



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 451

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 451 creates funding for the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 does the following:

1. Provides an annual appropriation to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board for \$500,000 general purpose revenue (GPR) starting in 2004-05 to support the activities enumerated in 2003 Senate Bill 384 (as amended by Senate Substitute Amendment 2 to 2003 Senate Bill 384).
2. Authorizes the WTCS Board to make grants from the appropriation to technical college districts to support the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program contracts. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 provides that the board may not award a grant unless the business matches the grant total.
3. Specifies that for purposes of 2005-07 budget, base funding for the program will be treated as if it were \$1,000,000 GPR in 2004-05.
4. Reduces the Department of Commerce's Wisconsin Development Fund appropriation by \$500,000 GPR in 2003-04 to reflect transfer to the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program.
5. Permits the district board to raise funds or provide support for the program by any means "necessary or convenient" other than by property tax levy and except as expressly limited by law or the WTCS Board or district rule.
6. Excludes grant amounts from "district aidable cost" calculations.

7. Provides that the act is *void* unless Senate Bill 384 is enacted into law before the effective date of the legislation. (See Chief Clerks Correction which changes citation in this section from “Assembly Bill 796” to “Senate Bill 384” to reflect the original drafting instructions.)

Legislative History

2003 Senate Bill 451 was introduced on February 10, 2004 by Senator Leibham; cosponsored by Representatives Krawczyk and Wieckert. Senate Bill 451 is identical to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2003 Senate Bill 384 which related to authorizing technical college districts to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of providing services and facilities to businesses. The bill was referred to the Senate Select Committee on Job Creation. The committee, in executive session, reported passage of Senate Bill 451 on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) on February 23, 2004. The JFC, in executive session, reported introduction and adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4; and reported passage of the bill, as amended, on an identical vote.

It should be noted that the JFC also reported out Assembly companion bills at the same session: Assembly Bill 811 is the companion bill to Senate Bill 451; Assembly Bill 796 is the companion bill to Senate Bill 451.

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