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2023 SENATE BILL 271

May 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators WIMBERGER and CABRAL-GUEVARA, cosponsored by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, BINSFELD, BRANDTJEN, CALLAHAN, EDMING, GREEN, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, SUMMERFIELD and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Technical Colleges.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.445 (1) (bm); and *to create* 20.445 (1) (bk) and 106.276 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** a commercial driver training grant program and
3 making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to establish a commercial driver training grant program. Under the program, DWD provides grants to persons or other entities that provide training leading to an individual receiving a commercial driver's license. The training must, in order to qualify for a grant, satisfy entry-level driver training requirements established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), including that the grant applicant be listed on the FMCSA's registry of approved training providers. Grants under the bill may not exceed, for each individual trained, 50 percent of the costs of training the individual in the operation of commercial motor vehicles or \$3,000, whichever is less. DWD may not award grants for applications to participate in the training program received after June 30, 2025.

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:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

		2023-24		2024-25
20.445 Workforce development, department of				
(1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT				
(bk) Commercial driver training				
grant program	GPR	A	-0-	-0-

7 **SECTION 2.** 20.445 (1) (bk) of the statutes is created to read:
8 20.445 (1) (bk) *Commercial driver training grant program.* The amounts in the
9 schedule for the commercial driver training grant program under s. 106.276.

10 **SECTION 3.** 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:
11 20.445 (1) (bm) *Workforce training; administration.* Biennially, the amounts
12 in the schedule for the administration of the local youth apprenticeship grant
13 program under s. 106.13 (3m), the youth summer jobs program under s. 106.18, the
14 employment transit assistance grant program under s. 106.26, the workforce
15 training program under s. 106.27, the teacher development program grants under
16 s. 106.272, the career and technical education incentive grant program under s.
17 106.273, the technical education equipment grant program under s. 106.275, the
18 commercial driver training grant program under s. 106.276, and the apprentice
19 programs under subch. I of ch. 106.

20 **SECTION 4.** 106.276 of the statutes is created to read:
21 **106.276 Commercial driver training grant program.** (1) (a) The
22 department shall establish and administer a commercial driver training grant
23 program.

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1 (b) A person that satisfies the eligibility requirements under par. (c) may apply
2 to the department for a grant under this section. The department shall prescribe the
3 form, nature, and extent of information that shall be contained in applications for
4 grants under this section.

5 (c) An applicant is eligible for a grant under this section if all of the following
6 are satisfied:

7 1. The applicant provides training to an individual in the operation of
8 commercial motor vehicles that satisfies the requirements of 49 CFR part 380,
9 subparts F and G.

10 2. The applicant is listed on the Training Provider Registry (TPR), as set forth
11 in 49 CFR part 380, subpart G.

12 3. The individual for whom the applicant provides training under subd. 1.
13 obtains an initial commercial driver license after the effective date of this subdivision
14 [LRB inserts date].

15 4. The application is received by the department before July 1, 2025.

16 (d) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bk), the department may award
17 grants to eligible applicants under par. (c). The amount of a grant under this section
18 with regard to each individual trained may not exceed 50 percent of the costs of
19 training the individual in the operation of commercial motor vehicles or \$3,000,
20 whichever is less.

21 (2) Annually, the department shall prepare a report summarizing the number
22 and amount of grants awarded under sub. (1). The department shall submit the
23 report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.

