

**Adopted**  
**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 302**

**BY: Committee**

**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37 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.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.

