



## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 556

October 10, 2001 - Introduced by LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. Referred to Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber* 120.13 (17) (title); *to renumber and amend* 120.13 (17)  
2             and 343.10 (6); *to amend* 119.04 (1), 119.70 (5) and 343.10 (1) (a); and *to create*  
3             36.11 (1) (cg), 38.14 (2) (e), 106.175, 106.18, 118.115 (2) and 343.10 (6) (b) of the  
4             statutes; **relating to:** special labor-related reports, public educational  
5             institution job training access policies, and occupational driver's license fees.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires various state agencies to prepare certain labor-related reports, requires public educational institutions to have job training access policies, and allows a person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle to apply for an occupational driver's license. Specifically, the bill does all of the following:

1. **Labor Day Report.** Requires the department of workforce development (DWD), by September 1 of each year, to prepare a report on the labor supply in Wisconsin. The report must describe any critical labor shortage areas identified by DWD by occupation, region, gender, and race. The report must also recommend potential solutions for those critical labor shortages.

2. **Department of Corrections Study.** Requires the department of corrections, by March 15, 2003, to report on the availability and effectiveness of programs that provide drug and alcohol abuse treatment, instruction in basic skills such as reading and math, and job skills training to prisoners. The report must

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include an analysis of the enrollment in these programs by race compared with the racial composition of the prison population as a whole. The report must also include suggestions for new programs that would help prisoners enter the workforce and for how current programs could be improved.

3. **Tax Study.** Requires the department of revenue, in cooperation with DWD, by January 1, 2003, to study and report on current workforce development-related tax incentives and to make recommendations for changes in the state's tax laws to help attract, develop, and retain a highly skilled, highly trained workforce. In developing the report, groups representing employers, employees, taxpayers, and other appropriate groups must be consulted. The report must also analyze similar tax incentives in other states.

4. **Student Loan Forgiveness Study.** Requires the higher educational aids board, by January 1, 2003, to study and report on the cost, desirability, and effectiveness of creating a student loan forgiveness program to attract workers to the state.

5. **Jobs Skills Training Program Report.** Requires DWD to collect information concerning the availability of basic job skills training programs in the state and periodically prepare reports identifying those programs for distribution to local workforce development boards, job centers, and other appropriate organizations. To the extent practicable, the reports must identify available training programs by region.

6. **Job Training Access Policies.** Requires the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin system, each Wisconsin technical college system district board, and each school board in the state to have a policy regarding the use of classrooms and facilities by local organizations and businesses for the purpose of employment-related training. The policy may condition access on payment of a reasonable fee, the availability of space, and the appropriateness of the training and may limit access to activities that are consistent with the mission of the institution, college campus, technical college, or school district.

7. **Occupational Driver's License Fee.** Allows a person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for failing to pay a judgment for an ordinance violation unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle to apply for an occupational driver's license upon payment of a \$10 fee. This fee represents a reduction from the \$40 application fee generally charged for an occupational license.

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:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 36.11 (1) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:  
2           36.11 (1) (cg) The board shall ensure that each institution and college campus  
3           establishes a written policy regarding the use of classrooms and facilities by local

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1 organizations and businesses for employment-related training. The policy may  
2 condition access on payment of a reasonable fee, the availability of space, and the  
3 appropriateness of the training. The policy may limit access to activities that are  
4 consistent with the mission of the institution or college campus.

5 **SECTION 2.** 38.14 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

6 38.14 (2) (e) Each district board shall establish a written policy regarding the  
7 use of classrooms and facilities by local organizations and businesses for  
8 employment-related training. The policy may condition access on payment of a  
9 reasonable fee, the availability of space, and the appropriateness of the training. The  
10 policy may limit access to activities that are consistent with the mission of the  
11 technical college.

12 **SECTION 3.** 106.175 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **106.175 Labor day report.** By September 1 of each year the department shall  
14 prepare and submit to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under  
15 s. 13.172 (3) a report on the labor supply in this state. The report shall describe any  
16 critical labor shortage areas identified by the department by occupation, region,  
17 gender, and race. The report shall also recommend potential solutions for those  
18 critical labor shortages. The department shall also provide the report to the local  
19 workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832 throughout the state  
20 and to the other appropriate organizations as determined by the department.

21 **SECTION 4.** 106.18 of the statutes is created to read:

22 **106.18 Job skills training reports.** The department shall collect  
23 information concerning the availability of basic job skills training programs in the  
24 state and periodically prepare reports identifying those programs for distribution to  
25 local workforce development boards established under 29 USC 2832, job centers, and

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1 other appropriate organizations as determined by the department. To the extent  
2 practicable, the reports shall identify available training programs by region of the  
3 state.

4 **SECTION 5.** 118.115 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

5 118.115 (2) Each school board shall establish a written policy regarding the use  
6 of classrooms and facilities by local organizations and businesses for  
7 employment-related training. The policy may condition access on payment of a  
8 reasonable fee, the availability of space, and the appropriateness of the training. The  
9 policy may limit access to activities that are consistent with the mission of the school  
10 district.

11 **SECTION 6.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),  
13 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.361, 115.38  
14 (2), 115.45, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.10, 118.115, 118.12,  
15 118.125 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164,  
16 118.18, 118.19, 118.20, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6) and (8), 118.245, 118.255, 118.258,  
17 118.291, 118.30 to 118.43, 118.51, 118.52, 118.55, 120.12 (5) and (15) to (26), 120.125,  
18 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), ~~(17) to (18)~~, (19), (26), (34), (35) and (37), 120.14 and  
19 120.25 are applicable to a 1st class city school district and board.

20 **SECTION 7.** 119.70 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 119.70 (5) Nothing in this section prohibits the board from granting the use of  
22 school property to religious organizations under s. ~~120.13 (17)~~ 118.115.

23 **SECTION 8.** 120.13 (17) (title) of the statutes is renumbered 118.115 (title).

24 **SECTION 9.** 120.13 (17) of the statutes is renumbered 118.115 (1) and amended  
25 to read:

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1           118.115 (1) ~~Grant~~ The school board may grant the temporary use of school  
2 grounds, buildings, facilities, or equipment, upon such conditions, including fees not  
3 to exceed actual costs, as determined by the school board, to any responsible person  
4 for any lawful nonschool purpose if such use does not interfere with use for school  
5 purposes or school-related functions. Fees received under this subsection shall be  
6 paid into the school district treasury and accounted for as prescribed under s. 115.28  
7 (13). The user shall be primarily liable, and the school board secondarily liable, for  
8 any damage to property and for any expense incurred in consequence of any use of  
9 school grounds, buildings, facilities, or equipment under this subsection.

10           **SECTION 10.** 343.10 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11           343.10 (1) (a) If a person's license or operating privilege is revoked or  
12 suspended under this chapter or s. 767.303 or 961.50, or if the person's operating  
13 privilege was suspended for failing to pay a forfeiture imposed for violating an  
14 ordinance unrelated to the person's operation of a motor vehicle under s. 345.47 (1)  
15 (b), 1997 stats., 800.09 (1) (c), 1997 stats., 800.095 (4) (b) 4., 1997 stats., 938.17 (2)  
16 (d), 938.34 (8), or 938.343 (2), and if the person is engaged in an occupation, including  
17 homemaking or full-time or part-time study, or a trade making it essential that he  
18 or she operate a motor vehicle, the person, after payment of the fee provided in sub.  
19 (6), may file an application with the department setting forth in detail the need for  
20 operating a motor vehicle. No person may file more than one application with respect  
21 to each revocation or suspension of the person's license or operating privilege under  
22 this chapter or s. 767.303 or 961.50, except that this limitation does not apply to an  
23 application to amend an occupational license restriction.

24           **SECTION 11.** 343.10 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 343.10 (6) (a) and  
25 amended to read:

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1           343.10 (6) (a) ~~No~~ Except as provided in par. (b), no person may file an  
2 application for an occupational license under sub. (1) unless he or she first pays a fee  
3 of \$40 to the department.

4           **SECTION 12.** 343.10 (6) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5           343.10 (6) (b) A person whose operating privilege was suspended solely for  
6 failing to pay a forfeiture imposed for violating an ordinance unrelated to the person's  
7 operation of a motor vehicle under s. 345.47 (1) (b), 1997 stats., 800.09 (1) (c), 1997  
8 stats., 800.095 (4) (b) 4., 1997 stats., 938.17 (2) (d), 938.34 (8), or 938.343 (2) may not  
9 file an application for an occupational license under sub. (1) unless he or she first  
10 pays a fee of \$10 to the department.

11           **SECTION 13. Nonstatutory provisions; corrections.**

12           (1) REPORT ON TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR PRISONERS. By March 15, 2003, the  
13 department of corrections shall study and report on the availability and effectiveness  
14 of programs that provide prisoners with treatment for drug and alcohol abuse,  
15 instruction in basic skills such as reading and math, and training in job skills. The  
16 report shall include an analysis of the racial composition of the enrollment in those  
17 programs compared to the racial composition of the prison population as a whole.  
18 The report shall also include recommendations for establishing new programs that  
19 would better prepare prisoners to enter the workforce and suggestions about how  
20 current programs could be improved. The report shall be submitted to the  
21 appropriate standing committees of the legislature in the manner provided in section  
22 13.172 (3) of the statutes, to the joint committee on finance, and to the governor.

23           **SECTION 14. Nonstatutory provisions; higher educational aids board.**

24           (1) REPORT ON STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS TO ATTRACT WORKERS. By January 1,  
25 2003, the higher educational aids board shall study and report to the legislature and

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1 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, in the manner provided  
2 under section 13.172 (2) and (3) of the statutes, and to the governor on the cost,  
3 desirability, and effectiveness of creating a general program of student loan  
4 forgiveness for attracting workers to and retaining workers in this state. The report  
5 shall include legislative recommendations.

**SECTION 15. Nonstatutory provisions; revenue.**

7 (1) REPORT ON TAX INCENTIVES. The department of revenue, in cooperation with  
8 the department of workforce development, shall by January 1, 2003, study and  
9 report on existing incentives in the income tax code in the form of credits and  
10 deductions available to employers for providing training to employees, for offering  
11 transportation and child care benefits to employees, for locating places of  
12 employment in areas of high unemployment and for employing ex-felons, recipients  
13 of public assistance, and minorities. The report shall include an analysis of the costs  
14 and effects of such credits and deductions, an analysis of such benefits offered by  
15 other states, and recommendations for improvements to the state's tax laws designed  
16 to help attract, develop, and retain a highly skilled, highly trained workforce while  
17 maintaining a sound, stable tax base. In developing recommendations, the  
18 department of revenue shall consult with groups representing the interests of  
19 employers, employees, taxpayers, and any other groups that the department of  
20 revenue considers appropriate. The report shall be submitted to the appropriate  
21 standing committees of the legislature, the joint committee on finance, and the  
22 governor.

23 (END)