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To: Steve Miller, LRB

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Subject: Budget Draft -- Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Division of Economic Support (DES) statutory language requests.

Attached is one statutory language request regarding DWD's Employment Skills Advancement Program. The administration would like to broaden eligibiltiy for this program by:

- Increasing the maximum grant available to individuals.
- Increasing the income eligibility threshold from 165% of the federal poverty line to 185%.
- Reducing the matching requirement from a dollar for dollar match to a lower match rate.

If you or your staff have any questions, feel free to contact me at 266-8219 or through E-mail at robert.blaine@doa.state.wi.us.

STATUTORY MODIFICATIONS

Department of Administration:
2001-03 Biennial Budget

Analyst: Robert Blaine

Subject: Employment Skills Advancement Program.

Background: The Employment Skills Advancement Program (ESAP), which is described in s. 49.185, provides matching grants to low-income individuals to use for the costs of entering education or training programs. The administration intends to broaden some of the eligibility requirements and provisions of the program. Below are suggested amendments to s. 49.185.

Grant Award

Currently, the maximum grant amount is \$500, and the administration would like this increased to \$1,000. This would involve the following changes:

49.185(2)

(2) Grants. A person contracting with the department under sub. (4) may make an employment skills advancement grant of up to ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 to an individual eligible under sub. (3) for tuition, books, transportation or other direct costs of training or education in a vocational training or education program.

49.185(3)(j)

(j) The amount of the grant plus the amount of any grant that that individual has previously received under this section does not exceed ~~\$500~~ \$1,000.

Income Eligibility

Currently, individuals must be at or below 165% of the poverty level to qualify for a grant. The administration would like this increased to 185%.

49.185(3)(g)

(g) The income of the individual's family does not exceed ~~165%~~ 185% of the poverty line.

Match Requirement

Individuals seeking a grant must provide a match in order to qualify, and this match requirement is equal to the amount of funds being sought. The administration would like this match requirement reduced from a dollar for dollar match to a dollar for two dollar match.

49.185(3)(i)

(i) The individual contributes, or obtains from other sources, an amount at least equal to one-half the amount of the grant, for tuition, books, transportation or other direct costs of the training or education.



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1 AN ACT ^{DON'T GEN. CAT.} relating to: the budget.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Under current law, DWD awards grants of up to \$500 to eligible individuals for the costs of tuition, books, transportation, or other direct costs of training or education in a vocational or educational program. As a condition of eligibility for a grant, an individual's income may not exceed 165% of the federal poverty line and the individual must contribute matching funds equal to the amount of the grant ^{that} he or she receives. Finally, under current law, the total amount of all grants awarded to an individual may not exceed \$500.

This bill increases the maximum income level for eligibility for an employment skills advancement grant to 185% of the federal poverty line and reduces the amount of matching funds that an individual is required to contribute to 50% of the amount of the grant ^{that} an individual receives. Also, the bill increases the maximum amount of all grants ^{that} an individual may receive to \$1000.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. 49.185 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 49.185 (2) (a) and amended
2 to read:

3 49.185 (2) (a) ^g ~~GRANTS~~ ^{A A A} ~~A~~ Subject to par. (b), a person contracting with the
4 department under sub. (4) may make an employment skills advancement grant of
5 up to \$500 ^V ~~\$1000~~ to an individual eligible under sub. (3) for tuition, books,
6 transportation or other direct costs of training or education in a vocational training
7 or education program.

History: 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9.

8 SECTION 2. 49.185 (3) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 49.185 (3) (g) The income of the individual's family does not exceed ~~165%~~ 185%
10 of the poverty line.

History: 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9.

11 SECTION 3. 49.185 (3) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 49.185 (3) (i) The individual contributes, or obtains from other sources, an
13 amount at least equal to 50% of the amount of the grant, for tuition, books,
14 transportation or other direct costs of the training or education.

History: 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9.

15 SECTION 4. 49.185 (3) (j) of the statutes is renumbered 49.185 (2) (b) and
16 amended to read:

17 49.185 (2) (b) The total amount of the grant all grants awarded to an individual
18 ~~plus the amount of any grant that that individual has previously received~~ under this
19 section ~~does~~ may not exceed \$500 ^V ~~\$1000~~.

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