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STATUTORY LANGUAGE PROPOSAL FORMAT

Division: Division of Economic Support
 Appropriation: 20.445(3)
 Issue: Wisconsin Works: Employment Skills Advancement Program (ESAP)
 Contact: Leonor Rosas DeLeon

PROBLEM

The restrictive eligibility criteria for the Employment Skills Advancement Program (ESAP) have contributed to extremely low participation rates. Two modifications to the statutory language will address the most prohibitive criteria, while maintaining the intent that participants demonstrate workforce attachment and a personal commitment to continuing education and training.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Amend s.49.185(3)(d), Stats., as follows, to provide for a shorter required duration in unsubsidized employment:

(3)(d) The individual has been employed in an unsubsidized job for at least ~~9~~ 6 consecutive months before applying for a grant.

Amend s.49.185(3)(i) , Stats., as follows, to provide for a straight match, rather than a second *and* a third party match:

(3)(i) The individual contributes, or obtains from other sources, an amount at least equal to the amount of the grant, ~~and obtains funding from other sources in an amount at least equal to the amount of the grant,~~ for tuition, books, transportation or other direct costs of the training or education.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Reducing the required time that the applicant has been in an unsubsidized job from 9 months to 6, in combination with the requirement that the applicant is currently employed full-time in an unsubsidized job, maintains the intent of workforce attachment without overly restricting access to the program.

Changing ESAP to a straight matching grant will, without overly restricting access to the program, require the intended personal commitment from the applicant, who will need to work toward procuring the matching funds in the form of personal funds, a scholarship, or a community, business or other grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the ESAP program is sum certain. The fiscal impact of the proposed change will be limited to the possible expenditure of all funds appropriated for the program, rather than the fraction which will likely result from low participation rates given current eligibility criteria.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon enactment.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Currently, under the employment skills advancement program, a custodial parent who is ^a at least 18 years old who meets certain income, asset and other requirements, is eligible for a grant of up to \$500 to defray the costs of tuition, books, transportation or other direct costs of training or education in a vocational training or education program. Among other requirements, to be eligible, the individual must have been employed in unsubsidized employment for at least ~~9~~ ^{nine} consecutive months immediately before applying for the grant. The individual also must contribute an amount equal to the grant amount, and must obtain funding from other sources equal to the grant amount, for the costs associated with the education or training.

This bill reduces the amount of time that the individual must be in unsubsidized employment prior to applying for the grant from ~~9~~ ^{nine} months to ~~6~~ ^{six} months. The bill also creates a straight grant match requirement, rather than a ~~second and~~ ^{second-party} third-party match. Under the bill, an individual applying for a grant must contribute an amount equal to the grant amount. However, the individual may obtain any part (or all) of the individual's share from other sources.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 49.185 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 49.185 (3) (d) The individual has been employed in an unsubsidized job for at

3 least ^{9/9}~~9/6~~ consecutive months before applying for a grant.

4 History: 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27.

4 **SECTION 2.** 49.185 (3) (i) of the statutes is amended to read:

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8 transportation or other direct costs of the training or education.

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