



2017 SENATE BILL 746

January 29, 2018 - Introduced by Senators OLSEN, L. TAYLOR, DARLING, ERPENBACH, MARKLEIN and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, KOLSTE, R. BROOKS, KULP, MURSAU, NYGREN, QUINN, SCHRAA, SWEARINGEN, TRANEL, WEATHERSTON and VANDERMEER, by request of Governor Scott Walker. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs and Senior Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 106.273 (3) (a) 1.; *to renumber and amend* 106.273 (2) and
2 106.273 (3) (a) 2.; *to amend* 20.445 (1) (b), 106.273 (title), 106.273 (3) (a)
3 (intro.), 106.273 (3) (am) and 106.273 (3) (b); and *to create* 20.445 (1) (c),
4 106.273 (1) (title), 106.273 (2) (b), 106.273 (3) (title), 106.273 (3) (a) 2m., 106.273
5 (4) and 106.273 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:** career and technical education
6 incentive grants for school districts and completion awards for students and
7 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an incentive grant program for school districts that provide training for certain public safety occupations and provides completion awards for students who complete those programs.

Under current law, the Department of Workforce Development must award career and technical education (CTE) incentive grants to school districts in the amount of \$1,000 per student who, in the prior school year, obtained a high school diploma and successfully completed an industry-recognized certification program approved by DWD. Currently, DWD approves programs that are designed to mitigate workforce shortages in an industry or occupation that DWD identifies as facing workforce shortages or shortages of adequately trained entry-level workers.

The bill requires DWD to also approve industry-recognized certification programs that are designed to prepare individuals for occupations as fire fighters,

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emergency medical responders, or emergency medical services practitioners (public safety occupation training program). Under the bill, DWD must award all of the following:

1. A CTE incentive grant to a school district that has a public safety occupation training program approved by DWD. For each program the school district has, the amount of the incentive grant is equal to \$1,000 for each student in the school district who successfully completed the program in a school year in which the program was approved by DWD.

2. A CTE completion award to a student in the amount of \$500 for each public safety occupation training program the student successfully completed in a school year in which the program was approved by DWD.

Under current law, CTE incentive grants are funded from the appropriation to DWD for workplace training grants, commonly referred to as “Fast Forward” grants, and DWD must allocate not less than \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year for the CTE incentive grants. Also under current law, if the amount allocated in any fiscal year is insufficient to pay the full amount per student, DWD may prorate the amount of the incentive grants that eligible school districts receive.

Under the bill, the CTE incentive grants related to public safety occupation training programs are paid from the existing allocation and may be prorated if that allocation is insufficient in any fiscal year.

The bill creates a sum sufficient appropriation to fund the student completion awards.

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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.445 (1) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 59,
2 section 398, is amended to read:

3 20.445 (1) (b) *Workforce training; programs, grants, and services.* As a
4 continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the local youth
5 apprenticeship grants under s. 106.13 (3m), youth summer jobs programs under s.
6 106.18, employment transit assistance grants under s. 106.26, workforce training
7 grants and services under s. 106.27 (1), (1g), (1j), and (1r), teacher development
8 program grants under s. 106.272, career and technical education incentive grants
9 under s. 106.273 (3), technical education equipment grants under s. 106.275,

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1 apprentice programs under subch. I of ch. 106, and the grant described in 2017
2 Wisconsin Act 59, section 9151 (5q).

3 **SECTION 2.** 20.445 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 20.445 (1) (c) *Career and technical education completion awards.* A sum
5 sufficient for the career and technical education completion awards under s. 106.273
6 (4).

7 **SECTION 3.** 106.273 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 **106.273 (title) Career and technical education incentive grants and**
9 **completion awards.**

10 **SECTION 4.** 106.273 (1) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

11 106.273 (1) (title) IDENTIFICATION OF WORKFORCE SHORTAGES.

12 **SECTION 5.** 106.273 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 106.273 (2) (intro.) and
13 amended to read:

14 106.273 (2) APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS. (intro.) The department shall approve
15 industry-recognized certification programs designed to mitigate do any of the
16 following:

17 (a) Mitigate workforce shortages in any of the industries or occupations
18 identified under sub. (1).

19 **SECTION 6.** 106.273 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20 106.273 (2) (b) Prepare individuals for occupations as fire fighters, emergency
21 medical responders, as defined in s. 256.01 (4p), or emergency medical services
22 practitioners, as defined in s. 256.01 (5).

23 **SECTION 7.** 106.273 (3) (title) of the statutes is created to read:

24 106.273 (3) (title) INCENTIVE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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1 **SECTION 8.** 106.273 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin
2 Act 59, is amended to read:

3 106.273 **(3)** (a) (intro.) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (b), the
4 department shall allocate not less than \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year for incentive
5 grants to school districts under this section subsection. From that allocation, the
6 department shall, ~~subject to par. (am)~~, annually award all of the following incentive
7 grants:

8 1m. An incentive grant to a school district that has an industry-recognized
9 certification program approved by the department under sub. (2) (a). Subject to pars.
10 (am) and (b), the amount of the incentive grant under this subdivision is equal to
11 \$1,000 per pupil for each pupil student in the school district who, in to whom all of
12 the following apply:

13 a. In the prior school year, the student obtained a high school diploma or a
14 technical education high school diploma from a school in the school district, if all of
15 the following apply:

16 **SECTION 9.** 106.273 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 10.** 106.273 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 106.273 (3) (a) 1m.
18 b. and amended to read:

19 106.273 **(3)** (a) 1m. b. The ~~pupil~~ student successfully completed the school
20 ~~district's industry-recognized certification program under subd. 1.~~ in any a school
21 year in which the program was approved by the department under sub. (2) (a).

22 **SECTION 11.** 106.273 (3) (a) 2m. of the statutes is created to read:

23 106.273 **(3)** (a) 2m. An incentive grant to a school district that has an
24 industry-recognized certification program approved by the department under sub.
25 (2) (b). Subject to par. (b), for each such program the school district has, the amount

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1 of the incentive grant under this subdivision is equal to \$1,000 for each student in
2 the school district who successfully completed the program in a school year in which
3 the program was approved by the department under sub. (2) (b).

4 **SECTION 12.** 106.273 (3) (am) of the statutes, as created by 2017 Wisconsin Act
5 59, is amended to read:

6 106.273 (3) (am) The department may not make a per ~~pupil~~ student award of
7 \$1,000 to a school district under par. (a) 1m. if the industry-recognized certification
8 program completed by the ~~pupil~~ student as a condition of the award under par. (a)
9 ~~2.~~ 1m. b. is an information technology instructional program developed under s.
10 115.455.

11 **SECTION 13.** 106.273 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 106.273 (3) (b) If the amount allocated under par. (a) in any fiscal year is
13 insufficient to pay the full amount per ~~pupil~~ student under par. (a) 1m. and 2m., the
14 department may prorate the amount of ~~its~~ the department's payments among school
15 districts eligible for ~~an incentive grant~~ grants under this section subsection.

16 **SECTION 14.** 106.273 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

17 106.273 (4) COMPLETION AWARDS FOR STUDENTS. From the appropriation under
18 s. 20.445 (1) (c), the department shall annually award a completion award to a
19 student in the amount of \$500 for each industry-recognized certification program
20 approved by the department under sub. (2) (b) that the student successfully
21 completed in a school year in which the program was approved by the department
22 under sub. (2) (b).

23 **SECTION 15.** 106.273 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

24 106.273 (5) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. The department and the
25 department of public instruction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding

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1 setting forth their respective responsibilities in administering this section. The
2 memorandum of understanding shall provide that the department of workforce
3 development will annually furnish funds to the department of public instruction to
4 make the payments under subs. (3) and (4).

5 **SECTION 16. Initial applicability.**

6 (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION INCENTIVE GRANTS AND COMPLETION AWARDS.
7 This act first applies to the completion of an industry-recognized certification
8 program approved by the department of workforce development under section
9 106.273 (2) (b) of the statutes by a student in the 2018-19 school year.

10 (END)