. The amount per student for the

26 career and technical education incentive grant shall be Six
27 Hundred Dollars (\$600.00). The Mississippi Community College
28 Board shall ensure that no college is reimbursed for a student
29 receiving certification that has already been obtained through any
30 secondary or postsecondary institution. If the statewide sum of
31 the career and technical education incentive grants awarded
32 pursuant to this section exceeds the amount of available funds
33 appropriated for the grants, the grants per student shall be
34 reduced proportionately to cover all eligible grants under this
35 section.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

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

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
2 SHALL CREATE A SEPARATE LIST OF INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED HIGH-VALUE
3 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED IN COMMUNITY AND
4 JUNIOR COLLEGES; TO REQUIRE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING, THE
5 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO PAY A CAREER AND TECHNICAL
6 EDUCATION INCENTIVE GRANT TO CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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