



1999 SENATE BILL 279

November 9, 1999 – Introduced by Senators WELCH, SHIBILSKI, ROESSLER, RUDE, DARLING and DRZEWIECKI, cosponsored by Representatives LASSA, ALBERS, RILEY, BRANDEMUEHL, PLOUFF, HAHN, MILLER, MUSSER, KELSO, RYBA, KREIBICH, MEYERHOFER and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Labor.

1 **AN ACT to create** 106.01 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:** apprenticeship training
2 and making appropriations.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of workforce development (DWD) may determine reasonable apprenticeship classifications, promulgate rules, issue general or special orders, hold hearings, make findings and render orders as necessary to oversee the apprenticeship programs provided in this state.

This bill directs DWD to provide a trade masters pilot program to recognize advanced training and post-apprenticeship achievements in three trades, crafts or businesses, one of which must be in the industrial sector, one in the construction sector and one in the service sector of the economy. In addition, the bill provides funding for the provision of that program and for promotional materials directed at encouraging youth to participate in apprenticeship programs. Finally, the bill requires DWD to submit to the legislature, by July 1, 2003, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the trade masters pilot program in producing workers with advanced skills beyond the apprentice level.

For further information see the *state* 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:

