



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0111 - Allow Wisconsin Fast Forward grant administration dollars to be used for training teachers and grants for collaborative projects

**FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EMPLOYMENT**

This bill allows DWD, as part of its workforce training program, commonly referred to as the Fast Forward Program, to award grants for any of the following:

1. Collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges, and businesses to provide high school students with industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields, as determined by DWD.

2. Programs that train teachers and that train individuals to become teachers, including teachers in dual enrollment programs. The bill defines “dual enrollment program” to mean a program or course of study designed to provide high school students the opportunity to gain credits in both technical college and high school; and defines “teacher” to include an instructor at a technical college within the technical college system.

3. Development of public-private partnerships designed to improve workforce retention through employee support and training.

4. Nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and employers to increase the number of students who are placed with employers for internships.

5. Community-based organizations for public-private partnerships to create and implement a nursing training program for middle school and high school students.

The bill requires DWD to allocate at least \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for grants to technical colleges for workforce training programs and at least \$1,500,000 in the fiscal biennium for the grants described above related to nursing credentials.

The bill also allows DWD to use moneys in the Wisconsin Fast Forward appropriation to be expended for apprentice programs administered by DWD. Under current law, apprentice programs are funded through DWD's general program operations appropriation.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training; programs, grants, and services.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the ~~apprenticeship completion award program under s. 106.05 (2)~~, local youth apprenticeship grants under s. 106.13 (3m), youth summer jobs programs under s. 106.18, employment transit assistance grants under s. 106.26, workforce training grants and services under s. 106.27 (1), (1g), ~~(1j)~~, and (1r), and teacher development program grants under s. 106.272, career and technical education incentive grants under s. 106.273, and apprentice programs under subch. I of ch. 106.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.445 (1) (b). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: LRB-0940/P8, LRB-1437/P4, and LRB-1663/P4.

**SECTION 2.** 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (1) (bm) *Workforce training; administration.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the administration of the ~~apprenticeship completion award program under s. 106.05 (2)~~, the local youth apprenticeship grant program under s. 106.13 (3m), the youth summer jobs program under s. 106.18, the employment transit assistance grant program under s. 106.26, the workforce training program under s. 106.27, and the teacher development program grants under s. 106.272, the

career and technical education incentive grant program under s. 106.273, and the apprentice programs under subch. I of ch. 106.

\*\*\*NOTE: This is reconciled s. 20.445 (1) (bm). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: LRB-0940/P8 and LRB-1663/P4.

**SECTION 3.** 106.27 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 106.27 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

106.27 (1) WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS. (intro.) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the department shall award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of workforce training programs. An organization that is awarded a grant under this subsection may use the grant for the training of unemployed and underemployed workers and incumbent employees of businesses in this state. As a condition of receiving a grant under this subsection, the department may require a public or private organization to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by the department. Grants awarded under this subsection may include any of the following:

**SECTION 4.** 106.27 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1) (a) Grants for collaborative projects among school districts, technical colleges, and businesses to provide high school students with industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields, as determined by the department.

**SECTION 5.** 106.27 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1) (b) 1. Grants for programs that train teachers and that train individuals to become teachers, including teachers in dual enrollment programs.

2. In this paragraph:

a. "Dual enrollment program" means a program or course of study designed to provide high school students the opportunity to gain credits in both technical college

and high school, including transcribed credit programs or other educational services provided by contract between a school district and a technical college.

b. "Teacher" includes an instructor at a technical college under ch. 38.

**SECTION 6.** 106.27 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1) (c) Grants for the development of public-private partnerships designed to improve workforce retention through employee support and training.

**SECTION 7.** 106.27 (1) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1) (d) Grants to nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, as defined in [20 USC 1001](#) (a) and (b), and employers to increase the number of students who are placed with employers for internships.

**SECTION 8.** 106.27 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

106.27 (1) (e) Grants to community-based organizations for public-private partnerships to create and implement a nursing training program for middle school and high school students.

**SECTION 9.** 106.27 (1r) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.27 (1r) STUDENT INTERNSHIP COORDINATION. From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the department shall provide coordination between nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education, as defined in [20 USC 1001](#) (a) and (b), and employers to increase the number of students who are placed with employers for internships.

**SECTION 10.** 106.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.27 (3) ANNUAL REPORT. Annually, by December 31, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance providing an account of the department's activities and expenditures under this section during the preceding fiscal year and detailing the amounts allocated to

and expended for each of the programs, grants, and services specified in s. 20.445 (1) (b) and (bm) for that fiscal year. The report shall include information on the number of unemployed and underemployed workers and incumbent employees who participate in training programs under sub. (1) or (1j); the number of unemployed workers who obtain gainful employment, underemployed workers who obtain new employment, and incumbent employees who receive increased compensation after participating in such a training program; and the wages earned by those workers and employees both before and after participating in such a training program. The report shall also include information on the extent to which waiting lists for enrollment in courses and programs provided by technical colleges in high-demand fields are reduced as a result of grants under sub. (1g) (a), on the number of ~~high school pupils~~ students who participate in certification or training programs under sub. (1) (a) or (e) or (1g) (b), and on the number of persons with disabilities who participate in employment enhancement activities under sub. (1g) (c). In addition, the report shall provide information on the number of student interns who are placed with employers as a result of the coordination activities conducted under sub. (1r) or the grants awarded under sub. (1) (d).

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This is reconciled s. 106.27 (3). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: LRB-0940/P8 and LRB-1437/P4.

### **SECTION 9151. Nonstatutory provisions; Workforce Development.**

(1) FAST FORWARD GRANTS FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES. Of the amounts appropriated to the department of workforce development under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, the department shall allocate not less than \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for grants to technical colleges for workforce training programs under section 106.27 (1) of the statutes.

(2) FAST FORWARD GRANTS FOR NURSING TRAINING PROGRAMS. Of the amounts appropriated to the department of workforce development under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, the department shall allocate not less than \$1,500,000 in the 2017-19 fiscal biennium for grants for nursing training programs under section 106.27 (1) (e) of the statutes.

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