

### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>05-2277/3</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-241</b>	
<b>Subject</b> WI Advantage Jobs Training Program: transfer to TCS		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>		
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

If enacted, AB 241 would transfer the Business Employees' Skills Training Grant program from the Department of Commerce to the Technical College System Board. Currently, up to \$500,000 is available for BEST awards each year. Individual businesses with up to 25 full-time employees may receive awards of up to \$10,000 to offset training costs. Award preference is given to industries with severe labor shortages, those businesses affected adversely by federal requirements or policies, and those businesses operating in development zones.

AB 241 would change the funding level and provisions of the BEST program. The annual amount available for awards would be increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million in 2005-06 and to \$1.5 million in 2006-07; the eligible size of businesses would be expanded to those with up to 100 full-time employees; the individual award maximum would be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000; the recipient match requirement would be increased from 25% to 50% of training costs; the WTCS Board would have the ability to waive the match requirement for businesses in extreme financial hardship; and the current preference criteria would be replaced with a provision that technical college district boards annually identify the types of businesses in their region that should be given award preference.

AB 241 provides no positions or funding to the State Board to administer the grant program.

Administration of the BEST Skills Training Grant will increase WTCS Board workload.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The State Board System Office would require an additional 0.33 FTE position to administer the BEST program; develop grant guidelines, assist grant applicants, review grant applications, make recommendations for grant awards to the State Board and review grant recipient accountability reports. The estimated annual salary and fringe benefit cost of this 0.33 FTE position is \$26,800.