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Do you want to set any requirements related to work hours for a participant attending technical college? Do you want to specify a certain number of hours, as in current law, a minimum number of hours, a maximum number of hours, or prohibit work altogether in addition to attendance at technical college? If you are silent on the issue, DWD would likely set some requirement either by rule or just by policy.

“Directly linked to full-time employment with an identified employer following successful completion” is a bit vague. Does it mean that the employer has indicated/promised that the individual will be hired if he or she completes the course? Does it mean that the individual would like to work for a particular employer and thinks that he or she would be hired if he or she completes the course even though the employer has no knowledge of this? Would you like to tie this down a bit?

I have not added an initial applicability provision, but I think one is needed. Since under current law individuals may participate in technical college programs for up to two years and this draft reduces that to 12 months, how do you want this new provision to apply to individuals who may have already attended some, or even two years of, technical college already? Do you want all of the new provisions, including the 12 months, to apply only to individuals who have not attended any technical college before the effective date and everyone else still gets two years? What about someone who wants to take advantage of the new provisions and not have to work while attending technical college, but who has already attended some?

Another option would be to keep what is in current law regarding technical college education programs and add the new provisions as an alternative, rather than as a replacement, and have two separate technical college tracks.

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