



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 14**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

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*2013 Assembly Bill 14* provides \$7.5 million in funding each year of the next biennium for grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of workforce training programs. The grants may be used for the training of both new and incumbent employees of businesses in this state. The bill permits the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to require a grantee to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by DWD. It appropriates \$180,000 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$1,660,000 in fiscal year 2013-14, and \$3,160,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for administration of this grant program. The bill also allows DWD, subject to review by the Joint Committee on Finance, to transfer money from the administration appropriation to the grants appropriation.

The bill also allows DWD to require reports from grant recipients, to audit and inspect the records of grant recipients, and to promulgate rules prescribing procedures and criteria for awarding grants. Under the bill, an annual report must be submitted by DWD to the Governor and the Joint Committee on Finance providing an account of DWD's activities and expenditures under this program during the preceding fiscal year. Lastly, the bill includes a nonstatutory provision that requires DWD to consult with the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCSB) and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) before July 1, 2016 in reviewing grant applications and awarding grants.

*Assembly Amendment 1* to the bill does all of the following:

- Provides that the workforce training grants may be used for the training of “unemployed and underemployed workers” and incumbent employees of businesses in this state.
- Requires DWD, from the administration appropriation in the bill, to develop and maintain a Labor Market Information System to collect, analyze, and disseminate information on employment opportunities in this state and other appropriate

information relating to labor market dynamics, and to make the information available to educational institutions and the public.

- Creates a statutory requirement that requires DWD to consult with the WTCSB and the WEDC in the implementation of the workforce training programs.
- Specifies that DWD must require reports from grant recipients describing how grant money was used and the outcomes achieved.
- Makes DWD's rule promulgation authority mandatory and adds the requirement that the agency promulgate rules prescribing the information that must be contained in the reports from grant recipients.
- Specifies certain statistical information to be included in DWD's annual report.

### **Legislative History**

Representatives Bernier and Loudenbeck introduced Assembly Amendment 1 on February 25, 2013. On February 26, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 14, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

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