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Intent. The Department proposes to amend s. 560.20, Stats., to permit Division of Vocational Rehabilitation staff from the Department of Workforce Development to contract directly with technical assistance providers, and thus pay them directly for their services.

Commerce is in the process of establishing a Business Development Initiative (BDI) Technical Assistance Fund in the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) in the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). DVR counselors will use the fund to help their clients start or expand a business.

Under current law, technical assistance providers are paid by DVR clients with money provided by DVR from the BDI Technical Assistance Fund. This provision enables DVR to contract directly with technical assistance providers, and thus to pay them directly for their services.

I. WDF: Jobs Definition

Intent. The Department proposes to amend the definition of an FTE job under the Wisconsin Development Fund program (s. 560.60 (10) and s. 560.66 (1) (a), Stats.) from one that requires 40 hours/week and 2080 hours per year to one that defines FTE jobs as "up to 2,080 hours per year".

This provision enables the Development Finance Board to provide financial assistance to businesses where a larger number of full-time employees work less than 2,080 hours per year. There are businesses in which the full-time employees work only 36 hours per week, which is less than 2080 hours per year but is still considered full-time. Funding for these projects technically violates the statutes. An "up to 2080" provision permits the Development Finance Board to provide appropriate and innovative financial incentives in an economy in which an increased number of positions are non-traditional and have non-traditional schedules (e.g. 35 hour workweeks).

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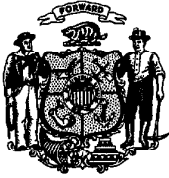
PJK **IV. Division of Community Development**

A. Delete CBED Limit on Regional Projects.

Current law states that the department may not award more than \$100,000 or 10% of the CBED appropriation, whichever is greater, for regional projects. Regional projects are those that help bring income into a region from outside the area and are a collaborative effort between a unit of government and a community based organization. This limit reduces the flexibility of the program, and its ability to respond to the needs of applicants. CBED is an extremely competitive program, and funding decisions should be made on the basis of the viability of applications.

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Proposed change: Delete § 560.14 (4) (b).



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

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56014(4)(a)6. The applicants submit a plan that describes the economic development activity, how the economic development activity satisfies the criteria under this ~~paragraph~~ subsection, how the grant will be administered and how the grant proceeds will be used to support the economic development activity; and the secretary approves the plan.

History: 1989 a. 31; 1993 a. 16 ss. 3374 to 3408, 3464, 3465; 1995 a. 27 ss. 6893d to 6895d, 9126 (19); 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27.

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