



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 781

January 4, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HONG, B. MEYERS, MILROY, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and VINING, cosponsored by Senators ROYS, JOHNSON, AGARD, ERPENBACH, L. TAYLOR, SMITH, LARSON and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 20.445 (1) (bm), 106.27 (2g) (a) 1., 106.27 (2g) (a) 2. and 106.27  
2             (3); and **to create** 20.445 (1) (bp) and 106.27 (1p) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
3             green jobs training program grants, providing an exemption from emergency  
4             rule procedures, and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill creates a green jobs training program to be administered by DWD. Under the program, DWD is required to award grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of green jobs training programs. The bill defines green jobs as jobs that produce goods or provide services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources. The bill also permits DWD to require a public or private organization, as a condition of receiving a grant, to provide matching funds at a percentage to be determined by DWD.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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

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**SECTION 1**

**2021-22**

**2022-23**

1 **20.445 Workforce Development, Department of**

2 (1) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

3 (bp) Green jobs training program;

4 grants	GPR	C	1,500,000	1,500,000
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5 **SECTION 2.** 20.445 (1) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 20.445 (1) (bm) *Workforce training; administration.* Biennially, the amounts  
7 in the schedule for the administration of the local youth apprenticeship grant  
8 program under s. 106.13 (3m), the youth summer jobs program under s. 106.18, the  
9 employment transit assistance grant program under s. 106.26, the workforce  
10 training ~~program~~ programs under s. 106.27, the teacher development program  
11 grants under s. 106.272, the career and technical education incentive grant program  
12 under s. 106.273, the technical education equipment grant program under s.  
13 106.275, and the apprentice programs under subch. I of ch. 106.

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

15 20.445 (1) (bp) *Green jobs training program; grants.* As a continuing  
16 appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for green jobs training program grants  
17 under s. 106.27 (1p).

18 **SECTION 4.** 106.27 (1p) of the statutes is created to read:

19 106.27 (1p) GREEN JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) In this subsection, “green jobs”  
20 means jobs that produce goods or provide services that benefit the environment or  
21 conserve natural resources.

22 (b) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bp), the department shall award  
23 grants to public or private organizations for the development and implementation

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1 of green jobs training programs. As a condition of receiving a grant under this  
2 subsection, the department may require a public or private organization to provide  
3 matching funds at a percentage to be determined by the department.

4 **SECTION 5.** 106.27 (2g) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 106.27 **(2g)** (a) 1. Promulgate rules prescribing procedures and criteria for  
6 awarding grants under sub ~~subs.~~ (1) and (1p) and the information with respect to  
7 those grants that must be contained in the reports required under subd. 3.

8 **SECTION 6.** 106.27 (2g) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

9 106.27 **(2g)** (a) 2. Receive and review applications for grants under subs. (1),  
10 (1g), ~~and (1j) (am),~~ and (1p) and prescribe the form, nature, and extent of the  
11 information that must be contained in an application for a grant under sub. (1), (1g),  
12 ~~or (1j) (am),~~ or (1p).

13 **SECTION 7.** 106.27 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 106.27 **(3)** ANNUAL REPORT. Annually, by December 31, the department shall  
15 submit a report to the governor and the cochairpersons of the joint committee on  
16 finance providing an account of the department's activities and expenditures under  
17 this section during the preceding fiscal year and detailing the amounts allocated to  
18 and expended for each of the programs, grants, and services specified in s. 20.445 (1)  
19 (b) ~~and, (bm),~~ and (bp) for that fiscal year. The report shall include information on  
20 the number of unemployed and underemployed workers and incumbent employees  
21 who participate in training programs under sub. (1) ~~or, (1j),~~ or (1p); the number of  
22 unemployed workers who obtain gainful employment, underemployed workers who  
23 obtain new employment, and incumbent employees who receive increased  
24 compensation after participating in such a training program; and the wages earned  
25 by those workers and employees both before and after participating in such a

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1 training program. The report shall also include information on the extent to which  
2 waiting lists for enrollment in courses and programs provided by technical colleges  
3 in high-demand fields are reduced as a result of grants under sub. (1g) (a), on the  
4 number of students who participate in certification or training programs under sub.  
5 (1) (a) or (e) or (1g) (b), on the building modifications funded under sub. (1) (f) and the  
6 effect of those building modifications on the school districts' technical education  
7 programs, and on the number of persons with disabilities who participate in  
8 employment enhancement activities under sub. (1g) (c). In addition, the report shall  
9 provide information on the number of student interns who are placed with employers  
10 as a result of the coordination activities conducted under sub. (1r) or the grants  
11 awarded under sub. (1) (d).

**SECTION 8. Nonstatutory provisions.**

12 (1) POSITION AUTHORIZED. The authorized FTE positions for the department of  
13 workforce development are increased by 1.0 GPR position, to be funded from the  
14 appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (bm), for the purpose of administering the green  
15 jobs training program under s. 106.27 (1p).  
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17 (2) EMERGENCY RULES. The department of workforce development may  
18 promulgate emergency rules under s. 227.24 necessary to implement s. 106.27 (1p).  
19 Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (c) and (2), emergency rules under this subsection  
20 remain in effect until July 1, 2024, or the date on which permanent rules take effect,  
21 whichever is sooner. Notwithstanding s. 227.24 (1) (a) and (3), the department is not  
22 required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this subsection as an  
23 emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety,  
24 or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule  
25 promulgated under this subsection.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 781****1 SECTION 9. Fiscal changes.**

2 (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the  
3 appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the  
4 dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$950,000 and the dollar amount  
5 for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$950,000, to increase funding for aids for  
6 special education under s. 115.88.

7 (2) UW SYSTEM; GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005  
8 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin  
9 System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased  
10 by \$235,000 and the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$235,000,  
11 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

12 (END)