

Department of Planning and Budget

2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB477

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Quayle

3. Committee Passed the Senate

4. Title Substitution of certain tests.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill authorizes the Board of Education to substitute industry certification and state licensure examinations for Standards of Learning assessments for the purpose of enhancing the quality of career and technical education and awarding verified units of credit for career and technical education courses, where appropriate. This bill also amends Standard 3 of the Standards of Quality to allow the Board to provide, in the requirements for the verified units of credit stipulated for obtaining the standard or advanced studies diploma, that appropriate and relevant industry certification or state licensure examinations may be substituted for correlated Standards of Learning examinations and that students completing career and technical education programs that are designed to enable such students to pass such industry certification examinations or state licensure examinations may be awarded, upon obtaining satisfactory scores on such industry certification or licensure examinations, appropriate verified units of credit for one or more career and technical education classes into which relevant Standards of Learning for various classes taught at the same level have been integrated. Such industry certification and state licensure examinations may cover relevant standards of learning for various required classes and may, at the discretion of the Board, address various standards of learning for several required courses. A second enactment clause notes that this provision is not to be construed to restrict or change the authority and discretion of the Board for establishing school accreditation standards and the requirements for obtaining a diploma or to require the Board to authorize the award of verified units of credit for any specific industry certification or state licensure examination.

6. No Fiscal Impact: (See 8.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Standards of Accreditation (SOA) address the earning of standard verified units of credit. The terms of the SOA allow the Board to make provisions to award verified units of credit for the completion of courses in career and technical education. Furthermore, the Board has added certification and license examinations to the list of substitute tests approved for student-selected electives. This bill simply authorizes an additional specific certification to the other 67 career and technical assessments that have been approved by the Board as substitutes for SOL tests. There would be no state fiscal impact of using this certification.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Board of Education, school divisions

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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