

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 62,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55**

June 29, 2001 – Offered by Representative TURNER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

2 **1.** Page 219, line 2: after that line insert:

3 “(d) Workplace diversity grant pro-

4 gram GPR A 120,000 -0-”.

5 **2.** Page 369, line 2: after that line insert:

6 “SECTION 733e. 20.445 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.445 (1) (d) *Workplace diversity grant program*. The amounts in the schedule
8 for workplace diversity grants under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9158
9 (11zv). No moneys may be encumbered from this appropriation after June 30, 2002.”.

10 **3.** Page 1375, line 17: after that line insert:

11 “(11zv) WORKPLACE DIVERSITY GRANT PROGRAM.

1 (a) The department of workforce development shall administer a grant
2 program under which local, nonprofit organizations that offer diversity training,
3 basic employment skills development, or instruction in English as a 2nd language
4 to employees and persons seeking employment may receive grants for the operation
5 of those activities.

6 (b) A local, nonprofit organization is qualified for a grant under this subsection
7 if any of the following applies:

8 1. The governing body of the local, nonprofit organization is comprised of
9 representatives of private sector employers and local governmental units or
10 agencies, and the local, nonprofit organization assists local employers in meeting
11 their workforce needs.

12 2. The local, nonprofit organization assists persons who have been convicted of
13 a crime, whether employed or not, in strengthening or developing their employment
14 skills and in making or easing their transition from incarceration to work.

15 3. The local, nonprofit organization assists any of the following person, whether
16 employed or not, in preparing for or gaining entry into the skilled trades:

17 a. Persons who are eligible for benefits under the Wisconsin works program
18 under sections 49.141 to 49.161 of the statutes, as affected by this act.

19 b. Persons who are military veterans.

20 c. Persons who have been convicted of a crime.

21 d. Persons who are eligible for food stamps under section 49.124, 1999 stats.

22 e. Persons who are minority group members, as defined in section 560.036 (1)

23 (f) of the statutes.

1 (c) To the extent practicable, the department of workforce development shall
2 ensure that the grants under this subsection are awarded to local, nonprofit
3 organizations from different geographic regions of the state.

4 (d) To qualify for a grant under this subsection, a local, nonprofit organization
5 must apply to the department of workforce development by December 1, 2002. The
6 application shall describe how the organization qualifies for a grant under
7 paragraphs (a) and (b) and how the organization will use the grant.

8 (e) The department of workforce development shall promulgate emergency
9 rules under section 227.24 of the statutes to establish criteria to be used in
10 determining which qualified local, nonprofit organizations are eligible for grants
11 under this subsection. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a) and (3) of the statutes,
12 the department of workforce development is not required to provide evidence that
13 promulgating an emergency rule under this paragraph is necessary for the
14 preservation of public peace, health, safety, or welfare, and is not required to provide
15 a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this paragraph.

16 (f) The department of workforce development may not expend more than
17 \$30,000 as grants under this subsection for any given local, nonprofit organization.

18 (g) By January 1, 2002, the department of workforce development shall make
19 the grants under this subsection from the appropriation under section 20.445 (1) (d)
20 of the statutes, as created by this act.

21 (h) By September 1, 2002, the department of workforce development shall
22 report on the grant program under this subsection, including the uses that the grant
23 recipients made of the grants and a recommendation on whether the grant program
24 should be funded in the next biennium and, if so, a recommendation of an
25 appropriate funding level and any changes that should be made to the program. The

1 report shall be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
2 in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, to the joint
3 committee on finance, and to the governor.”.

4 (END)