



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Senate Bill 88	Senate Amendment 1
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2019 Senate Bill 88 makes a number of changes to the youth apprenticeship program provided by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Senate Amendment 1 modifies some of those changes, as described below.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

The bill appropriates \$50,000 per year over the next two years to DWD for youth apprenticeship curriculum development. The bill specifies that, in developing curricula, DWD must consider each of the following factors: (1) meeting high-demand fields and local workforce needs; (2) meeting state and local workforce needs in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and (3) replacing outdated curricula that no longer serve state or local workforce needs.

The amendment changes the factors that DWD must consider in developing youth apprenticeship curricula to the following: (1) meeting high-demand fields and local workforce needs; (2) meeting state and local workforce needs; and (3) revising, modifying, or replacing outdated curricula that no longer serve state or local workforce needs.

CREDIT TOWARD COMPLETION OF AN APPRENTICESHIP

Current law allows, but does not require, apprenticeship programs to grant credit toward completion of an apprenticeship based on the successful completion of a youth apprenticeship. The bill makes it mandatory for apprenticeship programs to grant credit for completion of a youth apprenticeship and requires DWD to create standards for granting such credit. Under the amendment, apprenticeship programs may, but are not required to, grant credit for completion of a youth apprenticeship, and DWD is required to create guidelines for granting such credit.

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The amendment adds a new requirement that the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Council assist DWD in providing the apprenticeship program.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Testin offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 20, 2019. On May 10, 2019, the Senate Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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