

**House Education
SB2136**

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Chairman Owens and members of the committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director of the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am submitting testimony in support of SB2136.

The Department of Career and Technical Education supports SB2136, specifically Section 1, Subsection 2.a. which provides requirement options to the math courses that are necessary for the Career and Technical Education scholarship. This gives the options of integrated math II and integrated math III to be an option Algebra II. This is not a lowering the standard to the math requirement. Integrated math II and III are still rigorous math courses that may align with a student's career pathway, specifically if they were pursuing a Career and Technical Education Pathway. This also maintains Algebra II as an option if a school district does not offer Integrated math II and III.

NDCTE also supports SB2136 due to Section 3 of the bill. Section 3 would amend statute, that would allow students to use the scholarship towards programming outside of traditional post-secondary programs. Section 3 would allow students to use their scholarship for private career schools that are approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education. Examples of a private career school are Lynnes Welding and Emerging Digital Academy.

This concludes my testimony and I am here to answer any questions.

Thank you.