

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3217/3	Introduction Number	AB-0431	Estimate Type	Original
Description Grants to technical college district boards under the Workforce Advancement Training Program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 431 would expand the eligibility criteria for the Workforce Advancement Training (WAT) grant program administered by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS). This grant program provides training grants to local technical colleges that collaborate with employers to provide incumbent worker skills training.

The bill expands employer eligibility for small business grants to include employers of up to 250 individuals (up from current law, which allows employers of up to 100). The bill also broadens the types of activities eligible for grants to include assistance with market expansion or business diversification.

The bill provides no additional appropriation, despite expanding eligible participants and uses.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Expanding grant eligibility and the types of activities funded without expanding program funding will result in both increased competition for grant funds and decreased investments in direct skills training.