



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 59
[2013 Senate Bill 331]

**Career and Technical Education
Incentive Grants**

2013 Wisconsin Act 59 creates a career and technical education incentive grant program. The Act appropriates \$3 million general purpose revenue (GPR) in fiscal year 2014-15 for the program. Under the Act, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to do the following:

- Confer with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) on an annual basis to identify industries and occupations that face workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained entry-level workers.
- Notify school districts of the identified industries and occupations and make this information available on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) website.
- Approve industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate workforce shortages in any industry or occupation identified by the State Superintendent, DWD and WTCS, as described above.
- Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, award incentive grants of \$1,000¹ to school districts for each pupil in the school district who, in the prior year, obtained a high school diploma or technical education high school diploma from a school in the district, if all of the following apply:
 - The school district has an industry-recognized certification program approved by the State Superintendent.

¹ The Act provides that if the appropriation in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount, then DPI must prorate the amount of its payments among school districts eligible for an incentive grant.

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>.

- The pupil successfully completed the industry-recognized certification program in any school year in which the program was approved by DPI.

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