

State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Bill 73

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2013 WISCONSIN ACT 137

AN ACT *to create* 20.435 (1) (bn) and 250.21 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for workplace wellness programs, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.435 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (1) (bn) *Workplace wellness program grants.* A sum sufficient to make the payments under s. 250.21 (2) for workplace wellness programs.

SECTION 2. 250.21 of the statutes is created to read:
250.21 Workplace wellness program grants. (1)

DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Health risk assessment" means a computer-based health-promotion tool consisting of a questionnaire; a biometric health screening to measure vital health statistics, including blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, weight, and height; a formula for estimating health risks; an advice database; and a means to generate reports.

(b) "Small business" means a business that has 50 or fewer employees.

(c) "Workplace wellness program" means a health or fitness program that includes health risk assessments and one or more of the following programs or services:

1. Chronic disease prevention.
2. Weight management.
3. Stress management.
4. Worker injury prevention programs.
5. Health screenings.

6. Nutrition education.
7. Health or fitness incentive programs.
8. Vaccinations.
9. Employee physical examinations.

(2) **WORKPLACE WELLNESS PROGRAM GRANTS.** Subject to the limitations provided under sub. (3) and after the department's approval of the application, from the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (bn), the department shall award a grant to each applicant who provides a workplace wellness program to any of the applicant's employees who are employed at a small business in this state in an amount not to exceed 30 percent of the amount that the applicant paid during the year to provide such a program, not including any amount paid to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, remodel, or repair real property.

(3) **LIMITATIONS.** The maximum amount of the grants that may be awarded to all applicants in any fiscal year is \$3,000,000. No applicant may be awarded a grant under this section for a workplace wellness program in existence before the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date]. No applicant may be awarded more than one grant under this section. No grants may be awarded under this section after December 31, 2018.

(4) **ADMINISTRATION.** A person wishing to receive a grant under this section shall apply for a grant in the manner prescribed by the department. An applicant shall include with the application an itemized list of the appli-

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

cant's expenditures for providing a workplace wellness program. The department shall promulgate rules to administer this section.
