

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 432</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Est. \$2.9 million first year cost Max. of \$10 million annually</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute allows students to use awards from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program to pay tuition for certification in postsecondary vocational technical programs offered at technology centers or institutions in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. The programs must be identified by the executive director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. The director must publish no later than October 1, 2013, and June 30 each subsequent year a list of critical industry certification areas and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education must identify programs that correlate with the list. The State Board of Career and Technology Education and the State Regents for Higher Education must annually identify the total cost of in-district tuition and fees broken down by each school and institution of all the certification areas. The programs must meet federal financial aid requirements and include at least 900 contact hours or 24 college credit equivalent hours. Awards must be equal to in-district tuition and fees. Students who meet eligibility requirements and enroll during the 2013-14 school year and thereafter are eligible for awards, which will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis up to \$10 million annually.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Com. Sub. for ESB 432 relates to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and adds students who are pursuing certification in a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered at a technology center or program offered at an institution in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education identified by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Specified funds are to be awarded from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Trust Fund. Costs are required to be identified and awards are delineated.

Benefits awarded to eligible students attending qualifying postsecondary vocational-technical programs or higher education institution programs will be on a first-come, first-serve basis to all eligible applicants, up to a maximum of \$10 million annually. Okla. State Regents for Higher Education will estimate the amount of revenue necessary to fund awards for FY-14, and provide the estimate to the State Board of Equalization.

Career and Technology Education personnel estimate potential first year costs to be approximately \$2,992,500 and anticipate additional growth annually.

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**Other Considerations**

None at this time.

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