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Allowing W-2 participants to attend full-time technical college training related to job placement

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# **Bill Request Form**

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You may use this form or talk directly with the LRB attorney who will draft the bill.
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Legislator, agency, or other person requesting this draft.
Person submitting request (name and phone number) Katy Venskus 6-750
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Describe the problem, including any helpful examples. How do you want to solve the problem?  Uanguage attached
Please attach a copy of any correspondence or other material that may help us. If you know of any statute sections that might be affected, list them or provide a marked-up copy.
You may attach a marked-up copy of any LRB draft or provide its number (e.g., 2001 LRB-2345/1 or 1999 AB-67).
Requests are confidential unless stated otherwise. May we tell others that we are working on this for you?  YES NO  Anyone who asks?  YES NO  Any legislator?  Only the following persons
Do you consider this request urgent? YES NO If yes, please indicate why  Should we give this request priority over any pending request of this legislator, agency, or person?
YES (NO)

#### Recommendation

Change current W-2 Policy in Wisconsin to allow W-2 participants to attend fulltime Technical College training that is directly linked to placement in a job following completion of that training.

Federal TANF definitions of core- work activities includes Vocational Education, for a lifetime limit of up to 12 months, provided by institutions such as Technical Colleges.

Current Wisconsin W-2 policy states that a person in a CSJ or a W-2 T may participate in a Technical College program as part of that placement if the participant:

- 1. Maintains full-time status in the Technical College program and attends all classes;
- 2. Maintains a grade point average of at least 2.0:
- 3. Is employed or engages in work activities under a CSJ or W-2 T for 25 hours per week in addition to class time.

The third requirement under current policy restricts the number of W-2 participants who can take part in Technical College training programs since they can not attend an intensive, full-time training course while also working at another job for 25 hours per week.

This recommended change would NOT allow W-2 participants to attend a Tech College on a full-time basis without the participant being enrolled in a specific, approved training course which is linked to an employer following completion of the course. The full-time training would be allowed for up to a 12 month period, as long as the training was directly linked to full-time employment with an identified employer following successful completion of the course.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT :; relating to: technical college attendance under Wisconsin Works.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Among the types of assistance that the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law provides are work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. W-2 has three categories of employment positions: 1) trial jobs, under which an individual receives at least minimum wage from an employer and the W-2 agency pays a wage subsidy of up to \$300 per month to the employer; 2) community service jobs, under which an individual works in a project that serves a useful public purpose or that will generate revenue to wholly or partially offset the project's cost and receives a monthly grant of up to \$673 from the W-2 agency; and 3) transitional placements, under which an individual participates in work activities in a community rehabilitation program, a job similar to a community service job, or volunteer activities and receives a monthly grant of up to \$628 from the W-2 agency.

Under current law, an individual in a community service job placement or a transitional placement may participate in a technical college education program as part of that placement. The criteria are that: 1) the W-2 agency determines that the program is likely to lead to employment; 2) the participant maintains full-time status in the program and regularly attends classes; 3) the participant maintains a grade point average of at least 2.0; and 4) the participant is employed or engages in work in the community service job placement or a transitional placement for 25 hours per week in addition to attendance at the technical college education program. Participation in a technical college education program is limited to program completion or two years, whichever occurs first.

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For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.  $\checkmark$ 

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**SECTION 4.** 49.147 (5m) (bL) of the statutes is amended to read:

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History: 1995 a. 289; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16; 2003 a. 33; 2005 a. 25. (END)

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### DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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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 vears 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 2 years of, technical college already? Do you want all of the new provisions, incuding 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 colege, but who has already attended some?

Another option (for you) 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.

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July 13, 2007

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#### Kahler, Pam

From:

Venskus, Katy

Sent:

Wednesday, August 15, 2007 10:54 AM

To: Subject:

Kahler, Pam LRB 2946

Hi Pam-

Wanted to respond to your drafer's note on the P-draft of 2946.

I'm not sure exactly what to do with the work requirement right now. By nature, these training programs are typically 40 hours plus a week - that makes it difficult for the particiannt to work in additon, especially if they have young children - the intent of the bill is to make sure they are not prevented from taking advantage of these programs because they are unable to work the hours necessary to meet their W-2 eligibility requirements - my guess is we would have to prohibit a work requirement altogether to fix that problem.

Directly-linked to full time employment should mean that they are promised a job by a specific employer upon completion of this training. This is happening in a couple of MATC programs currently. The individual is interviewed by both school personnel and the furture employer before being accepted into the training program. Once accepted into the program the student is then guaranteed full time employment upon successful completion of the training program.

This bill should not replace existing tech college provisions - it should be another alternative.

I think this should help a little bit - let me know if you need more information.

Katy Venskus Clerk, Senate Committee on Commerce Utilities and Rail Office of Senator Jeff Plale 313 South, State Capitol PO Box 7882 Madison, WI 53701 608.266.7505



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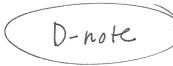
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provides an additional technical college education program for individuals in community service job or transitional placements. For the new program under the bill, a participant must satisfy the same attendance and grade point average requirements that are required for the technical college education program in current law. In addition, the W-2 agency must have approved the technical college education program, the participant must have been accepted into the program, and an employer that has been approved by the W-2 agency must have agreed to employ the participant upon successful completion of the program. A participant in the new technical college education program may not be required to work in addition to attendance at the program, and participation in the new technical college education program is limited to program completion or 12 months, whichever occurs first.

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Under this language, a W-2 participant is not prohibited from participating at different times in each of the technical college education programs under s. 49.147 (5m), as long as the satisfied all of the requirements each time. Is this okay or do you want to limit an individual to participation in only one of the programs?

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August 20, 2007

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#### Kahler, Pam

From:

Oechsner, Jennifer

Sent:

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 3:56 PM

To: Cc: Kahler, Pam Hodgson, Amber

Subject:

RE: Here is the latest version

Pam,

In answer to the question posed on the drafter's note, we would like participation to be a one time deal. Let me know if there is anything else and thanks for your rapid attention to this.

Jennifer

From: Kahler, Pam

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Wisconsin Works.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Among the types of assistance that the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program under current law provides are work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. W-2 has three categories of employment positions: 1) trial jobs, under which an individual receives at least minimum wage from an employer and the W-2 agency pays a wage subsidy of up to \$300 per month to the employer; 2) community service jobs, under which an individual works in a project that serves a useful public purpose or that will generate revenue to wholly or partially offset the project's cost and receives a monthly grant of up to \$673 from the W-2 agency; and 3) transitional placements, under which an individual participates in work activities in a community rehabilitation program, a job similar to a community service job, or volunteer activities and receives a monthly grant of up to \$628 from the W-2 agency.

Under current law, an individual in a community service job placement or a transitional placement may participate in a technical college education program as part of that placement. The criteria are that: 1) the W-2 agency determines that the

program is likely to lead to employment; 2) the participant maintains full-time status in the program and regularly attends classes; 3) the participant maintains a grade point average of at least 2.0; and 4) the participant is employed or engages in work in the community service job placement or transitional placement for 25 hours per week in addition to attendance at the technical college education program. Participation in a technical college education program is limited to program completion or two years, whichever occurs first.

This bill provides an additional technical college education program for individuals in community service job or transitional placements. For the new program under the bill, a participant must satisfy the same attendance and grade point average requirements that are required for the technical college education program in current law. In addition, the W-2 agency must have approved the technical college education program, the participant must have been accepted into the program, and an employer that has been approved by the W-2 agency must have agreed to employ the participant upon successful completion of the program. A participant in the new technical college education program may not be required to work in addition to attendance at the program, and participation in the new technical college education program is limited to program completion or 12 months, whichever occurs first.

For further information see the **state** 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:

SECTION 1. 49.147 (5m) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 49.147 (5m) (a) and amended to read:

49.147 (5m) (a) To the extent permitted under 42 USC 607, and except as provided in par. (bL), a participant under sub. (4) (b) or (5) may participate in a technical college education program under par. (am) or (ar) as part of a community service job placement or transitional placement if all of the following requirements are met:

**SECTION 2.** 49.147 (5m) (a) 1. of the statutes is renumbered 49.147 (5m) (am)

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**SECTION 3.** 49.147 (5m) (a) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 49.147 (5m) (am)

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3	<b>SECTION 5.</b> 49.147 (5m) (a) 4. of the statutes is renumbered 49.147 (5m) (am)
4	4. and amended to read:
5	49.147 (5m) (am) 4. The participant is employed or engages in work under a
6	community service job or transitional placement for 25 hours per week in addition
7	to participation under this subsection paragraph.
8	SECTION 6. 49.147 (5m) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:
9	49.147 (5m) (am) (intro.) A participant under sub. (4) (b) or (5) may participate
10	in a technical college education program under this paragraph if all of the following
11	apply:
12	SECTION 7. 49.147 (5m) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:
13	49.147 (5m) (ar) A participant under sub. (4) (b) or (5) may participate in a
14	technical college education program under this paragraph if all of the following
15	apply:
16	1. The technical college education program has been approved by the Wisconsin
17	Works agency and the participant has been accepted into the technical college
18	education program.
19	2. An employer that has been approved by the Wisconsin Works agency has
20	agreed to employ the participant upon successful completion of the technical college
21	education program.
22	3. The participant maintains full-time status in the technical college education
23	program, as determined by the technical college that the participant attends, and
24	regularly attends all classes.

1	4. The participant maintains a grade point average of at least 2.0, or the
2	equivalent as determined by the technical college.
3	5. The participant is not required to engage in work under a community service
4	job or transitional placement in addition to participation under this paragraph.
5	SECTION 8. 49.147 (5m) (bL) of the statutes is amended to read:
6	49.147 (5m) (bL) A participant may participate under this subsection par. (am)
7	or (ar) for the duration of the technical college education program, except that the
8	a participant may not participate under this subsection par. (am) for more than 2
9	years or under par. (ar) for more than 12 months
10	(END)

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