



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 399

**Assembly
Amendments 1 and 2**

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2013 Assembly Bill 399 creates a career and technical education incentive grant program. The bill appropriates \$3 million general purpose revenue (GPR) in fiscal year 2014-15 for the program. Under the bill, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must confer annually with the Department of Workforce Development and the Wisconsin Technical College System to identify industries and occupations within the state that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained, entry-level workers. The State Superintendent must annually notify school districts of the identified industries and occupations and make this information available on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website.

In addition, the State Superintendent must approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any of the identified industries or occupations, and the certification program must be a component of a school district's technical education program as provided under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2., Stats. (the technical education high school diploma program).

Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the State Superintendent must annually award incentive grants to school districts in the amount of \$1,000 per pupil for each pupil who, in the prior school year, obtains a high school diploma or a technical education high school diploma from a school in the district, if the school has an industry-recognized certification program approved by the State Superintendent, and the pupil successfully completed the certification program.

Assembly Amendment 1 removes the requirement that the industry-recognized certification program approved by the State Superintendent must be a component of a school district's technical education high school diploma program under s. 118.33 (1) (g) 1. c. and 2., Stats.

Assembly Amendment 2 allows incentive grants to be awarded to a district for a pupil who graduates and has completed an approved industry-recognized certification program in any school year in which the program was approved by DPI.

Bill History

On October 10, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development held an executive session on the bill. The committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, all on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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