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2017 SENATE BILL 125

March 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, FEYEN, OLSEN, VINEHOUT and LASEE, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, ALLEN, BERNIER, BILLINGS, E. BROOKS, EDMING, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, KRUG, MURSAU, NOVAK, RIPP, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, TITTL and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs and Senior Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.445 (1) (b) and 20.445 (1) (bm); and *to create* 106.275 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** technical education equipment grants for school
3 districts, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting
4 rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the appropriation to the Department of Workforce Development for workforce training grants, commonly referred to as “Fast Forward” grants, by \$1,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 and directs DWD to allocate those moneys for technical education equipment grants to school districts in the amount of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000. A school district that is awarded a grant under the bill must use the grant moneys awarded for the acquisition of equipment that is used in advanced manufacturing fields in the workplace. As a condition of receiving a grant under the bill, a school district must provide matching funds equal to 100 percent of the grant amount awarded. The match may be in the form of money contributed from private sources or in-kind services or both.

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

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

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

2 20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training; programs, grants, and services.* As a
3 continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the apprenticeship
4 completion award program under s. 106.05 (2), local youth apprenticeship grants
5 under s. 106.13 (3m), youth summer jobs programs under s. 106.18, employment
6 transit assistance grants under s. 106.26, workforce training grants and services
7 under s. 106.27 (1), (1g), and (1r), ~~and~~ career and technical education incentive
8 grants under s. 106.273, and technical education equipment grants under s. 106.275.

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

10 20.445 (1) (bm) *Workforce training; administration.* Biennially, the amounts
11 in the schedule for the administration of the apprenticeship completion award
12 program under s. 106.05 (2), the local youth apprenticeship grant program under s.
13 106.13 (3m), the youth summer jobs program under s. 106.18, the employment
14 transit assistance grant program under s. 106.26, the workforce training program
15 under s. 106.27, ~~and~~ the career and technical education incentive grant program
16 under s. 106.273, and the technical education equipment grant program under s.
17 106.275.

18 **SECTION 3.** 106.275 of the statutes is created to read:

19 **106.275 Technical education equipment grants. (1) AWARDING OF GRANTS.**

20 (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the department shall allocate not
21 less than \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for technical education equipment grants to
22 school districts under this section. From that allocation, the department shall award
23 grants in the amount of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000 to school
24 districts whose grant applications are approved under sub. (2) (b).

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1 (b) A school district that is awarded a grant under this section shall use the
2 grant moneys awarded for the acquisition of equipment that is used in advanced
3 manufacturing fields in the workplace, together with any software necessary for the
4 operation of that equipment and any instructional material necessary to train pupils
5 in the operation of that equipment.

6 (c) As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, a school district shall
7 provide matching funds equal to 100 percent of the grant amount awarded. The
8 match may be in the form of money contributed from private sources or in-kind
9 services or both.

10 **(2) GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS.** (a) A school district that wishes to receive a
11 grant under this section shall apply for the grant in accordance with procedures and
12 requirements established by the department under rules promulgated under sub. (4)

13 (b) 1. A grant application shall describe the purpose and need for the grant, the
14 projected outcomes that the school district is seeking to achieve as a result of
15 receiving the grant, the amount and source of the matching funds required under
16 sub. (1) (c), and any other information that the department may require under rules
17 promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 1.

18 (b) The department, in consultation with the advisory committee appointed
19 under sub. (4) (a), shall review and evaluate a grant application submitted under par.
20 (a) in accordance with procedures and criteria established by the department under
21 rules promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 2. After completing that review and evaluation,
22 the department shall notify the school district of the department's decision on the
23 grant application.

24 **(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** Each school district that receives a grant under
25 this section shall file a report with the department by September 1 of each of the first

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1 3 fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the grant was received. The report
2 shall describe how the grant moneys were expended, describe the outcomes achieved
3 as a result of receiving the grant, share the best practices employed by the school
4 district regarding the training of pupils in the use of the equipment acquired with
5 the grant moneys, include a plan for sustainability of that training, and provide such
6 other information as the department may require under rules promulgated under
7 sub. (4) (b) 3.

8 (4) IMPLEMENTATION OF GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The secretary of workforce
9 development shall appoint an advisory committee under s. 15.04 (1) (c), composed of
10 representatives of the department, representatives of private organizations engaged
11 in advanced manufacturing, and such other persons as the secretary may select, to
12 assist the department in reviewing and evaluating grant applications under sub. (2)
13 (b).

14 (b) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section. Those
15 rules shall include all of the following:

16 1. Rules establishing the procedures and requirements for applying for a grant
17 under sub. (2) (a), including the information that must be submitted with a grant
18 application.

19 2. Rules establishing the procedures and criteria for awarding a grant under
20 sub. (2) (b).

21 3. Rules governing the reporting requirements under sub. (3), including the
22 information that must be provided in a report submitted under sub. (3).

23 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

24 (1) TECHNICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANTS; EMERGENCY RULES. Using the
25 procedure under section 227.24 of the statues, the department of workforce

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1 development may promulgate the rules required under section 106.275 of the
2 statutes for the period before the effective date of the permanent rules promulgated
3 under section 106.275 of the statutes but not to exceed the period authorized under
4 section 227.24 (1) (c) of the statutes, subject to extension under section 227.24 (2) of
5 the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3) of the statutes,
6 the department is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under
7 this subsection as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public
8 peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency
9 for a rule promulgated under this subsection.

SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.

10 (1) TECHNICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANTS. In the schedule under section
11 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of workforce
12 development under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes the dollar amount for fiscal
13 year 2017-18 is increased by \$1,000,000 to provide funding for technical education
14 equipment grants under section 106.275 of the statutes. In the schedule under
15 section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of workforce
16 development under section 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes the dollar amount for fiscal
17 year 2018-19 is increased by \$1,000,000 to provide funding for technical education
18 equipment grants under section 106.275 of the statutes.
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SECTION 6. Effective date.

20 (1) TECHNICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANTS. This act takes effect on the day
21 after publication, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2017-19 biennial budget
22 act, whichever is later.
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24 (END)