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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2013 Wisconsin Act 139**  
[January 2014 Special Session  
Assembly Bill 2]

### Workforce Training Grants

**2013 Wisconsin Act 139** increases the appropriation for certain workforce training program grants currently operated by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The Act transfers \$35,400,000 in the 2013-15 biennium from the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) to DWD. The Act requires DWD to use these funds for all of the following:

1. Grants to technical colleges for the reduction of waiting lists for enrollment in programs and courses in high-demand fields, as determined by DWD.
2. Grants for collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges, and businesses to provide high school pupils with industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields, as determined by DWD.
3. Grants to public and private organizations or services provided by DWD to enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
4. Administration of the grants and services described above. If DWD determines that the full amount of the appropriation under the Act will not be needed for those grants and services and for that administration, the remainder is to be used for grants for workforce training programs existing under current law.

The Act requires DWD to annually report to the Governor and JCF on the reduction of waiting lists for courses and programs under item 1. above, and on participation in the programs listed in items 2. and 3. above.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.