

HB 1053 -- INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS

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This bill requires the director of the Department of Economic Development (DED) to annually provide a list of occupations in high need of additional skilled employees that require industry-recognized certifications to the State Board of Education.

The state board, in consultation with DED, will rank each certification identified in the list based on employment value, as specified in the bill.

School districts must consult with their local industries, employers, and workforce development boards to offer certifications that best meet state and local workforce needs.

For each student attending a school in a district who earns a certification that has high employment value or that results in college credit, the school district must subtract \$500 from funds budgeted for the district's executive administration expenses and transfer the funds as specified in the bill. For other certifications not meeting the above description, the school district must subtract \$250.