

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 2-3.160 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.160 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.160. Career and technical education incentive
8 grants.

9 (a) Subject to a separate appropriation for this purpose,
10 the State Board of Education shall:

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

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

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

22 (b) Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the State
23 Board of Education shall annually award incentive grants from

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

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

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

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

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
19 2015.