



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 460

Senate Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 460 relates to increasing funding for manufacturing extension center grants. Under *current law*, the Department of Commerce (DOC) may award not more than \$1,000,000 in manufacturing extension center grants in a fiscal year. Also under current law, an organization that receives such a grant is not eligible to receive a technology development grant or loan from the Wisconsin Development Fund.

Senate Bill 460 increases funding for the grants to \$1,000,000 general purpose revenue (GPR) in fiscal year 2003-04, to \$1,500,000 GPR in fiscal year 2004-05. Beginning in fiscal year 2004-05, the DOC may award \$1,500,000 in such grants in each fiscal year. The bill also allows an organization that receives a manufacturing extension center grant to also be eligible for a technology development grant or loan.

Senate Amendment 1 eliminates the increase in GPR funding for this program. Instead, funding from the Wisconsin Development Fund in the amount of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 is provided for the program under the amendment.

Legislative History: On March 9, 2004, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1

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