



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 859

February 19, 2004 - Introduced by Representatives MCCORMICK, KAUFERT, STASKUNAS, GUNDERSON, KRAWCZYK, ALBERS, PLOUFF, HINES, TOWNSEND, HEBL, BIES, J. FITZGERALD, FRISKE, KREIBICH, PETTIS, SHILLING, VAN ROY, OTT, AINSWORTH, KRUG, WEBER, HAHN and NISCHKE, cosponsored by Senators HARS DORF, SCHULTZ, ERPENBACH, ROESSLER, ZIEN, KANAVAS, M. MEYER, LASSA, S. FITZGERALD, HANSEN, RISSER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Economic Development.

- 1 **AN ACT to repeal 560.25 (3); and to amend 560.25 (4) of the statutes; relating**
2 **to: manufacturing extension center grants and making an appropriation.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce (department) may award grants to a technology-based nonprofit organization to provide support for a manufacturing extension center, if the organization submits to the department a plan detailing its proposed expenditures and performance measures related to the project for which the organization is seeking a grant and the department approves the plan. The department may not award more than \$1,000,000 in such grants in a fiscal year. In addition, a technology-based nonprofit organization that receives a manufacturing extension center grant is not eligible to receive a technology development grant or loan from the Wisconsin development fund.

This bill increases funding for manufacturing extension center grants to \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and provides that, beginning with fiscal year 2004-05, the department may award \$1,500,000 in such grants in each fiscal year. The bill also allows a technology-based nonprofit organization that receives a manufacturing extension center grant to be eligible for a technology development grant or loan.

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:

