



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 336
[2017 Assembly Bill 872]

**Career and Technical Education
Incentive Grants
and Completion Awards**

2017 Wisconsin Act 336 (the Act) creates an incentive grant program for school districts that provide training for certain public safety occupations and provides completion awards for students who complete those programs.

INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) must award career and technical education incentive grants to school districts in the amount of \$1,000 for every student who, in the prior school year, obtained a high school diploma and successfully completed an industry-recognized certification program approved by DWD. Currently, these grants are available for programs that are designed to mitigate workforce shortages in an industry or occupation that DWD identifies as facing workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained entry-level workers.

Under the Act, these grants to school districts will also be available for public safety occupations training programs. Eligible programs are industry-recognized certification programs that are designed to prepare individuals for occupations as fire fighters, emergency medical responders, or emergency medical services practitioners.

COMPLETION AWARDS TO STUDENTS

Under the Act, DWD will award a \$500 completion award to each student who successfully completes a public safety occupation training program. The Act provides a sum sufficient appropriation to fund the student completion awards.

Effective date: The Act went into effect on April 18, 2018. The Act first applies to the completion of an industry-recognized certification program approved by the DWD under s. 106.273 (2) (b), Stats., by a student in the 2018-19 school year.

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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>.