2003 SENATE BILL 460

February 13, 2004 – Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Schultz, Erpenbach, Roessler, Zien, Kanavas, M. Meyer, Lassa, S. Fitzgerald, Hansen, Risser, Wirch and A. Lasee, cosponsored 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. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Job Creation and Housing.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 560.25 (3); and to amend 560.25 (4) of the statutes; relating
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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:

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LRB-4205/1 JK:jld:rs SECTION 1

1	SECTION 1. 560.25 (3) of the statutes is repealed.
2	SECTION 2. 560.25 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
3	560.25 (4) LIMIT ON GRANTS. The Beginning with fiscal year 2004–05, the
4	department may not award more than \$1,000,000 <u>\$1,500,000</u> in grants under this
5	section in <u>a</u> <u>each</u> fiscal year.
6	SECTION 3. Appropriation changes.
7	(1) MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTER GRANTS. In the schedule under section
8	20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of commerce under
9	section 20.143 (1) (fj) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2003, the dollar amount
10	is increased by \$900,000 for fiscal year 2003–04 and the dollar amount is increased
11	by \$1,400,000 for fiscal year 2004–05 to increase funding for the purpose for which
12	the appropriation is made.
13	(END)

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